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Dan Maggio, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Dave Chow, Beth Oljar, Danielle Maxwell, James Tubbs, Michael Jayson, Stephen Manning



00:01

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 mayo, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right is professor. Danielle Maxwell,



Danielle Maxwell 00:17

Thanks for having me.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:18

Yes. Well, you know you're always welcome here.



Danielle Maxwell 00:20

I'm always here now, I guess, yeah, so



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:22

You're a new panelist.



Dave Chow 00:24

You're a fixture, like a bathtub. I'm



00:25

It's a big deal. You had your cheese and crackers and you're like, "This is my lunch, this is my dinner". And we're like, "No, you can have candy bars".



Danielle Maxwell 00:25

I'm on the email listserver, so now it's official. Yes



Dave Chow 00:35

Fourth meal.



Danielle Maxwell 00:36

Yeah. This is, like, really, the whole food pyramid, right here. We have cheese, crackers and chocolate. Like, you don't need much more.



00:41

I mean, chocolate is the food of the gods. I mean, we just have to be serious.



Beth Oljar 00:45

Well, usually the key foods when you're in graduate school are caffeine and ibuprofen.



Danielle Maxwell 00:49

But I missed caffeine today. That's the downside.



Beth Oljar 00:52

And you're still like treating people decently?



Danielle Maxwell 00:54


I know, surprising. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 00:56
She hasn't snapped? You're not Michael Myers?

D Danielle Maxwell 00:58
Not yet. (Laughs)

D Dave Chow 01:00
The day is young

B Beth Oljar 01:01
You left your mask back in your office, I bet.


 01:03
Oh, my gosh, that's hilarious. Let's see Professor Stephen Manning is here. How was the trick or treating action in your neck of the woods?


S Stephen Manning 01:11
I don't do it, so I don't know.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:14
Oh, okay.


S Stephen Manning 01:15
I was walking the dog this morning, and the neighbor said, "This place was overflowing with kids last night, so while you're walking, you might find a lot of candy on the sidewalk,". And I did, but my main task was keeping the dog away from the chocolate. And I saw a lot more empty packages. So kids were eating as much as they were collecting.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:29
Of course. Got it. Okay for a second there after I said, you know, "How was the trick or treating?" You said, "I don't do it" . It's like, Well, okay, so you don't trick or treat. I would have guessed that. But also, you don't give out candy on Halloween, is what you're referring to.

 Stephen Manning 01:48
Correct.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48
Okay, because you're allowed to trick or treat.


 Stephen Manning 01:50
My costume was at the cleaners.


 01:53
Yeah, exactly. There was a big dealio on the local news recently here in Detroit, where it was like, "How old is too old?" And the consensus was, you can't be too old. It's just, you know, you have chosen childhood good memories versus, you know, I don't know, joining a gang or something. It's pretty good.

 James Tubbs 02:11
What was your outfit?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:13
You know, I just had on - I wore for the first time ever in my whole life - Dave saw it with his own eyes - a Hawaiian shirt. I've never worn an Hawaiian shirt.

 James Tubbs 02:21
Oh, I have a collection of those.

 Dave Chow 02:23
Well, so do I, but I'm a little obvious, so -

 Dan Maggio 02:25
Because you travel a lot.

J James Tubbs 02:26
Well, yes.

i 02:28
so I thought about being in my full Plague Doctor costume, and my wife was taking the kids out, my son and his friends, and she goes, "If you put those claws on, there's gonna be nobody here that's gonna be able to help you pick up things that you drop or take them off, and it will be hard to go to the restroom". And I'm like, "You know what? I'm just going to wear my Headless Horseman Hawaiian shirt".

D Dave Chow 02:49
You had all the neighbors out. Come on, we were there for you.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:52
Yeah. Professor, Jim Tubbs.

J James Tubbs 02:53
You know, it's strange, I live in a condo complex where it'd be easy to get a lot of candy because the doors are close.

B Beth Oljar 02:59
To my house.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:59
Yeah We don't get any kids, and we have them living in the complex, so I don't know where they go to trick-or-treat.

J James Tubbs 03:02
Beth's house Yeah, I guess they go to Beth's house.

i 03:09
No that's true That's exactly true Or if you had left yesterday anytime between - left campus

no, that's true. That's exactly true. Or if you had here yesterday anytime between here campus, between two and four, sheesh, you know, Gesu was letting out, and they had a gigantic block-off-the-street trunk or treat as the kids were leaving. And, I mean, if you got a lot there, then you wouldn't be motivated to go out -

J James Tubbs 03:27

Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:27

old school, you know, so I don't know. Professor, Dan Maggio lives on the other side of Berkley, and what was the t-o-t situation over there?

D Dan Maggio 03:35

I don't know. I had about, like, seven or eight waves, little groups, about 25 kids.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:41

Okay

D Dan Maggio 03:42

The one little boy was dressed as a Weather Channel weatherman. It was really cute. It was like 50 mile an hour winds outside.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:48

Right.

