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Danielle Maxwell, Dave Chow, Dan Maggio, James Tubbs, Announcer, Jeffe Boats, Erin Bell, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Michael Jayson

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 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 Mio, let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, it's Daniel Maxwell, Good to be here. Absolutely. Again, we just survived the first week of the semester. It was really a humdinger, to be putting it lightly, and I don't know - something about surviving.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:18
It's good to be here. It was a really chill week for me, actually. It was the total opposite - cause I'm teaching the exact same classes as I did last semester.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:36
Good for you
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:37
My email inbox is 00.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:39
Oh my gosh. That's just, that's just mean.

D Danielle Maxwell 00:42
It is very mean, but it's a good way to go into the weekend. And I figured out how to make my email inbox pink and purple today. So everything is pink and purple. It is beautiful.

D Dave Chow 00:52
It's your Taylor Swift mailbox?

D Danielle Maxwell 00:53
It is, honestly, yes, I had a Taylor Swift Christmas tree, which is now gone.

D Dave Chow 00:57
By the way. They haven't seen -

D Danielle Maxwell 00:58
They have not seen,

D Dave Chow 00:59
Nobody has seen those yet,

D Danielle Maxwell 01:00
It is our secret thing. It's fine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02
Oh. Well

D Dave Chow 01:04
Yes, Danielle and I, we've been going back and forth over the break with the new Ask the Professor -

D Danielle Maxwell 01:09

Yes, we were very creative.

D Dave Chow 01:11
Yes,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:11
Okay, well,

D Dave Chow 01:12
I can't show anything because Michael's got to launch the autographed photograph and The photographed autograph.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:12
Okay, okay.

D Dave Chow 01:19
Well, let's just say, I've taken that image and had some liberties with it, right?

D Danielle Maxwell 01:22
It's been very fun, very fun.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:24
So we're expecting something really interesting in the middle of 2025 is what you're saying.

D Dave Chow 01:29
Yeah, I guess.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:30
Okay. All right.

D Dave Chow 01:31
Oh, and wait a minute. No, we'll talk later. There's a lot of easter eggs I've been throwing out there then.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:36
All right,

D Danielle Maxwell 01:37
yes,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:38
Well, another vision in purple, Professor Erin Bell is here.

E Erin Bell 01:42
That was very eloquent. I love chemists who are also poets. A+

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48
Well, it's a bold color to stand up against the starkness. We had two faculty members in our main office this morning talking about how the snow was coming. And one of them was like, "Oh, it's so bad for driving" or whatever. The other one turned their head, looked out the window, "Brown grass". And then they left the office.

J James Tubbs 02:09
Well, Erin's in almost aubergine,

E Erin Bell 02:11
Aubergine. Oh, where is our anglophile now? But yeah, I also did a little traveling, like Professor Tubbs over the break, and it was so sad. Like, as soon as I got out of Florida, right? Even in Georgia, the clouds started in the gray. And then once we got back to Michigan, it was like, like a cloudy fog of just dismal gray. And to quote, the Great White Stripes "Dead leaves and the dirty ground", you know, that person was right

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:41

No, that's it, right there. So we're nice for the pop of color

E Erin Bell 02:44
Yes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:44
On an otherwise unfortunate winter's day,

J Jeffe Boats 02:48
Pure Michigan,

E Erin Bell 02:49
Purely, yes.

D Dave Chow 02:49
we have the most grays in the entire nation.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:52
Yes, we do, as in, Professor David Chow like counting the colors.

D Dave Chow 02:57
No, no. We always joke that we've got the most grays ever. That's all,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:00
Yeah,

D Dave Chow 03:00
You know, like being downtown, like when we're in the shadow of the incinerator, we had plenty of gray, plenty of gray, lots and lots of gray. So

—

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:08
That's right. Well, I just figured anybody who would know gradations of color, it would be you

D Dave Chow 03:13
just miserable-

J James Tubbs 03:14
gradations of gray.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:15
Yes, there was talk, if you remember, a relatively a well received cop drama series called Low Winter Sun. It was about the city of Detroit, Detroit police that they couldn't handle that when they were here recording that it was just gray every single day. No, this is the way that it is.

J James Tubbs 03:34
Even though that was the plot of the show

D Danielle Maxwell 03:36
Literally the title.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:37
This is not gonna play well

J James Tubbs 03:38
How about no winter sun

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:40
Exactly. Jim Tubbs is here with us today. Yes. And you drove down to North Carolina. There must have been some sun down there.

J James Tubbs 03:44

Yes Oh yeah, oh yeah, there was plenty.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:51

That's good. That's good. Very temperate temperature down there too.

