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Alex Hichel, Jason Roche, Beth Oljar, Dave Chow, Announcer, Matt Mio

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- M** Matt Mio 00:02  
The University tower chimes ring in another session of Ask The Professor, the show on which you match wits with University of Detroit Mercy professors in an unrehearsed session of questions and answers. I'm your host, Matt Mio, a let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, it's Professor Jason Roche.
- J** Jason Roche 00:20  
And thank you for going to me first, because I can see that Beth has a donut, and I don't so -
- M** Matt Mio 00:25  
I almost did it.
- J** Jason Roche 00:27  
Let's toss it to Beth right when she takes a bite,
- M** Matt Mio 00:29  
I actually think of Kathy every single time, because she'd started, at least in my mind, the tradition of like introducing the panel in one direction for one show. And then the other direction for the other show, just to keep people on their toes. And usually it's Heather complaining that I wait until she's on her phone
- J** Jason Roche 00:44



Of course,



Matt Mio 00:45

putting a doughnut in her mouth, but I will give Beth a couple more minutes.



Beth Oljar 00:49

I would have managed



Dave Chow 00:51

As we shake the powdered sugar off the microphone.



Matt Mio 00:55

That fritter looks really, really good.



Dave Chow 00:57

Go for it, Matt. Go for it.



Matt Mio 00:59

I can't do it. I can't do it.



Jason Roche 01:00

He's the host



Beth Oljar 01:01

Are you giving up sweets for Lent or something.



Matt Mio 01:02

I did give up sweets.



Dave Chow 01:04

**D** Dave Chow 01:04  
Throw some pepper on there.

**M** Matt Mio 01:05  
I'm getting ready for my fish sandwich tonight.

**D** Dave Chow 01:07  
All right. That's what I'm thinking about

**A** Alex Hichel 01:09  
At the Blarney Stone, are you?

**M** Matt Mio 01:11  
Exactly

**J** Jason Roche 01:12  
I gave up news.

**M** Matt Mio 01:14  
You gave up news?

**J** Jason Roche 01:15  
So I haven't checked - I mean, how many times a day do I check the New York Times The Wall Street Journal, The Detroit papers

**D** Dave Chow 01:20  
You could be like Beth and myself, we gave up catholicism for Lent. (The professors laugh0

**M** Matt Mio 01:22  
I thought of you the other day, Beth because I was at a Lenten service. And the priest was particularly frisky. And it was the very first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, and he's like, "Welcome everybody to the start of lent. Or as some people call it the Catholic Church's weight

welcome everybody to the state of Iowa or as some people call it the Saturated Fat and Weight loss system." Like that's perfect. Like, of course, we're not actually doing this for atonement. We're just going to try to give up some stuff. As I say to myself "no more sweets",

**D** Dave Chow 01:27

As we put the fritter right in front of you.

**M** Matt Mio 01:54

Oh, yeah. Thank you for that. Thank you for that.

**B** Beth Oljar 01:56

They do give you bread at Communion.

**M** Matt Mio 01:59

That is true.

**A** Alex Hichel 01:59

But it's not a sweet bread.

**M** Matt Mio 02:01

Yes.

**A** Alex Hichel 02:01

It's not a brioche.

**M** Matt Mio 02:02

Well, that's exactly right. Those of course of the dulcet tones, (unfortunately, for the last time for a while), of Professor Alex Hichel. We're so glad you're here with us, Alex. And again, we're excited to hear what happens to you next.

**A** Alex Hichel 02:18

Thank you. I'm excited to, um -

**B** Beth Oljar 02:21  
Find out?

**A** Alex Hichel 02:22  
forcast myself into the future to find out what happens next.

**M** Matt Mio 02:25  
You are, hopefully, still friends of the ATP Facebook page, which means you could post anything you wanted to, and let us know what's going on. Yeah, exactly. Going around the table.  
Professor Dave Chow.

**D** Dave Chow 02:37  
Pleasure to be here, as always.

**M** Matt Mio 02:38  
Excellent. Pleasure to have you here. How could you be like thinking about all this drawing you're going to do and not thinking about getting some takeout, man?

**D** Dave Chow 02:46  
I'm thinking about doing fish fry tonight.

**M** Matt Mio 02:48  
Okay, see, there you go. I'm

**D** Dave Chow 02:49  
I'm thinking about it. Whether I have time to or not, we'll see.

**M** Matt Mio 02:53  
Professor Beth Oljar is here. How was the donut?

D Dave Chow 02:56  
What donut?

A Alex Hichel 02:58  
The one I was eating.

D Dave Chow 02:59  
There is no evidence

A Alex Hichel 03:01  
Well, that's because I ate it. It was good.

M Matt Mio 03:04  
The students were telling me about a Tik Tok trend/prank that was just a few weeks ago. And what you do is someone goes and they open a box of doughnuts in a single shot. And goes "Who ate my powdered donuts?" And the camera in a single shot will pan and someone will just be coated head to toe in powdered sugar or flour. And he goes, "I don't know. We've got to find out who did it." (The professors laugh)

B Beth Oljar 03:27  
It's a mystery.