D Dan Maggio 03:50


I said, "How appropriate that you're - "


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:53


Okay.


D Dan Maggio 03:55


But I would also say to them, "Take a piece of candy for your parents".


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:59
Oh


 Dan Maggio 03:59
and I would hear the parents like, "No", a couple of times. They're like, "No!"


 04:04
I love it. I love it. Well, we definitely had, I thought it was the best weather ever, because it was sort of creepy.


 Dan Maggio 04:11
Yeah

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:12
but it also didn't rain

 Dave Chow 04:13
or snow

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:14
and then we had an awesome sunset. But we had more people during the snowstorm last year, I'm just gonna say it live on the air. I don't need to ask how things were on the other side of Berkley, because Dave is not really on the other side of Berkley from me.

 Dave Chow 04:27
No

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:27
Professor Dave Chow.

J James Tubbs 04:28
He's what - 50 feet from you?

B Beth Oljar 04:30
He's on the other side of the street.

D Dave Chow 04:31
No -no. I came over to chat with the neighbors and Matt

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:34
Yeah, we had a good time.

D Dave Chow 04:34
so anytime I saw somebody running up to my house, I had to scamper back across the street and make sure I didn't get run over.

J James Tubbs 04:35
That's how you got your exercise last night. Yeah, chasing down the poor little critters.

D Dave Chow 04:40
Yeah, I was working off my Snickers

J James Tubbs 04:43
(Laughing) Working off my Snickers.

D Dave Chow 04:44
I was working the Snickers off.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:46
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You had to work off that hot dog too.

D Dave Chow 04:47
That was a good hot dog. That was my dinner.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:50
Yeah, solid. Solid hot dog.

D Dave Chow 04:51
That was a very solid hot dog. I can't complain at all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:54
The crinkling of the wrappers you hear is Professor Beth Oljar. She's looking at the Sweet TartsRopes

B Beth Oljar 05:00
Yes, I am a big sweet Tarts - But we did have this one little kid. I think he was our first customer, and he was dressed as a construction worker. So he had, like, his little vest on and hard hat. He's got this little toy saw and a hammer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:16
That's cute, that's cute. Everybody always asks me, what's the cutest costume that you saw? Nothing that I can think of really stood out. But there were a lot of, really -

D Dave Chow 05:25
No, we had that one little construction worker kid too, that kept on falling down.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:29
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 05:29
That was, if you want to call that cute, I mean -

B Beth Oljar 05:32
Poor little one.

D Dave Chow 05:33
Yeah. I mean, but think about, I mean, he had fluorescent orange on, so he was gonna be well seen

D Danielle Maxwell 05:38
Very visible.

 05:39
Well, folks, this is a program where you can send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP@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. Okay, we have a set of questions, "Matt and professors on the panel: I know that sports is not necessarily one of your collective strengths, but stretch out, (See what I did there), and test your knowledge of some interesting recent sports limited to baseball trivia. I've limited this to 10 questions. Let's start with a few questions about the 2024, MLB World Series.

D Dave Chow 06:17
Who are these from, Matt?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:18
Oh, they're from anonymous.

D Dave Chow 06:19
Oh

J James Tubbs 06:20
we had a question about that a week or two ago.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:20

How many times have the Yankees and the Dodgers met in the World Series, including 2024? Did we?



James Tubbs 06:23

about which two teams had the most World Series.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:36

I see



Beth Oljar 06:37

I'd say three.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:38

You know, it's quite a bit more.



James Tubbs 06:40

No. I think it's like 17 or something, isn't it.



Beth Oljar 06:40

Oh



06:42

I mean, we're getting in the zone. 2024 was the 12th, the most of any two teams that have ever played each other. What is their record in the previous 11? Who has the who has the high sign for -



Beth Oljar 06:55


Yankees Yeah. The Yanks. Eight, including the straight first five



James Tubbs 07:00

 James Tubbs 07:00


The most that money can buy.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:01


Yep, that's right. Even though it was great to see the Tigers run this year - what is it - 17 of the last 18 World Series winners have had a Top-10 payroll. So can't, can't deny it. Although I've gotta say, driving in and listening to the sports station go on the air at 6am this morning, and they're talking about the fact that there's this young man from Michigan who had committed to play college football at Louisiana State.

 Danielle Maxwell 07:30

I heard about that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:30

And now may be switching over to Michigan. And it's just - for this old goat - a little jarring to hear. "Well, his offer from Michigan is \$5 million so he may be, you know, coming to- "

 James Tubbs 07:41

That's a bit jarring.

 Danielle Maxwell 07:42


Go Blue. (Laughs)

 Dan Maggio 07:43

As a student?