J James Tubbs 03:55

Well. It was until about the time I left. It was beginning to turn cold then. But other than that, I had taken clothes that were warmer than I needed,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:05

Right. And when you say cold in North Carolina, I'm assuming you're referring to the 60s

D Dave Chow 04:09

50

J James Tubbs 04:11

No, actually, North No. North Carolina gets a lot. I mean, they're in the 20s now, but they, I would say 30s. You know, we, we did get down close to freezing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:15

Okay Oh, wow,

J James Tubbs 04:17

but not real close

D Dave Chow 04:18

Celsius.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:19

Oh, that's hot.

J James Tubbs 04:20
It wasn't bad at all.

D Dan Maggio 04:34
Nice, nice. Dan maggio, you said you were up north for part of the holiday. So is this back to Traverse City? Yeah. It was cloudy the entire time. I think one day, for a minute, there was a spot in the sky where the sun started to kind of come through. And that was it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:48
And that was it. Professor Jeffe Boats is also here. Please tell us more about your book coming out.

J Jeffe Boats 04:54
Oh, I guess by the time this airs, it's out. So it's doing great. It's on the best sellers list. In 38 countries,

D Danielle Maxwell 05:00
New York Times number 1

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:01
How about how can we find it? I mean, we can Google you. But is there an easier way to -

J Jeffe Boats 05:05
Yeah, it's available, Amazon, Barnes and Noble and about 3 other book sites, some of which I've never even heard of because they're in foreign countries. It's just all over the place.

D Danielle Maxwell 05:13
Very cool

J Jeffe Boats 05:14
But if you order it from my website, I'll sign it and what do you call it?

D Dave Chow 05:19
Leave a pint of blood?

J Jeffe Boats 05:20
Whatever

D Dave Chow 05:22
Smear some, you know

J Jeffe Boats 05:23
I'll sign it and personalize it.

D Danielle Maxwell 05:26
What's your website?

J Jeffe Boats 05:28
Jeffe.boats. So it's a funny thing is, like when they were inventing the internet, they came up with this list of things that websites could end in.com.edu, dot whatever. And one of them is dot boats, because I guess they thought people register their boats or something.

D Dave Chow 05:40
Oh, yeah.

J Jeffe Boats 05:41
So my website is Jeffe.boats, Jeff with the goofy extra E, like, you know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:46
Extra e that's right, that's awesome, man, that's easy to remember.

J Jeffe Boats 05:50

Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:50

That's easier than Amazon. That's what I think, very, very cool. Well, folks, this is a program where you could send us questions regarding anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize. If you don't stop 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, "Dear Matt and profs, I'm glad you found my recent small batch recent of Halloween questions." Recent? "but it's back to business, and coming up with a hodgepodge and variety that you've grown accustomed to from our family. Below are 20 questions that we've pulled from our daily travels. We hope they meet with your approval, as well as providing an adequate challenge to the learned panel"

D Dave Chow 06:39

Learned?

J James Tubbs 06:40

Learned

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:40

"Warmest greeting from", oh my "Valencia. California"

J James Tubbs 06:42

Valencia, California

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:47

I hope everybody's safe.

J James Tubbs 06:48

Thank you. Frank,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:49

Who's backing band was nicknamed The Tennessee Three?

WHO'S BACKING BAND WAS NICKNAMED THE TENNESSEE THREE?

- D** Dave Chow 06:54
Tennessee Three?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:55
It was a country performer
- J** Jeffe Boats 06:57
Bob Dylan?
- D** Danielle Maxwell 06:59
Dolly Parton,
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:00
Mm-mm. Good guess
- E** Erin Bell 07:01
Willie Nelson
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:02
No it wasn't Willie Nelson. Wasn't Willie Nelson
- D** Dan Maggio 07:04
Johnny Cash.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:05
It was Johnny Cash
- E** Erin Bell 07:07

I should know that. I love Johnny Cash.

D Dan Maggio 07:10
Are you Johnny Cash fan?

E Erin Bell 07:10
Oh, yeah, "I'm going to Memphis"

D Dave Chow 07:12
Man In Black.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:14
That's right, which British territory has a capital named Port Stanley.

D Dan Maggio 07:21
It's one of the Isles

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:22
First Gen actress Candace Bergen and songwriter Paul Williams auditioned, but were rejected from this very exclusive group in the first iteration of it.

D Dave Chow 07:22
The Falklan Islands

D Dan Maggio 07:22
Yeah

E Erin Bell 07:28
oh, like an SNL or a CTV kind of thing.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:32
Little further back recently, you would have seen people like Justin Timberlake and Brittany Spears

E Erin Bell 07:46
Oh Disney,

D Dan Maggio 07:47
Mickey Mouse Club.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:49
Mickey Mouse Club.