M Matt Mio 03:28  
It's a mystery. Exactly. So that's what I was thinking of.

B Beth Oljar 03:31  
You should watch the movie BELFAST for a really pretty hilarious description of Catholicism.

M Matt Mio 03:36  
Excellent

**B** Beth Oljar 03:36  
and Communion.

**M** Matt Mio 03:37  
I'll look forward to that. No, that's on the to-do list. That's Ewan McGregor, right?

**B** Beth Oljar 03:41  
No, no, it's Kenneth Branagh. You would think it's gonna be a political - because it's set in the beginning of the troubles in 1969 because his family is Protestant and was living in Belfast; but it's actually not. It's really more just a sweet movie about sort of family.

**M** Matt Mio 03:41  
Oh, cool.

**B** Beth Oljar 03:50  
And it's also kind of really funny.

**M** Matt Mio 04:00  
All right, I'll have to check that out

**J** Jason Roche 04:02  
My friend Paul, who is a Jesuit priest. I used to work with him at another school. He said, "Yes, I grew up in Belfast, and I was in severe danger of dying -- of boredom." It's not as bad as people think. That's what he was trying to imply.

**M** Matt Mio 04:17  
Well, you know what, it's been a long time since someone sent us a bunch of questions about Ireland or Belfast proper or whatever it takes - Catholicism. If you stump the panel, you win one of our prizes. You can send us the questions and a number of ways: emailing us at ATP at UDMercy.edu. Find us on Facebook and Instagram or listen on your favorite smart speaker by asking it to play Ask The Professor at University of Detroit Mercy. Profs, I think you're gonna like this. The question set starts, "Good day. Attached are some trivia questions about Australia New Zealand from your favorite temporary Aussies and Kiwis, Jim and Diane.

**J** Jason Roche 04:55  
Well, that means I get to answer these with my Australian voice.

**M** Matt Mio 04:59  
Oh, absolutly. "We suggest that a passing score would be 75%. But we leave that to the wise discretion of Matt. Jim and Diane, still traveling the earth.

**D** Dave Chow 05:09  
I don't want to hear it.

**M** Matt Mio 05:11  
Unbelievable. Their pictures are pretty spectacular.

**D** Dave Chow 05:14  
I told her they need help shipping their luggage around, I'll gladly fly down there and help out

**B** Beth Oljar 05:19  
Hashe been posting pictures on Facebook?

**D** Dave Chow 05:21  
Yeah, constantly. He and Diane both.

**B** Beth Oljar 05:23  
Drew has not been telling me about this.

**M** Matt Mio 05:25  
Oh, geez. Gotta catch up.

**D** Dave Chow 05:27  
Now, I just need to know, hs Jim flushed the toilet and sent us a video yet.



M Matt Mio 05:31  
I don't think that's happened yet. But it will

D Dave Chow 05:34  
He owes us that. Remember.

M Matt Mio 05:35  
He does

B Beth Oljar 05:36  
A Dunny. A Dungloe.

J Jason Roche 05:39  
At the American Embassy down there, they actually have a toilet with a pump that spins it the other way.

D Dave Chow 05:45  
No!

M Matt Mio 05:45  
That's what The Simpsons taught me.

J Jason Roche 05:47  
That's right.

M Matt Mio 05:48  
Prof's, What percentage of Australia is classified desert?

D Dave Chow 05:54

95 %

**B** Beth Oljar 05:54  
A lot.

**M** Matt Mio 05:55  
It's a lot.

**D** Dave Chow 05:56  
95.

**M** Matt Mio 05:57  
Oh, I guess I'm not gonna see by looking at that map. That's the United States. It's a lot but a lot by, you know, like, yeah, not 90% or anything, but it's a lot

**B** Beth Oljar 06:07  
75

**M** Matt Mio 06:08  
It's only 35 It's not not as much as you might think

**D** Dave Chow 06:10  
What?!

**J** Jason Roche 06:12  
well, if you look at those maps it's always tan

**M** Matt Mio 06:15  
way less than 35 in our country. So



**B** Beth Oljar 06:18  
I mean, Queensland is a pretty big part of Australia and they definitely have a damper climates.

**M** Matt Mio 06:26  
That's true. Based on how big the island country and continent of Australia are, How many timezones are covered by Australia?

**J** Jason Roche 06:36  
I'm going with four

**D** Dave Chow 06:38  
I'm gonna go with 1

**A** Alex Hichel 06:40  
2

**M** Matt Mio 06:41  
Alex is two and Beth is -

**B** Beth Oljar 06:43  
3

**M** Matt Mio 06:43  
3 is correct.

**J** Jason Roche 06:44  
Alright.

**M** Matt Mio 06:46  
Pretty close. How many states or territories make up the Commonwealth? Seven? It says eight here, but I think I'm gonna give it to you, because its close enough

J Jason Roche 06:52  
I thought I knew them.

D Dave Chow 06:52  
Seven

M Matt Mio 07:01  
If you had said 48 for the U.S. I'm like, I feel like that's partially correct, (Jason laughs) not including the freak states, you know.

J Jason Roche 07:08  
They have like the Capitol district. Right?