 Dave Chow 07:46


As a student


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:46


They can promise money if they use their name image and likeness -





 Dave Chow 07:51
Dan, there are certain college players who actually make more money playing college than Pro.


 Dan Maggio 07:55
What I would like - Well, off air I would be curious where this money is coming from.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:59
Well, that's another story.


 Dave Chow 08:01
Yeah.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:02
Meanwhile, question number two, in what year did the Yanks and Dodgers play their first World Series?


 Beth Oljar 08:08
1922


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:10
It's a little bit later than that.


 Dave Chow 08:12
Oh,


 James Tubbs 08:12
31


 08:13
It says here it was, 41. But what was their last one before 2024? It's been a while


 Danielle Maxwell 08:21
1970 something.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:24
Mmmm -


 Danielle Maxwell 08:24
That's a while. (Laughs)

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:25
70 something


 Beth Oljar 08:26
In the 90s?

 08:27
Actually, it was the 80s. It was 81, so it's been 43 years since the two teams have met. And I'm counting all of those as wins, by the way, those are all correctly answered.

 Beth Oljar 08:36
Wait a minute. I was in high school in 1981.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:39
You were?

 Beth Oljar 08:39
How can that be 40 some odd years? Okay,

 Dave Chow 08:44
Dan, pull out the slide rule. We've gotta do math.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:47
Oh my gosh. How many of those 11 series - again - until 2024 went to full seven games?

D Dave Chow 08:55
None of them?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:56
No, it was not zero

J James Tubbs 08:57
Three.

D Dave Chow 08:58
Uh, four, you know, in the error bars. How many were decided in the minimum of a four-game sweep?

B Beth Oljar 09:05
Oh


D Dave Chow 09:06
Let's go two

D Dan Maggio 09:07
None.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:08
Only one.


D Dave Chow 09:08


 Dave Chow 09:08
Oh,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:09
So, guess what? Between two and zero -


 Dave Chow 09:11
That's where Kendra came in, right?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:12
(Laughing) Exactly, the 1963 bout. Let's see, who was the Dodger pitcher who dominated the Yankees that year, winning both games one and four? Classic.


 James Tubbs 09:24
Sandy Koufax?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:24
It was Sandy Koufax. He had 15 strikeouts in game one.

 Beth Oljar 09:28
And - he was a lefty.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:30
He was.

 Beth Oljar 09:31
Just sayin'

 James Tubbs 09:31
He was great to watch.



09:32

The Yanks only scored four runs that series. That - You've gotta be kidding me. How many World Series have featured two hitters who hit at least 50 home runs during the regular season?



Beth Oljar 09:46

Okay, so Barry Bonds, I don't know if San Francisco ever made it to the - Right



Dave Chow 09:52

Did McGuire ever make it?



Danielle Maxwell 09:53

I was like seven.



09:56

I'll give you a hint that the number is at least one, because this year Aaron Judge of the Yankees and Shohei Ohtani of the Dodgers both hit 50 home runs.



Beth Oljar 10:05

He's a seventh son of something - Ohtani.



10:08

Absolutely. So it's only two. This was only the second time that's happened. The first was in 1961 and both batters were on the Yankees - Mantle and Maris.



James Tubbs 10:19

Maris.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:19

Yep. How much did Shohei Ohtani's 50th Home Run Ball - Oh, dear Lord, I hadn't seen this yet - catch at an auction? His 50th homerun ball.

D Dave Chow 10:31
3 million

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:33
Higher

B Beth Oljar 10:34
5 million

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:35
Lower

D Danielle Maxwell 10:36
4 million.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:37
Pretty good. \$4.392 million.


D Dave Chow 10:42
Isn't that what the McGuire went for? Like, 3.3 million?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:44
Did it? Oh, Todd McFarlane. You would know. I was like, comic book illustrator. Come on.


D Dave Chow 10:45
I think so. It was outrageous. And who was it - the comic illustrator bought it. Todd McFarland. Didn't he? He could afford it.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:58
What is/was the average price of a ticket on StubHub to the 2024 World Series?

 Dave Chow 11:04
In Yankee Stadium or - ?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:06
LA or New York. Let's just average it all out.


 Dan Maggio 11:09
\$1,500


 11:11
1500 is basically spot on. 1600 bucks per ticket.

 James Tubbs 11:14
Wow!


 Danielle Maxwell 11:15
Wow.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15
The college football playoff between Michigan Wolverines and Washington Huskies. Tickets were, how much? \$2300


 James Tubbs 11:23
\$1.98

 Danielle Maxwell 11:24
(Laughs) I wish.

 Beth Olier 11:28


 Ben Oja 11:28
For my Huskies?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:29
Yeah, you get partial credit for "more". But it was only 1800 bucks.

 Dave Chow 11:33
Only 1800 bucks.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:34
How about to last year's Chiefs versus 49ers Super Bowl?