D Dave Chow 07:51
Wow

J James Tubbs 07:52
Her father, you know, was a ventriloquist, so she was in showbiz early,

D Dave Chow 07:57
So the dummy beat her out?

J James Tubbs 07:58
Oh, no. Well, maybe so, maybe so

D Dave Chow 08:01
Charlie didn't make it-

J James Tubbs 08:01
but it wasn't in Mickey Mouse Club, either.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:05
In its first iteration, this cereal featured the tagline, "I want to eat your cereal"

D Dave Chow 08:11
no, no Count Chocula.

E Erin Bell 08:11
Franken? Yeah. I'm like "Franken Chocula".

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:17
What is Sylvester Stallone's middle name? I mean, that's, that's a question right there. Wow. It's very Italian sounding. That's your hint.

D Dan Maggio 08:24
Rocco

E Erin Bell 08:28
Vincent,

J James Tubbs 08:29
Leonardo

D Dave Chow 08:30
Vincenzo

D Danielle Maxwell 08:31
Lorenzo

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:32
no, these are all good guesses. If Professor Hill were here and was a few more weeks into the

no, these are all good guesses. If Professor Hill were here and was a few more weeks into the year, we might ask her how her blank is doing outside of her house,

D Dave Chow 08:43
Flowers?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:44
I mean, yeah, her garden. It's Gardenenzio, is his middle name

J James Tubbs 08:49
Gardenenzio! How floral?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:51
Yes.

D Dave Chow 08:52
Gardenenzio?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:53
For a very short period of time, this very, very famous channel was referred to as c3 that was its first, first

D Dave Chow 09:02
MTV, or something?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:03
Still exists to this day. And as much as something can C3? Very Generation X, lots of Canadian programming.

D Dan Maggio 09:12
CBC?

E Erin Bell 09:13
oh,

D Dave Chow 09:13
Watch music?

D Danielle Maxwell 09:16
Conadian cable?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:18
Still on TV.

D Dave Chow 09:19
CBC, CCTV?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:22
I could bring the Zoomer right up to the table by saying, SpongeBob and you'll say -

D Danielle Maxwell 09:26
Oh, Nickelodeon,

E Erin Bell 09:28
oh, I never would have known that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:30
What was the last year that Ellis Island processed immigrants who arrived at the United States?

J James Tubbs 09:34
1954

D Danielle Maxwell 09:36
Oh, wow.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:38
Mind blowing. Jim, 1954 on the dot. Yes, that is correct. Mind blowing.

D Dave Chow 09:43
71 years ago

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:45
A certain fairly well known Michigan City has Peterborough, Ontario, Dakar, Senegal and Remedios Cuba for its sister cities. What Michigan City?

J James Tubbs 09:57
Flint?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:58
not Flint

D Dave Chow 09:59
Saginaw.

J Jeffe Boats 10:01
Is Peterborough where they filmed Slapshot ?

D Danielle Maxwell 10:04
Pontiac

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:05

Not Pontiac

D Dan Maggio 10:05
It has a hockey history to it?

J James Tubbs 10:07
Yeah.

D Dave Chow 10:07
Peterborough Petes

J James Tubbs 10:09
Kalamazoo,

E Erin Bell 10:10
Hamtramck


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:11
the largest city near to where you live is


D Danielle Maxwell 10:15
Sterling Heights. Warren, Macomb

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:18
Where you live.


D Danielle Maxwell 10:19
Oh, where I live right now, Saline, Ypsilanti, what's north of me? Northland,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27
It's Ann Arbor


 Danielle Maxwell 10:28
Oh, that's where I live.


 Dan Maggio 10:31
but you said to near where she lives?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:32
Well, yeah, but you in live in Ypsilanti dont you?


 Danielle Maxwell 10:35
no, I live in Ann Arbor.

 Dave Chow 10:36
Oh, no. No wonder. Red Herring, red herring,

 Danielle Maxwell 10:39
I live across the street from Ypsilanti, but I'm technically in Ann Arbor.

 James Tubbs 10:43
Oh, you're across the street from Ypsilanti. Okay. You live in the Greater Metropolitan Ypsilanti area,

 Danielle Maxwell 10:53
Exactly.

 Dave Chow 10:53
Oh, wait, is that like Pleasant Ridge ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:57
Which Original Series, Star Trek actor was part of an all girl band in the classic comedy. Some LKike It Hot. It's a good piece of trivia.

D Dan Maggio 11:08
Janice, was it?