M Matt Mio 07:11  
Exactly.

D Dave Chow 07:12  
That's a red light District. Yeah.

M Matt Mio 07:13  
Which species of Australian native bird is the second largest living bird in height after an ostrich

A Alex Hichel 07:19  
An Emu.

M Matt Mio 07:20  
The EMU

J Jason Roche 07:21

I was gonna go with the Kookaburra

M

Matt Mio 07:23

Kookaburra. In 1977, a referendum to choose the national anthem Advance Australia Fair won with 3 million votes. Which iconic tune came in second?

D

Dave Chow 07:37

Air Supply's - Oh no

M

Matt Mio 07:39

All Out of Love

B

Beth Oljar 07:42

Making Love Out of Nothing At All, right?

J

Jason Roche 07:44

God Save The Queen?

M

Matt Mio 07:45

No, you have to just not think too hard about songs that remind you of Australia.

J

Jason Roche 07:51

Waltzing Matilda?

M

Matt Mio 07:52

Waltzing Matilda, absolutely. That would have been a great national anthem. I mean, come on Waltzing Matilda. What 1970s iconic hard rock band is from Australia?

D

Dave Chow 07:52

Oh, it's that rabbit barrier thing, isn't it?

**B** Beth Oljar 08:01  
AC/DC

**M** Matt Mio 08:02  
AC/DC. Absolutely. We know our stuff, Jim and Diane. What fence in Australia is longer than the Great Wall of China? That's not what they call it, but you're pretty close

**D** Dave Chow 08:18  
that rodent thing.

**M** Matt Mio 08:19  
They call it The Dingo Fence.

**J** Jason Roche 08:21  
Got'ch you.

**M** Matt Mio 08:22  
Keep the dingoes out. Hmm, how many kilometers?

**B** Beth Oljar 08:24  
Dingos are dogs

**D** Dave Chow 08:25  
Yes.

**B** Beth Oljar 08:26  
(Laughs) not rabbits.

**D** Dave Chow 08:28  
Rabbits.m rodents four-leaaed critters

rabbit, it reads four legged critter

**M** Matt Mio 08:29  
How many kilometers if it's longer than the Great Wall?

**J** Jason Roche 08:31  
25,000?

**M** Matt Mio 08:33  
Oh, wow. That's a lot. I mean, that's more than Australia side to side. So

**J** Jason Roche 08:39  
I just read that the great was 13,000, isn't it? Oh, no - 13,000 miles.

**M** Matt Mio 08:42  
Well, it could be 13,000 miles. This is kilometers. So i'm why I'm afraid I can't do the conversion

**J** Jason Roche 08:47  
But it's more kilometers than miles.

**M** Matt Mio 08:50  
Right. So it says 5600 kilometers, which is pretty darn long. If you start thinking about it.

**J** Jason Roche 08:55  
I'm gonna have to reGoogle that thing about the Great Wall of China.

**M** Matt Mio 08:59  
ReGoogle?

**J** Jason Roche 09:00

Yeah, I've gotta go re Googletate it

- M** Matt Mio 09:03  
Which two Australian mammals are the only two mammals in the world that lay eggs to birth their young?
- D** Dave Chow 09:08  
The Echidna and the Platypus.
- B** Beth Oljar 09:13  
That's proof that God has a sense of humor with that animal
- M** Matt Mio 09:16  
Absolutely. What Australian state has no passenger trains, only freight? I'm getting a Looney Tunes vibe here.
- B** Beth Oljar 09:27  
New South Wales?
- D** Dave Chow 09:28  
Acme?
- J** Jason Roche 09:29  
Western Australia.
- M** Matt Mio 09:31  
Oh, I thought that was a giveaway to say Looney Tunes.
- J** Jason Roche 09:35  
Tasmania,



M Matt Mio 09:36  
Tasmania. Yeah. Tasmania. Going into it a little Tasmania myself here. What is Australia's most popular spread? Yech! It gives me nightmares

B Beth Oljar 09:48  
Vegamite Which we all learned about for MEN AT WORK.

M Matt Mio 09:52  
That's right.

J Jason Roche 09:52  
That's right.

D Dave Chow 09:53  
Hey, wait a minute. I thought it was Crocodile Dundee. "That's not a knife".

M Matt Mio 09:57  
"This is a knife". We're moving into a New Zealand direction.


B Beth Oljar 09:58  
"That's a knife!" "This is a knife!"


M Matt Mio 10:05  
What city - the largest on New Zealand South Island is named for, a college in England's famous Oxford?


D Dave Chow 10:05  
Alright. Christchurch.


M Matt Mio 10:14


Christchurch. Yes.

 Jason Roche 10:14  
Nice.


 Matt Mio 10:15  
Yep. easy one to remember


 Jason Roche 10:17  
You can't buzz in yet though, Dave. He didn't finish.


 Matt Mio 10:20  
Please - your response needs to be in the form of question.

 Jason Roche 10:23  
(Laughs)

 Matt Mio 10:25  
Representing the Southern Cross constellation, how many red stars are on the flag of New Zealand?