 Danielle Maxwell 11:35
2300

 Dave Chow 11:39
Yeah, easily.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:40
It's a little bit more

 Dan Maggio 11:41
4500

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:42
A little bit more.

 James Tubbs 11:42
7500



M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:43
A little bit more.

D Danielle Maxwell 11:44
10,000 Oh, my goodness!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
I mean, ish. 8200 dollars.

D Dave Chow 11:47
No, no, I'm seriously trying. I might actually have an in.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:48
per ticket to the Superbowl.

D Dave Chow 11:49
If you could buy one. Most of it's corporate.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:51
Yeah, that's true.

D Dave Chow 11:52
Because I'm like - Okay, how do I slide my butt in to one of these seats?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:56
You can do one of those, like, action sketches.

B Beth Oljar 12:02
And once again, I'm thinking, I have concert tickets when I paid \$12.50 to see The GoGo's -

D Dave Chow 12:08
Yeah, but you also stood in line in snow for four days with a bracelet on your hand too, right?

B Beth Oljar 12:13
I did not. No. Concerts used to be cheaper.

D Dave Chow 12:18
Well. do you also remember, like, lining up outside, you know, like Harmony House for the - ?
Oh, gosh, am I the only one that actually stood in line for concerts? Maybe I am. Sorry. (The professors laugh) No, I always bought my tickets in advance.

 12:32
What MLB pitcher won 20 or more games four times threw 187 complete games, more than Sutton, Drysdale or Dean and threw 49 shutouts, more than Clemens, Ford, Hunter, Cofax or Feller. I think I see where this is going.

D Dave Chow 12:46
Cy Young? Dizzy Dean?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:48
Nope. He played for the Red Sox. His initials are LT

D Dave Chow 12:54
Not Lawrence Taylor.

D Danielle Maxwell 12:56
I was like "Lawrence Tech?"

 12:57
He, sadly, died on Eighth of October this year, so just about a month ago.



D Danielle Maxwell 13:03
(in unison with Dave) Larry

D Dave Chow 13:06
Gosh, are we sharing the same spinal column, or what?

B Beth Oljar 13:09
Probably

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:10
You two are killing me. It's not Larry

J James Tubbs 13:15
Leon,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:16
It's not Leon.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:17
(Laughing) Leo

B Beth Oljar 13:18
Is the last name Latino?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:19
I wouldn't necessarily say so.

D Dave Chow 13:21
Luis Tiant?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:22
It was Luis Tiant. Yes, it was. What did Reggie Jackson call him? He had a nice little nickname
No. Apparently, he called him the Fred Astaire of baseball.

D Dave Chow 13:28
El Rotundo, or something like that, or the - Oh yeah, he did have the twinkle toes on the
mound.

B Beth Oljar 13:36
So who's the Ginger Rogers? That's what I want to know.

S Stephen Manning 13:38
He would pitch and he would literally -

D Dave Chow 13:41
turn his back on you.

S Stephen Manning 13:42
look towards center field before he delivered.

D Dave Chow 13:44
Yeah, he would turn - because he screwed up his shoulder playing once.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:47
I see.

B Beth Oljar 13:48
How do you not screw up your shoulder being a baseball player?

D Dave Chow 13:51
No - no, we're talking ending his career, until a coach told him, "You've got pitched like this, or

you're never gonna do it again".

B Beth Oljar 13:57

I mean, just the things they do with their arms is astonishing to me.

D Dave Chow 14:02

Right now I am paying dearly for all my years of softball. My shoulders locked up now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:07

Interesting.

D Dave Chow 14:09

Fortunately, my career only takes for me from the elbow on down. This up here is useless.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:13

I thought your slap shot was losing a few mph.

D Dave Chow 14:15

This up here is just ornamental, Beth. Don't worry about it.

B Beth Oljar 14:18

Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:19

How many pitchers in Major League Baseball history have thrown six or more shutout innings in each of their first two career postseason starts?

D Dave Chow 14:26

Not Verlander

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:27
No, but you're in the wheelhouse, as I like to say.

B Beth Oljar 14:32
Somebody who played for the Tigers?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:34
How about somebody who really, really recently played for the Tigers - Because that record was set this season.

D Dave Chow 14:39
Oh, Flaherty?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:39
No

J James Tubbs 14:40
No. Skubal.

D Dave Chow 14:40
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:42
Skubal

D Dave Chow 14:42
Oh, duh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:43
Tarik Skubal.

D Dave Chow 14:43
Sorry, I'm thinking World Series final. Okay, gotcha.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:46
Only the sixth person ever to do that in game two of the 2024 ALDS.

D Dave Chow 14:51
That was an impressive game.

J James Tubbs 14:52
Yep,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:53
Which MLB team has the record for most losses in one season?