D Dave Chow 11:11
Oh, um, the Whitney-

D Dan Maggio 11:13
the captain

J Jeffe Boats 11:15
Yeoman Rand,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15
Yep,

D Dave Chow 11:16
Grace, Lee, Whitney.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:17
Grace, Lee Whitney was her name.

D Dan Maggio 11:19
What was her name Janice?

D Dave Chow 11:20
Janice Rand,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:21
Yeoman Janice Rand, you all had the different pieces.

D Dan Maggio 11:24
Okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:25
Put it all together.

E Erin Bell 11:25
I'm not a T.O.S person,

D Dave Chow 11:27
the one with the -

J Jeffe Boats 11:29
big yellow hair,

D Dan Maggio 11:29
she had the wee wig.

D Dave Chow 11:31
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:31
Yep,

D Dave Chow 11:32
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:34
Oh my. Can you even get one word from the five term name that is the top selling beer of Australia, even one of the five words that the

D Dan Maggio 11:44
Foster Lager

J James Tubbs 11:44
Is not Fosters.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
I'm giving it to you because he said lager, it is Great Northern Super Crisp Lager, like we've ever heard of that

J James Tubbs 11:51
Fosters you cannot even find there anymore

D Danielle Maxwell 11:53
What northern part of Australia are they talking about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:56
That is wild.

D Dan Maggio 11:57
Because - ?

J James Tubbs 11:57
Nobody there drinks it, so they don't make it.

E Erin Bell 12:00

I can see why

J James Tubbs 12:02

I even took my Foster's cap with me when I went to Australia, and it was like an antique.

D Dave Chow 12:07

Did somebody give you an offer?

J James Tubbs 12:09

No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11

Okay. Oh, this is really good. I feel like we have this every X number of years, just enough for us to remember. There are three cities in the United States of America that have NFL, NHL and MLB franchises, but no NBA team. Whenever Jason's here, we always get the first one.

D Dan Maggio 12:31

Pittsburgh.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:31

Pittsburgh is the first. So only have football, hockey and baseball, but no basketball.

J Jeffe Boats 12:39

Miami,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:40

No

J Jeffe Boats 12:41

Florida Panthers play there.

D Dan Maggio 12:42
And they've got the Heat.

D Danielle Maxwell 12:43
It's not Dallas.

J Jeffe Boats 12:44
Oh, that's right,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:45
It's not Dallas. Nope, nope, nope.

D Dave Chow 12:47
One of the New Jersey teams, no,

D Dan Maggio 12:49
Columbus,


D Danielle Maxwell 12:50
Cincinnati,


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:51
The next one I'm trying to help you with had an NBA team that folded-


D Dave Chow 12:57
Cleveland


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:57
.....


in 80s, 90s.


 **Jeffe Boats** 12:58
New Orleans.


 **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 13:00
No,


 **Danielle Maxwell** 13:01
Atlanta,


 **Dan Maggio** 13:04
Hockey, baseball


 **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 13:04
No.

 **Dave Chow** 13:06
New Orleans.

 **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 13:07
No, got it covered

 **Erin Bell** 13:10
so many things -

 **Dave Chow** 13:10
Midwest?

 **Matt Mio, Ph.D.** 13:11



That was a good guess. No, if only Beth or Heather were here,



Jeffe Boats 13:16

Portland,



Danielle Maxwell 13:17

Seattle,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:18

Seattle.



Erin Bell 13:19

Oh Okay,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:20

Now, what was the name of the Seattle basketball franchise that played at the Kingdome



Dave Chow 13:24

Supersonics



Jeffe Boats 13:24

Supersonic



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:25

Supersonics,



Dave Chow 13:26

Or the stupid sonics



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:27

M Matt MIO, Ph.D. 13:27
And yes, the last one is very much, almost as far away in the United States of America as you can get from Seattle.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:35
Florida?

D Dave Chow 13:36
Tallahassee

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:37
Deep South Florida, which is

J James Tubbs 13:39
Miami,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:40
Tampa. Yes, Tampa Bay does not have a basketball team. It's kind of an interesting twist.

D Dave Chow 13:40
Tampa Bay,

D Danielle Maxwell 13:47
Who wants to have a baseball team with no stadium?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:52
Where are the Rays playing this season is a very good question. That's wild

D Danielle Maxwell 13:54
Did you see Detroit Mercy has an alumni event at the Detroit Tigers spring training in Florida. I think we should go.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:57
I'm gonna have to cancel class for that 100%

D Dan Maggio 14:05
No thanks. I'll dial it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:09
What role has been portrayed by the following actors: Peter Sellers, Morgan Freeman, Bill Pullman, Harrison Ford,

D Dan Maggio 14:16
President

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:17
The president of the United States

D Danielle Maxwell 14:18
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:18
Yep.