 Dave Chow 10:32  
5

 Beth Oljar 10:32  
7

 Dave Chow 10:35  
6



**B** Beth Oljar 10:36  
3

**J** Jason Roche 10:37  
The original one had 13. Right? (The professors laugh)

**M** Matt Mio 10:41  
It's just four. Four is the Southern Cross. Yep. What New Zealander became the first man to summit Mount Everest in 1953?

**D** Dave Chow 10:52  
Sir Edmund Hillary.

**M** Matt Mio 10:53  
Yes alongside Tibetan mountaineer Tenzing Norgay. That is correct.

**B** Beth Oljar 10:58  
There has to be a question about Anna Paquin in here

**M** Matt Mio 11:01  
We're coming up -

**D** Dave Chow 11:03  
The piano

**M** Matt Mio 11:03  
North and South Islands, the two main islands of New Zealand, are separated by a strait name for what British explorer -

**J** Jason Roche 11:09  
Tasman

M Matt Mio 11:10  
the first European to sail through it. No.

D Dave Chow 11:12  
Cook

M Matt Mio 11:13  
Cook. It was James Cook.

D Dave Chow 11:14  
It was one of the two.

M Matt Mio 11:15  
Captain Cook,


D Dave Chow 11:16  
Not Captain Crunch.


M Matt Mio 11:18  
Yes, Not Captain Hook. Captain James Jas Cook,


D Dave Chow 11:23  
or Tiberius Kirk.

M Matt Mio 11:24  
Exactly. (The professors laugh) Founded in 1916, which party that currently has members in parliament is New Zealand's oldest. You probably could guess this.

J Jason Roche 11:33

 -  
The Kiwis?

 Dave Chow 11:34  
The pajama party.

 Jason Roche 11:36  
The Whigs


 Matt Mio 11:37  
(Laughing) The pajama party


 Jason Roche 11:39  
The Tories.

 Matt Mio 11:40  
Oh no. You just need to be a little more - Think -

 Beth Oljar 11:43  
Conservatives

 Matt Mio 11:44  
No. No. Traditionally progressive

 Beth Oljar 11:48  
Liberal?

 Dave Chow 11:48  
Torres

 Matt Mio 11:40



Matt Mio 11:49

No. I thought that this was a giveaway. We see it in Britain. We see it in Canada. We see it in a lot of Europe.



Jason Roche 11:55

The Labour Party



Matt Mio 11:55

The Labour Party is what it says here.



Beth Oljar 11:57

Well, makes sense because they would have been a commonwealth country.



Jason Roche 11:58

O-u-r



Matt Mio 11:58

Yes. The Labour Party. Yeah, absolutely. In 1986, New Zealander AJ Hackett took a literal leap from Greenhive Bridge in Auckland, and shortly thereafter founded the commercial industry around what thrill-seeking activity?



Dave Chow 12:15

Bungee jumping.



Matt Mio 12:16

Yeah, it was the first bungee jumper, 1986.



Dave Chow 12:19

Fortunately, he wasn't the last.



Matt Mio 12:20

I think he's still alive actually. What is the fruity name of a flightless bird that lives there?

I think he's just giving, actually. What is the hairy name of a flightless bird that lives there.

**D** Dave Chow 12:27  
Kiwi

**M** Matt Mio 12:28  
Kiwi. Yep, that's a good one. On it's east, the New Zealand city of Auckland touches the Pacific Ocean. What is the body of water the borders Auckland to the West?

**B** Beth Oljar 12:31  
Indian Ocean?

**M** Matt Mio 12:33  
No, that's not what it says here. This is the body of water, broadly speaking, that's between New Zealand and the continent of Australia.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:49  
The Tas - No.

**M** Matt Mio 12:50  
Yeah.

**B** Beth Oljar 12:50  
The Tasman Sea.

**M** Matt Mio 12:50  
The Tasman Sea. Yeah, named after Tasmania or the other way around. What "F" National Park in New Zealand's South Island is known for its namesake glacier covered inlets?

**D** Dave Chow 12:57  
An "F"?

M Matt Mio 13:08  
There's an "F "that often appears when we talk about glaciers.

D Dave Chow 13:10  
Like Fiordland or something like that.

M Matt Mio 13:12  
Fiordland! How the heck - ?

J Jason Roche 13:14  
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 13:14  
because I was supposed to go there for my 30th birthday and that got hosed over.

M Matt Mio 13:18  
Okay.

D Dave Chow 13:19  
So I did my research

M Matt Mio 13:20  
because of COVID?

D Dave Chow 13:22  
No, because of my brother decided to get married that summer.

M Matt Mio 13:24  
Ohhhh. Please. Brothers. What reptilian suborder of animals, often associated with the Australian Outback. has no species in New Zealand? That's kind of cool.



Australian Outback, has no species in New Zealand. That's kind of cool.

**J** Jason Roche 13:39  
Would you repeat that question again?

**M** Matt Mio 13:41  
What reptilian suborder of animals often associated with the Australian Outback has no species in New Zealand?