D Danielle Maxwell 14:58
The White Sox

D Dave Chow 14:59
Yeah, Chicago White Sox,

D Danielle Maxwell 15:00
It was this year. It was this year. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:02
121

J James Tubbs 15:04
Wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:04
out of 162 games.

D Dave Chow 15:05
I think my softball team could have beat them.

S Stephen Manning 15:07
And they lost the 121st

D Dave Chow 15:09
To us. right?

D Danielle Maxwell 15:10
We could have made a team and beat the White Sox.

B Beth Oljar 15:13
I think Obama has to stop being a fan of theirs. I'm sure that's what's doing them in.

D Dave Chow 15:17
No. Honestly, I think the WGRP team could have beat them.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:20
Now, their stadium food, though, is the best stadium food I've ever had.

D Dave Chow 15:24
They do have some of the best mustard around.

J James Tubbs 15:26
(I augh)

(Laughs)



15:27

So for the record, until that - until recently, we know, the 1962 Mets lost 120 games.



James Tubbs 15:34

That's who I was thinking of.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:34

That held the record for 62 years. The '03 Tigers lost 119 and just made it past poor Alan Trammell's last season as manager there. So, yeah, it was the, if I remember correctly, that game that the Sox lost was our clinching game.



Dave Chow 15:50

Yep.



Danielle Maxwell 15:50

Yes, it was. It was a great game to be at.



Dave Chow 15:51

Yeah, that's right. You guys had the seats there, if I remember correctly.



Danielle Maxwell 15:55

We did. Yes



Dave Chow 15:57

In a - let's see - September 19, 2024, game, what did Shohei Ohtani become the first player in Major League baseball history to do? It was big deal. 50 - 50?



Stephen Manning 16:07

(Laughs)


B Beth Oljar 16:08
Two things in the same game.

J James Tubbs 16:10
He pitched and he batted -

B Beth Oljar 16:12
like runs batted in

J James Tubbs 16:13
Hit a home run?

B Beth Oljar 16:13
home runs or some such thing,

 16:15
Home runs. He had his 50th home run, but he also did 50 of something else.

D Dave Chow 16:19
Base stolen.

J James Tubbs 16:19
Oh, stolen. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:19
He stole bases. Yes.

B Beth Oljar 16:22
I knew he had done two things - so -

D Dave Chow 16:25
Multitasking.

B Beth Oljar 16:26
Yeah, I'm not completely stupid

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:28
No, you did very, very well. Thank you, anonymous for sending those in. Uh, "Dear Matt and Profs: Here I am with a bout of insomnia. It's 12:30am and rather than turn on soothing Ken Burns documentary, I've decided to make myself useful and pen 13 questions all about Halloween for your show. I hope they're more treat than trick. Warmest greetings, as always, from Valencia, California, our friend Frank Burroughs", Frank and the family Burroughs. Speaking of Ken Burns his new movie about Da Vinci - Oh yeah

B Beth Oljar 16:57
is on PBS the 18th and 19th, and then he's making one about the American Revolution. I can't wait!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:07
That is gonna be good.

S Stephen Manning 17:11
Not CONCLAVE

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:13
No

B Beth Oljar 17:13
No

S Stephen Manning 17:14
That's not a question

It's only in theatres.

B Beth Oljar 17:17
That's not Ken Burns

S Stephen Manning 17:18
Okay, sorry I misheard

B Beth Oljar 17:19
That's about the Catholic Church.

S Stephen Manning 17:20
I misheard. Yeah, with Fiennes and Stanley Tucci

D Dave Chow 17:25
Oh, yeah. That looks good.

S Stephen Manning 17:27
It looks very good.

B Beth Oljar 17:27
Well, two great actors. How bad can it be.

S Stephen Manning 17:31
It's only in theatres.

D Dave Chow 17:32
What's a movie?

D Danielle Maxwell 17:33

I got tickets to WICKED, that's all I know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:35
That's right.

D Danielle Maxwell 17:36
Yeah, end of this month is WICKED.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:38
That's right.

D Dan Maggio 17:39
Have you seen it before?


D Danielle Maxwell 17:40
Yes, I've seen the Broadway performance.

D Dave Chow 17:41
She's lived it before.


D Dan Maggio 17:42
Oh, you're talking about the movie.

D Danielle Maxwell 17:43
I'm talking about the movie. Yes. The movie WICKED comes out at the end of the month. Ariana Grande And Cynthia Erivo


D Dan Maggio 17:48
Yeah Go see the stage version.


 James Tubbs 17:52
Yeah, I saw the stage version. That was good.


 Danielle Maxwell 17:54
That is amazing.


 Dan Maggio 17:55
Yes, it is


 Danielle Maxwell 17:55
Yeah.

 Beth Oljar 17:55
It still sounds like a coffee drink to me. Ariana Grande,


 Danielle Maxwell 17:58
(Laughs) My Starbucks order, right there


 Beth Oljar 18:01
Exactly


 Danielle Maxwell 18:01
(Laughs)


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:03
Professors, what is a fear of Halloween called? You can mix your Gaelic and your Greek to figure this one out.