D Dave Chow 14:19
Peter Sellers?

J Jeffe Boats 14:20
"Gentlemen, you can't argue in here. This is a war room".

D Dave Chow 14:24

That's right. Um, it's Doctor Strange Love.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:26
That was Doctor Strange Love. Morgan Freeman was Deep Impact. Bill Pullman, Independence Day,

D Dan Maggio 14:30
Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30
And Harrison Ford,

D Dan Maggio 14:31
Air Force One.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32
Air Force One.

J Jeffe Boats 14:34
"Get off my plane!"

D Dave Chow 14:37
What? Han Solo said that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:39
What famous building has the address 2,001 15 Street

D Danielle Maxwell 14:44
Not the White House,



D Dave Chow 14:45
In?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:45
Detroit, Michigan.

E Erin Bell 14:46
Oh. 2001?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:48
15th street.

D Dan Maggio 14:49
What Famous - Wait, what was the question?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:52
What very famous building is at 2,001 15 Street,

D Dave Chow 14:57
The train station.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:58
It's Michigan Central.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:59
I was gonna say that, but I was like "Michigan Av -

D Dave Chow 15:01
No, I kept on working my way from Woodward Avenue across, okay (begins mumbling)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:04

That was a highlight of my 2024. We were very, very lucky to get some of the spots and do the tour on the first day. To me, it was really moving to see a lot of people moved by having never been in there before (me), versus having been in there many, many moons ago. So it's kind of fun.

D Dave Chow 15:23

So you never been in there prior to -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:25

No.

D Dave Chow 15:25

Okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:25

And I never even broke into it, which was pretty big for my generation. Dave is rolling his eyes.

D Dave Chow 15:31

I'm not saying anything. All those pictures - they were never developed. (The professors laugh)

E Erin Bell 15:36

Cool, edgy 90s photos. Were they in black and white?

D Dave Chow 15:40

Yes, we had a professor take students up to the roof,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:45

Sure you did, sure you did.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:48



Sounds legal.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:50

In another time,



Dave Chow 15:51

Only if you got caught.



Jeff Boats 15:53

Extralegal is the term. Paralegal



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:56

In the 1940 Disney feature Pinocchio, the con men, honest, John and Gideon convince Pinocchio to skip school to do something very specific. What was it?



Dave Chow 16:08

Not the strip club again?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:10

Oh, no,



Erin Bell 16:11

They- I have a - they smoke cigars, they go to that club and play pool,



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:16

They do all that stuff, but they're trying to get him to become something, and I don't mean turn into a donkey,



Erin Bell 16:23

Yeah,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:24
because that's the moral of the story. They're trying to get him to do something just right out. You don't remember this, huh?

D Dave Chow 16:31
No

J Jeffe Boats 16:32
Never seen it.

E Erin Bell 16:32
I watched that movie for like, two months straight when I was pregnant with one of my kids, because I'd be like, "Okay, mommy needs a nap."

J James Tubbs 16:33
I think I watched it once when I was five.

D Dave Chow 16:42
Yeah

E Erin Bell 16:42
I've seen it a lot.

D Dave Chow 16:44
It wasn't gambling or anything like that. Was it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:46
No, no, it was - There's no other way to do this, so I'll have to just be out with it. It was something that they viewed as being a vice. It's a moral tale, right? It was a book before it was a movie from the 20s and 30s.

D Dave Chow 16:59
So what's vice in the - ?

E Erin Bell 17:00
Lying ?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:00
They were trying to turn Pinocchio into an artist

D Dave Chow 17:03
Oh, please! (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:04
I'm so sorry Oh, that's horrid!

J James Tubbs 17:07
Boy, that would have taken us all day long.

D Dave Chow 17:11
Yeah that's a horrible vice, I'll admit it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:15
Jiminy Cricket at his side, "Don't do it".

D Dave Chow 17:18
Where was my Jiminy Cricket when I needed him ?

D Danielle Maxwell 17:20
Don't be a artist

E Erin Bell 17:20
Put the pencil away, Dave

J James Tubbs 17:23
Let your conscience be your guide.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:25
Oh, my gosh!

D Dave Chow 17:26
I'm gonna lie like a rug

E Erin Bell 17:27
Those degenerate artsy people.

D Dave Chow 17:30
Yeah, I know

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:32
The world's largest McDonald's is over 19,000 square feet. Where is it located?

D Dan Maggio 17:39
Japan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:39
It is not in Japan,

D Dan Maggio 17:40
China.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:41
It's in the United States. Its nickname is "The Epic McDee".

D Danielle Maxwell 17:47
Oh, Orlando. I've been there. Yeah, it's like two floors, and there's video games on the second floor. It's awesome. It is epic.