**D** Dave Chow 13:48  
Tuataras?

**J** Jason Roche 13:50  
Crocodiles?

**M** Matt Mio 13:51  
It's crocs. Crocs. Yes. Crikey.

**D** Dave Chow 13:55  
Oh, that's right. They're big suckers. Okay.

**M** Matt Mio 13:57  
Yeah, exactly. Thanks for sending those questions.

**J** Jason Roche 14:00  
Did we pass?

**D** Dave Chow 14:00  
I - Full passing marks.

**J** Jason Roche 14:02

**J** Jason Roche 14:02  
All right.

**M** Matt Mio 14:02  
We know a lot about this stuff. Thanks, Jim. Thanks, Diane. Travel safely.

**D** Dave Chow 14:06  
Yeah, and no more and you know, tell Diane, you know, tell her ribs to heal up. The sauce will not help.

**M** Matt Mio 14:11  
Yep

**B** Beth Oljar 14:12  
If you're looking for a good movie, even for kids, there's one on Netflix called True Spirit, which is about Jessica Watson. She was a 16 year old Australian girl (with dyslexia, I might add) circumnavigated the globe solo at age 16.

**J** Jason Roche 14:30  
Wow.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:31  
And the movie is about her and her family. It's really good.

**D** Dave Chow 14:37  
I couldn't even spell circumnavigated at the age 16

**B** Beth Oljar 14:40  
I couldn't - I mean, I can understand her parents wanting to let her do it. The dyslexia would have given me serious pause though.

**M** Matt Mio 14:48

Sure. It would have been tough.

**B** Beth Oljar 14:49

But she managed it. And good for her.

**M** Matt Mio 14:54

Good for her. So we got an email, (It doesn't have a question), from one of our longtime question senders, Chris Bovitz. He actually always gets to us from Lakeville, Minnesota. It says, "Hi. Somehow this picture ended up in my Facebook feed. And of course I immediately thought of you and your show. It's the "UDM wins their first game of the season" with the single guy rushing the court.

**J** Jason Roche 15:19

Yeah, it was in Sports Illustrated.

**D** Dave Chow 15:22

I saw that.

**M** Matt Mio 15:23

It got on Sports Illustrated.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:24

Did it really?

**D** Dave Chow 15:25

Yes.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:25

Oh, dear.

**M** Matt Mio 15:26

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it really really did.

**D** Dave Chow 15:28  
Now, do we know who that gentleman is?

**M** Matt Mio 15:29  
We don't.

**J** Jason Roche 15:30  
We do. There has been an article about it.

**M** Matt Mio 15:32  
Right. But we do not know. I do not know.

**B** Beth Oljar 15:34  
A real Titans fan, I take it.

**M** Matt Mio 15:36  
Exactly. So. Okay, We've got -

**J** Jason Roche 15:40  
But thanks for sending those.

**M** Matt Mio 15:41  
Yeah, no. That was funny, Chris. So we really appreciate that. We've been thinking the same thing.

**J** Jason Roche 15:46  
I've got Alex right here. She hasn't kicked me once yet. I've kept my mouth shut. So there we go -

M Matt Mio 15:52  
Yeah

J Jason Roche 15:52  
as a former faculty athletic rep, I haven't jumped into the fray on ATP.

M Matt Mio 15:58  
Oh my gosh. Okay. So we have got our list of faculty or pardon me faculty. And there's a lot of faculty around here. Our list of imponderables from Frank and the family Burroughs. And it's time, because we didn't get to do one in our last episode. So we'll do maybe a couple right now. This is kind of a fun one.

D Dave Chow 16:17  
Uh-oh

M Matt Mio 16:18  
Favorite job you had before the one that you have now. That's kind of interesting, huh? What's a favorite job you had before the one - that today is the last day of it?

D Dave Chow 16:31  
Yeah, come on, Alex.

J Jason Roche 16:32  
Yeah.

M Matt Mio 16:33  
I mean, I put books away at the library. That was my teenager job. And I actually really liked it, because I got to do a lot of reading and I learned a lot just from doing my job. I kind of liked that.

D Dave Chow 16:44  
I'm torn between two. Once I was a carny and I also worked retail at the Tel-12 Mall.

M Matt Mio 16:51  
What did you retail for?

B Beth Oljar 16:53  
(Laughs) 99.95. Just what freedom costs.

D Dave Chow 17:00  
as a gallery. So we were selling prints. Oh, it was on the middle of the mall during the holidays. It was temporary. So I worked for about two months. I loved it. So I learned retail and the other one was being a carry down at the ethnic festivals downtown.

J Jason Roche 17:13  
What did you do there?

D Dave Chow 17:14  
What,at the carnival?

J Jason Roche 17:15  
Did you do rides? did you do?

D Dave Chow 17:17  
No, I did - put two darts on - You know, you got two darts for a dollar, put one down on the star and win yourself a t shirt. And then from there I progressed to other games.

J Jason Roche 17:25  
Like what?

D Dave Chow 17:27  
A couple of the other ones, that's all. That were just like, "Wait a minute. Is this legal? Is this ethical"

J Jason Roche 17:33  
(Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 17:33  
Where you get big stuffed animals instead of t shirts.