 18:11
Samhainophobia


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:12
Samhainophobia. That is correct.


 Stephen Manning 18:15
What is it?


 James Tubbs 18:16
Samhainophobia.

 Stephen Manning 18:16
Salmon?


 James Tubbs 18:18
S, A, M, H, A, I N. Samhain.

 Dave Chow 18:21
Sorry, I heard "salmon".

 Stephen Manning 18:24
Not the fish.

 James Tubbs 18:25
No.

 18:26
In what country did Halloween supposedly originate?

 James Tubbs 18:29
Ireland

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:30
Ireland, good old Ireland. What popular Halloween candy was originally branded - I think we get this one every year, but I love it - "Chicken feed"

D Danielle Maxwell 18:39
Candy corn?

J James Tubbs 18:39
Yes, and it looks like chicken feed. It does,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:39
Candy corn.

J James Tubbs 18:42
It does.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:44
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44
for humans. What is the name of the fictional town in the movie HOCUS POCUS?

D Danielle Maxwell 18:51
Oh, goodness.

 18:52
Don't think it's too hard. It's very stereotypical.

B Beth Oljar 18:58



I can't believe I've never seen it.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:58

Don't think too hard. Salem is what it's called. The only runner up to that, Jim, would have been like Halloween Town or something like that, you know. What is the most popular Halloween costume across the board for your pet? What would you dress them as?



James Tubbs 18:59

Salem.



Dave Chow 19:05

Was it like Rocco's last night with the unicorn dog?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:15

It's not a unicorn, but the unicorn dog is very cute.



Danielle Maxwell 19:17

It's a hot dog? It's not hot dog, because this is across all pets.



Beth Oljar 19:24

Pumpkin



19:25

Pumpkin is the correct answer. Yeah, it makes a lot of sense.



Dave Chow 19:29

Your dog would not make a good pumpkin, Stephen.



Stephen Manning 19:29

Pumpkin?

J James Tubbs 19:32
Some dogs look more like a gourd

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:33
(Laughs) A butternut squash.

J James Tubbs 19:36
Yeah

D Dave Chow 19:37
You're zucchini esque.

B Beth Oljar 19:38
I had to shut Mia in the guest room last night. She was really - because I didn't want her to run out in the street and get run over. She was not a happy camper.

D Dave Chow 19:46
Poor cat. We get this one pretty much every year, every other year. The truth of the matter is, I don't know if there's any - you know - sort of background to this, but there is one American state where it is illegal in the state to wear a mask in public on Halloween. Iowa?


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:05
Not Iowa

B Beth Oljar 20:06
Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:07
No. You need to think a little even more conservative if you can.





- J** James Tubbs 20:10
Mississippi
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:11
Getting closer.
- D** Dan Maggio 20:11
Alabama
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:12
Alabama, yeah. Alabama is what it says here.
- B** Beth Oljar 20:15
Didn't they try to repeal pi, too?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:19
Sounds about right.
- S** Stephen Manning 20:19
(Laughs) Repeal pi.
- B** Beth Oljar 20:20
Exactly.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:21
Sounds about right
- D** Dave Chow 20:22
Are we talking pie as in the pastry?


- B** Beth Oljar 20:23
No, as in the number 3.14 Yeah. Like, they could just make that something else.
- D** Dave Chow 20:30
What! That's like banning air.
- D** Dan Maggio 20:31
What idiot did that? What's the basis for it?
- B** Beth Oljar 20:34
Well, people don't understand math, right? And think that math is just a human construction?
- J** James Tubbs 20:40
Well, they've already proven they don't understand medicine.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:43
Many things.
- J** James Tubbs 20:43
And elementary education. The Constitution. (The professors laugh) I guess math would be next.
-  20:53
But otherwise, fine.
- J** James Tubbs 20:54
(Laughs) Yeah
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:56
Uh, We get this one pretty much every year too, and it always makes me beam with pride. In the United States. what percentae of households across all of these United States aive out


candy on Halloween night?


 Danielle Maxwell 21:06
60.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:07
It's higher.


 Stephen Manning 21:07
75


 James Tubbs 21:08
I would say 73 and a half.

 Dan Maggio 21:10
Not on my street.


 Dave Chow 21:11
Yeah, not in our street.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:12
It says 70. Says 70 is the answer.


 Dan Maggio 21:15
That's hard to believe.


 Dave Chow 21:16
Ours is nowhere near


 James Tubbs 21:17


 James Tubbs 21:17
There's a big chunk missing on our street.


 Beth Oljar 21:20
Nobody trick or treats for UNICEF anymore like we did when we -

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:23
No, they just have the QR codes.

 Danielle Maxwell 21:24
Oh, is that the little box?