D Dave Chow 17:53
Why do you need that much square footage?

D Danielle Maxwell 17:55
For video games, There's free video games on the second floor

J Jeffe Boats 17:57
For the customers.

E Erin Bell 17:59
I'd go for that. I would go for that.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:03
It's - Yeah, it's on International Drive.

E Erin Bell 18:05
I'd be like, "You guys, go do your thing. I'll be up here playing some Galaga and some Miss Pac Man,"

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:10
And possibly catch the Pinocchio rerun. There you go.

D Dave Chow 18:12

D Dave Chow 18:13
As an artist

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:15
In ancient times, some northerly living Russian and Finnish communities would put live frogs into their fresh milk. Why would they do this?

J James Tubbs 18:27
Keep it from freezing

D Dan Maggio 18:27
Because if the frogs died, it was because the milk is spoiled.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:31
It's not freezing, and it's not spoiled or poisoning.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:35
Pasteurization?

D Dave Chow 18:36
Is it something chemically?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:37
I'm giving it to Danielle. Basically they secreted on their skin something that would stop the milk from spoiling.

E Erin Bell 18:43
Wow!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:43
So if the milk had been around for a while, took the frogs out, and then they would take a drink.

E Erin Bell 18:47
But that's, like, fascinating. How did they figure that out? You know? I mean, that's amazing to me.

D Dave Chow 18:52
Is that any different than the first person that tried an oyster? I mean, it's like, "You try this".
"Okay"

E Erin Bell 18:57
What about the first person that tried cow's milk. Like, whose great idea was that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:01
Like, "Hey, Dave, this part's really crunchy".

J James Tubbs 19:06
(Laughs)


D Dave Chow 19:06
Ugh!


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:06
It's actually kind of interesting. I got into only, like, a five nanosecond battle with my students on the second day of class, because we were, not too surprisingly, talking about drugs. And I'm like, "Most drugs are made out of - ?, and the students couldn't complete the sentence, you know, I just wanted "plants"


D Danielle Maxwell 19:22
Okay. I would say carbon (Danielle and Matt laugh)


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:25
And and I go, "Also, don't think that you just have to pop a pill, because almost 100,000 years


ago, people were tearing the bark off of things and chewing on it".


 James Tubbs 19:33
Yeah


 Dave Chow 19:36
or smoking a banana peel


 Erin Bell 19:37
Or a fungi.

 Dave Chow 19:38
Yeah.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:39
They were not so happy to hear me tell the classic piece of chemistry, which is "Most red and pink dye in ice cream, is the ground up bodies of bugs".

 Danielle Maxwell 19:48
I do remember that.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:49
Yeah, so-

 Danielle Maxwell 19:50
That has haunted me for years

 Erin Bell 19:51
And cosmetics as well.



J James Tubbs 19:53
I'm gonna go get some peppermint ice cream,

D Dave Chow 19:57
Ambergris all day long, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:59
Oh, my gosh.

E Erin Bell 20:00
Oh - That's a good reference. There should be some questions about that.

D Dave Chow 20:03
Ambergris?

E Erin Bell 20:03
Yeah, for sure.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:04
Ooh, we need a whole question set. Whale.

E Erin Bell 20:06
Fatology

D Dave Chow 20:07
Oh, god

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:08
Professors. Uh, in what city is the Dr Pepper Museum? I don't even know how we'd figure this one out, actually,

D Dan Maggio 20:15
Is Dr.Pepperwith Coke? Is it Atlanta?

D Dave Chow 20:17
Frisco, Texas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:18
It's in Texas, but it's not Cisco. It's a another.

D Dave Chow 20:24
It's Frisco, Texas.

D Dan Maggio 20:25
Waco?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:25
Frisco. Is that? What it says?

D Dave Chow 20:27
Yeah, Hall of Fame Lane, Frisco, Texas.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29
It doesn't say Frisco. But if Frisco is near to this extremely negatively viewed Texas City, then we're good to go.

J Jeffe Boats 20:36
Oh, you're gonna have to narrow it down.

E Erin Bell 20:38
Because of David Koresh?

J Jeffe Boats 20:38
How much time do we have? Dallas?

D Dave Chow 20:41
Waco

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:42
Waco.

D Dan Maggio 20:42
Yeah I said Waco

D Danielle Maxwell 20:44
That's where the magnolia thing is.

E Erin Bell 20:46
I swear we've have this question before. I'm having a deja vu HD TV.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:50
The Dr Pepper museum opened to the public in 1991 in Waco, Texas. Wait a second. 91? isn't Koresh like right around that time?