D Dave Chow 17:36  
But I remember there's one guy I went to high school with. He was there on a date. "Hey, who's your girlfriend?" "That's not my girlfriend". "So, you let the little lady to walk without a prize?" I think I fleeced him for like \$25 for a T shirt. And the t shirt was wafer thin.

M Matt Mio 17:53  
What was on it?

D Dave Chow 17:54  
I think something - like UB40 or something like that. (The professor laugh) Like bad band shirts. I'm like, "Oh my gosh".

M Matt Mio 17:59  
Oh, that is awesome.

D Dave Chow 18:00  
They're so terrible.

M Matt Mio 18:01  
Did you also give away the small mirrors that had bands written on them?

D Dave Chow 18:04  
Oh, yeah. There was also another one. They were also giving me goldfish.



**J** Jason Roche 18:07  
Oh, I remember those..

**D** Dave Chow 18:08  
Terrible.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:09  
Not the crackers.

**D** Dave Chow 18:11  
No, no. Not the cracker, but I just remember that I had the farmer's tan of a life

**M** Matt Mio 18:17  
I bet you did.

**D** Dave Chow 18:18  
Working out there. Oh my god. But it was fun.

**J** Jason Roche 18:20  
Did you learn any new words?

**M** Matt Mio 18:22  
You cracked Beth up pretty hardcore with "Well, I started here and then I upgraded (Laughs)

**D** Dave Chow 18:22  
Oh, yeah. You know, because you get better at games and you move up.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:33  
Do you upgrade to ones where it's more difficult to scam the customer.



**D** Dave Chow 18:38  
No, no. They're actually better paying. There's actually better paying game.

**M** Matt Mio 18:42  
But you got to, like, have proven yourself.

**D** Dave Chow 18:44  
Mm-hm. Yeah.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:46  
I worked at a library too- when I was in college.

**M** Matt Mio 18:49  
You're wearing the t shirt.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:50  
Oh, year. It's the fear of running - which will never happen to me

**M** Matt Mio 18:55  
Never happened

**D** Dave Chow 18:57  
Lord knows, I helped you move enough books over the summer.

**B** Beth Oljar 18:59  
Well, I don't read those. Those are - That's right. They're just for show. (The professors laugh)

**D** Dave Chow 19:04  
Yeah. They're empty.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:07  
That was pretty fun. But working at Dairy Queen was pretty fun too.

**M** Matt Mio 19:11  
That does sound fun.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:12  
I've mixed a ton of Blizards, and have never eaten one ever.

**J** Jason Roche 19:16  
Wow.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:16  
I know. Isn't that weird?

**M** Matt Mio 19:17  
How did you resist?

**D** Dave Chow 19:19  
Easy You get overwhelmed by you know -

**B** Beth Oljar 19:22  
For me, fries were more of a temptation.

**M** Matt Mio 19:25  
So it was a Brazier, is what you're telling me.

**B** Beth Oljar 19:27  
Yes. Because I worked in the kitchen - in the back.

**D** Dave Chow 19:30  
Isn't it like one of those things - if you work in a restaurant for so long, you just kind of look at the food and go "Nah"

**M** Matt Mio 19:35  
Yeah., probably

**D** Dave Chow 19:36  
I remember for the longest time I did not touch almond boneless chicken to save my life

**M** Matt Mio 19:41  
But it came back into your life - over time.

**D** Dave Chow 19:43  
Yeah, like a zit

**M** Matt Mio 19:46  
Alex, what about - How would you answer the question?

**A** Alex Hichel 19:49  
Oh, years ago, I worked for a home health care and hospice organization that also did flu shots.

**M** Matt Mio 19:57  
Oh!

**A** Alex Hichel 19:57  
You may have seen us do Shoo the Flu at the Zoo - back in the day, trying to get immunizations.

**M** Matt Mio 20:02

Oh, yeah.

A

Alex Hichel 20:03

And so, that was something that came up out of our organization.

J

Jason Roche 20:07

Were people resistant to the notion of getting immunizations back then?

D

Dave Chow 20:10

Well, who wants to go to the zoo and get stabbed in the arm? You know, that's not fun.

A

Alex Hichel 20:14

Well, all other duties as assigned, we had a plush mascot nurse costume.

M

Matt Mio 20:20

Oh, my gosh!

A

Alex Hichel 20:21

that looked like Big Boy in a blue dress and a white lab coat with a syringe - a foam syringe that

-

D

Dave Chow 20:27

Oh, so that was you?

A

Alex Hichel 20:30

So I was - I named her Nurse Betty. And so I was Nurse Betty for several years while I worked there.

M

Matt Mio 20:39

That's so cool.

A Alex Hichel 20:40  
And then the children were ,like, uber scared.

M Matt Mio 20:43  
Oh, ofcourse.

A Alex Hichel 20:44  
because it was like, you know, it was like - there was a slider on the syringe. You know, but the other kids reacted to this costume just like it was any plush character that little children - and they would just go -

M Matt Mio 20:56  
They'd give you a big hug

A Alex Hichel 20:57  
You know, made sure I hid the syringe so I didn't scare them.

M Matt Mio 20:59  
Yeah, exactly.