 Beth Oljar 21:26
Yeah, I remember the little box.

 Danielle Maxwell 21:27
Yeah. I vaguely remember that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:29
Yeah. That's true.

 James Tubbs 21:31
They were the little milk cartons when I was a kid.

 Danielle Maxwell 21:33
They were little blue boxes when I was a kid.

 Dan Maggio 21:35
I don't remember that.



J James Tubbs 21:36
You didn't trick or treat for UNICEF and people, and people would give you dimes? We didn't have that in Pennsylvania. Oh, Pennsylvania

D Dan Maggio 21:42
Not Alabama, now, Good lord. (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:46
Oh my gosh! This is getting spicy. What is the name of the character referred to as the pumpkin king in The Nightmare Before Christmas?

D Dave Chow 21:55
Jack Skellington.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:55
Jack Skellington is his name. I converted all the decorations in my office today to Nightmare Before Christmas, which is just this perfect transition.

D Dave Chow 22:03
So that means you get to keep them up for a couple more months?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:05
Exactly, exactly. Who sang the Halloween theme song featuring the lyrics, "I put a spell on you"

B Beth Oljar 22:13
Screaming'Jay Hawkins.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:14
Screamin' Jay Hawkins. The name the song is "I Put A Spell On You".

D Dave Chow 22:18

What a great nickname

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:19
Nice.

B Beth Oljar 22:20
It's a great song.

D Dave Chow 22:21
I know. Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:23
Which holiday in Christendom is celebrated today?

B Beth Oljar 22:29
All Souls Day.

J James Tubbs 22:29
All Saints Day.

B Beth Oljar 22:30
It's All Saints Day. Oh, wait, All Souls is tomorrow, right?

J James Tubbs 22:32
Yes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:33
That's right.

D Dave Chow 22:34

Isn't it like post sugar hangover or something like that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:38

Sort of, you know

J James Tubbs 22:39

It's the - You know, it's the people that died from eating too much candy.(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:43

Oh, yeah. Exactly, exactly.

D Dave Chow 22:45

Who was that one person you told us on campus used to like - Oh no, that's for Lent with all the chocolate, right?

J James Tubbs 22:50

Oh yes, yes, that was that was over on the other campus.

B Beth Oljar 22:52

Far less separating the world of the living from the dead on All Saints and All Souls.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56


That's right. All Hallows, if you will.


J James Tubbs 23:00


Mm-hm.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:00


How many pounds did the world's largest pumpkin pie weigh?


 Stephen Manning 23:07
45


 Beth Oljar 23:07
100


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:10
More than those numbers.


 Danielle Maxwell 23:11
Are we in four digits? 400.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:11
It's a lot more than 400.

 Dave Chow 23:11
It's got to be 1000 something.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:18
Four digits.


 Stephen Manning 23:19
1150


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:19
It's higher than 1150


 James Tubbs 23:20
Oh!


 Danielle Maxwell 23:21
2500


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:22
Higher than 2500


 Dave Chow 23:24
What?!


 Beth Oljar 23:25
4500


 Dave Chow 23:25
Where are you gonna get oven to cook this thing? We're

 James Tubbs 23:26
We're talking over a ton now.

 Danielle Maxwell 23:29
6000 pounds.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:30
It's - Okay, that's -

 Danielle Maxwell 23:32
(Laughs)

 Beth Oljar 23:32
4500 is too high. So 4300

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:34
A billion. No, it was 3700 pounds -was the largest pumpkin -

J James Tubbs 23:40
Almost two tons. How did they cook it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:42
That is a really good question

D Dave Chow 23:43
Over a very open flame.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:45
It's a custard based pie. What are you doing here?

B Beth Oljar 23:47
It's a really big oven.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:49
It's a really big oven.

D Dave Chow 23:50
No, I don't think it's even an oven. It's gotta be open flame.

B Beth Oljar 23:53
Easy Bake Oven?

D Dave Chow 23:56
Yeah, with a whole lot of light bulbs over it, right?

B Beth Oljar 23:59
Those things didn't work, by the way.

D Danielle Maxwell 24:01
No, they did not.

B Beth Oljar 24:02
See. I knew I was probably not the only girl who got one. So

D Danielle Maxwell 24:06
They did not work in the early 2000s either. (Laughs)

B Beth Oljar 24:10
I got mine in the 70s.

D Danielle Maxwell 24:11
So nothing happened in 30 years

B Beth Oljar 24:14
Exactly

D Dave Chow 24:15
Danielle, you're young enough, yours was probably L-E-D. That's why.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:18
Oh my gosh, L-E-D doesn't give off heat. Ay caramba!

D Danielle Maxwell 24:20
(Laughs) There were, like, sound effects on the buttons, though.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:24
Wait! What?