D Dave Chow 20:58
He was working the second shift. No.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:00
Oh no, what was the cult that he ran? Oh my gosh,

D Dave Chow 21:04

D Dave Chow 21:04
Uh, the Branch Davidians.

J James Tubbs 21:05
Branch Davidians, the whole compound committed mass suicide.

D Danielle Maxwell 21:10
Oh, geez. Okay,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:11
Yeah, in light of the fact that we hadn't gotten to Columbine yet, there was still hope in America before that year. Let me just leave it at that. All right, let's wrap these bad boys up. These have been great Frank, you know, yeah, we hope that you and your family are safe and keep sending us questions. It only makes sense. Chosen by British tunnel workers, the first object that passed through the tunnel from the United Kingdom to France was what? It was not a human being,

E Erin Bell 21:39
A frog.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:41
Frog is a great guess, and you're getting actually closer

D Dan Maggio 21:44
A dog.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:45
It wasn't a dog. It wasn't a live thing,

J James Tubbs 21:47
A British -

D Dan Maggio 21:48



One of the Queen's corrgi's



Jeffe Boats 21:49

A giant wheel of cheese,



Dave Chow 21:53

Maggie Thatcher



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:54

Not a living thing or something from a living thing,



Dave Chow 21:59

Ambergris.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:01

Will you stop with ambergris.



Dan Maggio 22:02

Was it a statue?



James Tubbs 22:03

A statue is getting a little closer. What if I told you it was a doll. Of her majesty, the queen?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:10

(Laughs)



Dan Maggio 22:12

It was ?



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:14

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:14
A little wind-up of the queen?

J Jeffe Boats 22:15
With little robotic arms?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:18
No, it makes a lot of sense that this would be one of the first things that went through the tunnel

D Dave Chow 22:23
King Charles ears

D Danielle Maxwell 22:24
Putting a doll on a tunnel makes sense to you?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:25
Well, it's because it's a doll, from the perspective that it's a play thing. It's not really a doll of a human. It's a doll of something else,

D Dan Maggio 22:34
A doll of a dog. I keep going back to the Queen's dog,

E Erin Bell 22:37
A bird, a mole.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:40
No,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:41
How about I go down a more literature based route

J Jeffe Boats 22:45
Eric Idle and Michael Palin on a pantomime horse.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:48
That's a great answer.

D Dave Chow 22:49
Monty Python,

E Erin Bell 22:50
Paddington Bear.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:51
It was Paddington Bear

D Dave Chow 22:52
it was ?

E Erin Bell 22:56
Thought it was gonna be something mean spirited, like a frog,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:58
"Please take care of this bear". Yeah, that was cute, right? I mean, that's kind of nice.

D Dave Chow 23:02
Aww

E Erin Bell 23:02
That's actually nice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:03
Oh, man, good sentiment. Good sentiment. Okay,

D Dave Chow 23:06
That was sappy.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:06
We have a couple minutes left, and it's time to go to our new version of the Burroughs family imponderables.

D Dave Chow 23:13
Oh, yes.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:14
Oh,

D Dave Chow 23:15
We need, like, some reverberation when you ask that Matt,

M Michael Jayson 23:18
All right, professors, how does this sound?

A Announcer 23:21
It's the Ask the Professor - imponderables.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:25
I believe that there's a pretty obvious answer to this one. This is just me. Which Professor in the room, (we have to discuss), which professor in the room could sink a 30-foot putt?



D Danielle Maxwell 23:38
Okay.

D Dave Chow 23:39
Danielle, Danielle,

J James Tubbs 23:40
Yeah Danielle

D Danielle Maxwell 23:41
The last shot of my high school career was a chip from 50 yards away, and it made it into the hole. And that was my last shot.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:48
50 yards?

D Danielle Maxwell 23:49
50 yards away

D Dave Chow 23:51
That's a Bates field goal.

J Jeffe Boats 23:52
So what you're saying is she's rusty at putting

D Danielle Maxwell 23:55
A little rusty. I just chip it in,

J James Tubbs 23:58
It will be you or Stephen and Stephen's not here, so it's you,

D Dave Chow 24:02
Yeah, because there's no 50 foot putts in Putt-Putt Golf,

D Danielle Maxwell 24:05
We can do an episode at Topgolf, just saying,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:08
Oh, wow, that would be a lot of fun.

D Dave Chow 24:10
Matt didnt- did Cranbrook have the art golf out there?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:13
They had art golf two years ago? But did they have it last year?

D Dave Chow 24:16
I don't know.

E Erin Bell 24:17
Who mentioned that?

D Dave Chow 24:18
I know because I thought about having it on CCS's campus, but have a scramble. But have things like out the elevator.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:26
Right

D Dave Chow 24:26
Onto the roof. onto the freeway.