D Dave Chow 21:00  
Well, when you think about the size of that syringe, it was probably like more than tripled their body mass. I'd be afraid too.

J Jason Roche 21:05  
Well, they just hate shots - period.

M Matt Mio 21:07  
Yeah, that's for sure.



J Jason Roche 21:08  
But I had a similar experience. I don't know if you're finished. I can let you go. But I was the WPCX bear, back when I was in college

B Beth Oljar 21:15  
Mascotters unite

M Matt Mio 21:19  
WPCX

D Dave Chow 21:19  
"Powerful Country." Wait a minute. Why am I picturing like Herb Tarlek dressed up as the WKRP carp. (The professors laugh) Trying to use the men's bathroom.

B Beth Oljar 21:28  
I remember that episode. It was pretty funny.

M Matt Mio 21:31  
Somehow everybody's got like a "dress-up in a costume" kind of story. I think that's cool.

J Jason Roche 21:37  
Have ever noticed Tommy Titan has a shield but no sword?

M Matt Mio 21:41  
I did because he's always you know, defending the University. He doesn't really attack people. Let's be serious.

J Jason Roche 21:47  
All right

M Matt Mio 21:47

We are one in 29. There's no attacking going on.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:51  
Defending can require a sword too

**D** Dave Chow 21:54  
Should we get him a spear instead?

**J** Jason Roche 21:56  
We were so close. If it wasn't for IUPUI.

**B** Beth Oljar 21:59  
If he were a Greek guard, I think he would have to have both.

**J** Jason Roche 22:03  
But my favorite was I think - It's a tie between being a reporter and teaching karate.

**M** Matt Mio 22:13  
Okay.

**D** Dave Chow 22:13  
You didn't crossed the two up did you?

**J** Jason Roche 22:15  
What's that

**D** Dave Chow 22:16  
You never crossed the two up, I hope.

**J** Jason Roche 22:17

I didn't. There were times I wished I could with some of the people I covered but no. As a reporter you try to just - Right not use your karate moves on them. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 22:28

Not make the news, just report the news.

J Jason Roche 22:30

But yeah, both of those were fun. I think I learned more as a reporter just interviewing people about all kinds of different topics. But, uh - I interviewed Bernie Sanders one time. That was pretty cool.

D Dave Chow 22:42

Oh Bernie Sanders. I thought yor were talking about Barry Sanders. My bad, okay.

J Jason Roche 22:47

No, but Barry Sanders would have been a great choice. And then - Yeah. A lot of fun times.

D Dave Chow 22:55

Well, at least none of us were like the San Diego Chicken. So -

M Matt Mio 22:58

I was about to say, like, I was just doing a quick scan of the list of possible future Imponderables. And, Alex, at our last set of shows that we recorded, we had some questions sent by my dear wife all about the San Diego Chicken. And so we had a couple of different mascot style - you know, and carnival related. You know, paraphernalia, so that's pretty interesting

D Dave Chow 23:21

Carnivals.

M Matt Mio 23:23

Okay, let's go a little, just a slightly more sprightly and go with favorite side dish. Let's interpret that any way we see fit.



D Dave Chow 23:32  
Side dish.

M Matt Mio 23:33  
Favorite side dish.

J Jason Roche 23:35  
Some people would say mashed potatoes as their favorite sidedish, but for me, that's the main course.

D Dave Chow 23:41  
Garlic mash or ?

J Jason Roche 23:42  
Garlic mash. Yeah.

D Dave Chow 23:43  
Or if you go to Cadieux (Cafe) they've got Spinach Mash.

M Matt Mio 23:45  
That's right. It's very good. It's very good at Cadieux. Favorite side dish, everybody.

A Alex Hichel 23:51  
I'd go with the garlic sauce at the Mediterranean restaurants

M Matt Mio 23:54  
Oh, come on

A Alex Hichel 23:55

with the bread.

D

Dave Chow 23:56

Oh, the vampire repellent. I love that stuff. That stuff is wonderful.

M

Matt Mio 24:00

Absolutely. I just had some hummus the other day. So I know exactly, Alex; so I know exactly what you're thinking. I went into a Zoom meeting. "I can't help myself. I apologize. I'm really sorry about my breath. I just had a bunch of hummus - - on Zoom. They didn't care so much.

B

Beth Oljar 24:15

I think I'm a Mac and Cheese guy.

M

Matt Mio 24:17

Yeah. You can't go wrong.

D

Dave Chow 24:19

Can't go wrong

M

Matt Mio 24:19

if it's made right.

B

Beth Oljar 24:20

French fries.

M

Matt Mio 24:24

Seriously

J

Jason Roche 24:26

Main course, Beth.

D Dave Chow 24:27  
Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 24:28  
Yeah, I can make them a main course because I remember after I had my surgery and my sister was visiting and like it was the first trip to McDonald's. And she said something about "Well, if you can't finish your - ", because I'd had abdominal surgery. She's like, "Well, if you can't finish your fries"

D Dave Chow 24:42  
I will.

B Beth Oljar 24:43  
I'm like "No, there will be no sharing. There's no possible world in which I don't finish McDonald's french fries - too large.