B Beth Oljar 24:25
That's cool

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:26
Like a microwave

D Danielle Maxwell 24:27
Yeah, "beep-beep, boop-boop"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:29
What?! At that point just use a microwave.

J James Tubbs 24:32
Yeah. Well, the original ones, the old ones, had an incandescent bulb inside that would cook anything.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:40
Including your skin.

B Beth Oljar 24:41
You're really missing the point about gender socialization here, Matt.

D Dave Chow 24:45
Oh, gosh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:45



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:15

Actually, my sister had one, and we pretty much ate all the little mixes raw. You knew that was coming. Now this is kind of a big deal. There was a 100th anniversary of Halloween a few years ago. Did you know the first city-wide Halloween celebration in the United States was held in what city and state in 1921?



James Tubbs 25:09

Salem.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:09

it was not. It was a Midwestern city and state.



Stephen Manning 25:12

St Louis



James Tubbs 25:13

Omaha



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:15

Neither of those. To this day, the city emblem, if you want to call it that, says "First in the country to Halloween".



Beth Oljar 25:23

Is it in Michigan? It is not.



Stephen Manning 25:25

Kansas City



Dave Chow 25:25

Ohio.




Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:26

It's not a well known city. Oh. As we look at the map, as we look at the map, like we always

D Danielle Maxwell 25:32
in Illinois, it's just sort


 25:34
of interesting, because if you go look this city up, they'll tell you that they feel like they were social Northwestern

B Beth Oljar 25:40
Cleveland. That's true. No, was it Cleveland? Cincinnati? Nope,

 25:45
it was Akron, the great state of so every time I see the name of the city, having read my Halloween history, I think of Akron. It's Anoka, which is in Minnesota, right? They are the first city to celebrate cities. Was

J James Tubbs 26:01
it little Viking goblin?

B Beth Oljar 26:04
Was it Akron?

 26:05
I don't know. I don't know if there were Viking goblins, but they literally adopted it as the brand and persona of their city up to 100 years ago. What's the name of that place? Again? Anoka.

J James Tubbs 26:15
I wonder. Have you ever lived there?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:17
No, but it sounds like a little it sounds

no, but it sounds like a little it sounds

J James Tubbs 26:19
like a place you live.

B Beth Oljar 26:20
And I really hate it when people say Oregon, so I will be careful. Akron, the

S Stephen Manning 26:27
name of that place sounds. It sounds similar to the place where they make the moccasins. I think


D Dave Chow 26:34
that's minutes. Yes, Oregon. See Medicine Hat is so much easier to pronounce. Yeah, it's

B Beth Oljar 26:39
gun like, G U


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:41
N or a gun? Yeah? Well,

S Stephen Manning 26:44
Willamette, damn it. Oh


B Beth Oljar 26:46
yeah. I love Rachel Maddow, mispronounced that. It's a Willamette. And I'm like, oh my god, Hey,

 26:50
come on. Is there any worse than Quincy? Or, you know, Quincy? How about Lasher? I fire back with Lasher last question. Otherwise, these were great, Frank, thanks for sending him in. What is the name of the villain from the movie Nightmare Before Christmas?

D Danielle Maxwell 27:07
I can see him in my face, but like, I just can't we had

 27:09
a kid come to the front door dressed as this Oogie, boogie, boogie, boogie, walking bag,

D Danielle Maxwell 27:16
no caffeine. Sounds like the name of

 27:18
the dance? It is. It's like the bat dance, or Shang

B Beth Oljar 27:23
but cooler, or what the gopher does in Caddyshack.

S Stephen Manning 27:26
You know, you mentioned that song. The I just read that monster mash is back on the Billboard.
100 it is. It

J James Tubbs 27:37
reappears every so often. Yeah,

D Dave Chow 27:39
Kelly's comet kind of thing. Who did that? Bobby Pickett,

S Stephen Manning 27:43
Bobby Yes. Bobby Pickett, now

D Danielle Maxwell 27:45

we have Mariah Carey going up. Oh



27:47

yeah, they're defawing. Mariah Carey, begin the thawing of Mariah she posted her first holiday Tiktok today. Shocking, not shocking, jeez. Well, if you got your market and you can keep getting the royalties, why would you ever stop professors? I'm so very sorry. Just like spooky season, our show, I'm afraid, has come to an end, and the time has come to say goodbye. Beth,

B

Beth Oljar 28:10

Those are great questions, Frank. Thank you

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:12

Dave

D

Dave Chow 28:12

Send more, thank you. Goodbye.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:14

Dan

D

Dan Maggio 28:15

Boo hoo.

J

James Tubbs 28:16

Yes. Thanks Frank. Goodbye.

M


Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:16

Jim


S

Stephen Manning 28:18

I thought the anonymous questions were just great.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:18
Stephen And Danielle

 Danielle Maxwell 28:22
Short and sweet, adios And now these words.

 Michael Jayson 28:25
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 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:35
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