- , -----, -----,
- E** Erin Bell 24:29
Maybe not that one.
 - M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:30
Dave's referring to a nice little art installation that's meant to be played as mini golf and is essentially open to the public. Go and play whenever you want.
 - D** Dave Chow 24:38
Each hole is uniquely different.
 - M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:40
Yeah, exactly. It's pretty cool. How about this one? I don't even know what direction this is gonna go in
 - D** Dave Chow 24:46
We'll vote Danielle
 - M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:47
What professor is most likely to testify in front of Congress,
 - D** Danielle Maxwell 24:52
Not Danielle
 - M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:55
I don't know.
 - D** Danielle Maxwell 24:58
Well, depends. Did someone blow up a chemistry lab and you have to testify in front of congress?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:03
Okay, that's true. I'm gonna be honest. Over break, I should have watched other things that were a little more frivolous and fun. I did finish Squid Game, you know, season two,

D Danielle Maxwell 25:13
Yes,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:13
but I watched the Chernobyl series. I kind of got addicted. Wow, in terms of testifying in front of the Central Committee that was pretty rough.

D Dave Chow 25:25
I don't know, Erin you?

E Erin Bell 25:27
On what - like some weird pop culture reference problem? The culture is making our kids crazy.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:34
They could bring Dave in for like, analysis of A-i or, something

E Erin Bell 25:37
yeah,

D Dave Chow 25:40
I've been interviewed three times about A-i

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:43
Okay, Mr. Rogers,

D Dan Maggio 25:45

Like anyone of academicians who are testifying in front of Congress about this,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:52
absolutely,

D Dave Chow 25:53
Come on, if Elmo could do it, so could we. I mean, come on,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:56
Yeah, I teach E thics, so I know I'm never going to end up there

D Dan Maggio 26:01
If they don't like just book, they might pull him in front of - (Laughs)

J James Tubbs 26:04
Yes, where did you get this information?

J Jeffe Boats 26:07
The plot ends up being accidentally similar to something that really happened, and I had no idea.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:10
Oh, no,

D Dave Chow 26:11
The book burning, right?

J Jeffe Boats 26:12
They'll show up at my door. Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:13
This is too close to reality. But, you know, there are rumors that the D, O, G, E, or whatever we're going to call it, is talking about -

D Danielle Maxwell 26:13
DOGE

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:13
hacking the budget for PBS day one.

J James Tubbs 26:15
Yep.

D Dave Chow 26:15
And NPR,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:15
We need Mr. Rogers to come back. He saved PBS back in the 80s and the 90s.

D Dave Chow 26:31
Yeah. But what's gonna save NPR? Car Talk?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:34
Yeah, I don't know. You mean Michigan Public

D Dave Chow 26:36
That too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:37
Yeah, I don't know. Unfortunately, all of our minds, even though Dan is a very positive thinker, immediately went to "Well, if we're testifying in front of Congress, something went really

wrong. Who's cheating on baseball?" like, you know,

- D** Danielle Maxwell 26:51
Someone was making something in the Organic Chemistry lab
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:54
On the date of April 12, were you or were you not - Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 26:57
Mm-hm.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:58
I just -
- J** Jeffe Boats 26:59
I'll check my lesson planner.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:00
All the testifying before Congress that I've seen lately mostly involves the lawmakers yelling at each other
- J** James Tubbs 27:07
Yep - and making a speech so that the person has no idea what they're being asked by the time they have to answer.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 27:14
Right
- D** Dave Chow 27:14
"What was the question again?"

E Erin Bell 27:15
It's kind of like an academic conference,

D Danielle Maxwell 27:17
Or asking such an ill informed question that you don't know where to begin at all.

E Erin Bell 27:21
Was there a question even

D Danielle Maxwell 27:22
Yeah, "is that a statement?"

E Erin Bell 27:23
"I just wanted to spend 20 minutes telling you what I think."


D Danielle Maxwell 27:27
"This isn't a question. It's more of a comment".


E Erin Bell 27:29
Exactly. Thank you.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:31
.Academics are very used to that, but I don't think the general public is. I'll try to spin it on a positive note for us to finish up, because I'm afraid the time has come to say goodbye. Jeffe


J Jeffe Boats 27:41
Bye


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:41
Dan


 Dan Maggio 27:42
Bye,


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:42
Jim,


 James Tubbs 27:43
bye,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:43
Dave,


 Dave Chow 27:44
see ya.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:44
Erin

 Erin Bell 27:44
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:45
And Danielle

 Danielle Maxwell 27:46
Adios

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:46
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And now these words,



Announcer 27:47

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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:57

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