D Dave Chow 24:53  
I'm still biased against fries, because I remember my first trip to China. I think we were in Shanghai. They offered us a seven course meal. And one of the seven courses was French fries. I was like "What is this?!"

B Beth Oljar 25:05  
Sounds perfectly acceptable to me. What's the problem?

M Matt Mio 25:07  
They thought you were ordering for five, Dave. They had to like, expand.

D Dave Chow 25:11  
But Im thinking Shanghai. Give me some of the local cuisine.

J Jason Roche 25:13  
Was the fortune cookie the last course ?

**D** Dave Chow 25:15  
There was no fortune cookie. It was like so Americanized. We were like "What are you trying to do here? French fries in Shanghai of all places.

**M** Matt Mio 25:24  
I don't quite know what my response would be. I mean, there's many, many things on the list. Many of them potato based.

**B** Beth Oljar 25:33  
Potatoes have got to be like the number one.

**D** Dave Chow 25:35  
Mashed potatoes.

**B** Beth Oljar 25:37  
Baked Potatoes.

**M** Matt Mio 25:38  
I mean, I could survive on poutine tots, pretty much for every single meal. I'm just being honest.

**D** Dave Chow 25:42  
Oh, Mercury Bar. Right?

**M** Matt Mio 25:43  
Mercury Bar

**B** Beth Oljar 25:44  
Yeah, I think that was the first time I ever had poutine, because you had the poutine tots.

M

Matt Mio 25:49

It's really good. But I mean, things that I have, like more often. Yeah, that's a little - that's a little bit harder. We're in the zone, with essentially almost three teenagers. The oldest one is not a teenager anymore, but turned 20 this last year, but we have to have like just giant chunks of things that grow on the earth just at the table. Like ,we're getting to the point where it's the future and the plants are all just growing at the table and you just like rip it off and start eating it. We've got you know, apples, bananas, oranges. They're in love with grapes right now. We've got all these blackberries from Costco, and all we do for dinner is put them on the table, and then everybody just, like, takes.

B

Beth Oljar 26:31

Westborn has wonderful grapes.

M

Matt Mio 26:33

Very good grapes. Yes, absolutely.

B

Beth Oljar 26:34

They're like \$6 a pound, but -

D

Dave Chow 26:37

They better have someone peeling them for me at that price.

M

Matt Mio 26:39

So I'm not exactly sure like how it answered the question. I'm gonna go potato based and then yeah, just general.

D

Dave Chow 26:44

so not the corn, not the green beans. I'm just thinking KFC. What else do they have in the drive thru?

M

Matt Mio 26:48

Since I was little though, my mom would say - and to this day. Last night I had it. I am a big fan of broccoli. If broccoli is made right - it's like roasted, it gets a little crust on it, maybe some Parmesan, that's a solid side dish right there.

**D** Dave Chow 27:03  
Matt, Your family has been to Eddie's Diner before, right?

**M** Matt Mio 27:05  
Yeah, I want to say so

**D** Dave Chow 27:06  
Yeah, the broccoli there - you get -

**M** Matt Mio 27:08  
Yeah, absolutely.

**D** Dave Chow 27:09  
It's not just little broccoli florets. You get the whole head of broccoli.

**M** Matt Mio 27:12  
Right.

**D** Dave Chow 27:12  
And then the garlic butter on top.

**M** Matt Mio 27:14  
The crown

**D** Dave Chow 27:15  
Oh! The kick is up and it's good.

**M** Matt Mio 27:16  
Yeah, exactly.

- B** Beth Oljar 27:17  
Asparagus is good with parmesan cheese. Just saute it in butter and grate a little parm on it. It's yummy.
- M** Matt Mio 27:23  
As we always do, folks, were finishing the show talking about food. I've heard Dave's stomach once and mine three times. It's hard. What can I say?
- B** Beth Oljar 27:34  
But mine has been silenced by doughnuts.
- D** Dave Chow 27:38  
Mine's been primed by doughnuts.
- M** Matt Mio 27:40  
Also true.
- B** Beth Oljar 27:41  
Is there any leftover.
- M** Matt Mio 27:43  
Well, I just want to say - while we still have a couple of seconds of airtime here - Alex, we're gonna miss you very, very dearly. We wish you the absolute best, and hope that you're no stranger.
- A** Alex Hichel 27:52  
Thank you
- D** Dave Chow 27:53  
Just stay strange

M Matt Mio 27:54  
Yeah,

B Beth Oljar 27:54  
And keep coming back to Ask The Professor

M Matt Mio 27:56  
Yeah, keep coming back

D Dave Chow 27:57  
And in a furry costume. No syringe

M Matt Mio 28:00  
The time has come to say goodbye - Beth.

B Beth Oljar 28:03  
Goodbye,

M Matt Mio 28:03  
Dave


D Dave Chow 28:04  
See ya


M Matt Mio 28:04  
Alex


A Alex Hichel 28:05  
Goodbye



 Matt Mio 28:06  
and Jason

 Jason Roche 28:06  
Bye Bye.

 Matt Mio 28:07  
Now these words,

 Announcer 28:08  
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