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

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, and let me introduce to you our panel for today. To my right, from the Department of English, it's Professor Heather Hill.

H Heather Hill 00:19

That was quite the wind up there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:35

I'm really trying to get rid of whatever this thing that I've had all week is.

H Heather Hill 00:39

Oh, okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:39

Which - I'm sure I'm beyond the like, infectious phase; but it hasn't been pleasant.

H Heather Hill 00:39

You need a Neti Pot

B Beth Oljar 00:39

one of those Navage things? the snot suckers?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:39

Yeah. I do.

H Heather Hill 00:39

Yeah, I'm sorry to hear that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:39

It's just a cold. It never left my general head area.

D Dave Chow 00:39

Do I need to bring you some ancient Chinese soup that will, like, purge you?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:39

(Laughing) Ancient Chinese soup.

- H** Heather Hill 00:41
You know what? Why don't you put the ancient Chinese soup in the Neti Pot and pour it down your nose
- D** Dave Chow 00:52
The chili oil will clear you out.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:53
I bet it will. I bet it will
- B** Beth Oljar 00:57
I'm sure you all remember the ad for whatever it was, Woolight, "Ancient Chinese secret."
- D** Danielle Maxwell 00:59
I don't think you can handle chili oil.
- D** Dan Maggio 01:02
No, that was - Was it dry cleaning or was it Woolight?
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02
I don't think I can
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:04
Was that drycleaning? Dan's saying it's drycleaning.

H Heather Hill 01:08
What was that?

D Dave Chow 01:10
It wasn't Calgon. That was - uh -

H Heather Hill 01:10
Take me away

B Beth Oljar 01:10
maybe some laundry detergent.

D Dave Chow 01:10
It was a laundry detergent.

D Dan Maggio 01:16
It was laundry something.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:17
Okay.

S Stephen Manning 01:17
Wasn't Calgon a softener?

H Heather Hill 01:17
No, it was a bubblebath.

D Dave Chow 01:17
Yeah, "Calgon, a softner."

H Heather Hill 01:18
Well, there's a topic for a set of questions.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:21
I guess.

D Dan Maggio 01:22
It is Calgon.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:28
Professor Maxwell is lost in the advertising. But it would be great if we had a set of questions about like, advertising tropes

H Heather Hill 01:35
Perhaps, particularly racist and sexist ones.

H Heather Hill 01:39
And misogynistic ones.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:39
Sure, absolutely

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:40
Somebody will put those together for us

H Heather Hill 01:41
Anti professor ones.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42
Anti professor,

D Danielle Maxwell 01:44
Ooh!

H Heather Hill 01:45
Are you a - not an anti dentite,

B Beth Oljar 01:53
anti intellectual

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:55
Professor Stephen Manning is here. He's ready for combat. (The professors laugh) His hoodie with, uh -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:02
Yeah. Well, you know, you got to blend in with the snow.

S Stephen Manning 02:02
Geez

S Stephen Manning 02:02
He's just warm and cuddly.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:03
That's all that matters.

S Stephen Manning 02:03
There's no meaning other than that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:08
Right, right

S Stephen Manning 02:10
Before the end of the year, I'll wear my Russian Red Army fur hat in. And it's so -

H Heather Hill 02:17
If you can find it

S Stephen Manning 02:18
No, I know exactly where it is.

H Heather Hill 02:20
Okay. That's what you say.

S Stephen Manning 02:22
It's so warm. I don't know what it is, muskrat or something, but you, I put it on in the coldest day to shovel snow. And when I come in, I'm just dripping.

D Dave Chow 02:31
Wait a minute. Why am I picturing you shoveling nude, just wearing this hat and staying warm?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:35
That's not what I meant .

H Heather Hill 02:36
Um -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:36
Just bottles the heat in.

H Heather Hill 02:37
Yeah, right.

B Beth Oljar 02:38
Thank you for putting that image in my head.

D Dave Chow 02:40
Sorry. If you want, I can draw it.

S Stephen Manning 02:43
I'll bring this hat in before the winter is done.

B Beth Oljar 02:46
Is this the one that ties under your chin that I had to get off you one night when you came to my house for dinner, I had to untie it.

S Stephen Manning 02:47
I have no recollection of that -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:51
(Laughing) Oh, my!

S Stephen Manning 02:55
I have no recollection of - ever having that conversation, Beth.

B Beth Oljar 02:59
Very Abe Maisel of you there.

S Stephen Manning 03:01
It does. I think it has. If you untie it, I think it ties up here

D Dave Chow 03:06
Is it like a Stormy Kromer?

S Stephen Manning 03:07
and the ear flaps come down, and you get really, really hot.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:12
You know where to get one of those, you told me about me that earlier this week.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:12
I got to get a Stormy Kromer I'm sure Enzo is not listening but that's what he is getting for his graduation at this point.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:19
Oh, definitely

H Heather Hill 03:19
Lucky Enzo.

D Dave Chow 03:20
Wait, So he's gonna graduate like May and June, and he's gonna get one of those?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:24
If he's going to Michigan Tech, he is.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:25
Exactly. So those are the dulcet tones of Professor Danielle Maxwell,

D Danielle Maxwell 03:25
Land of the polar bears.

S Stephen Manning 03:25
(Laughs)

D Danielle Maxwell 03:32
Hey.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:33
You said you had 84 unread emails in your inbox, and they all need your attention.

D Danielle Maxwell 03:38
They're read. They're just sitting there, and they need my attention. I usually have five to 10 at most, and five to 10 gives me anxiety. So I am in a death spiral right now.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:47
Yes. Professor Dan Maggio is here with us, and you know, they were just bragging on sports radio this morning. It's like, "Hey, the curling early heat - "

 Dan Maggio 03:55
It's already started. Yeah

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 03:56
Today, yeah. Let's do this.

 Dan Maggio 03:57
It's well underway.

 Danielle Maxwell 03:59
I learned that the rock thing.

 Dan Maggio 03:59
Yeah. Ailsa Craig

 Danielle Maxwell 04:00
I learned that the rock things - that all come from one island -

 Dave Chow 04:04
Scotland.

 Danielle Maxwell 04:04
Why is that? Why do we just pick this - ?

D Dan Maggio 04:07
So I saw a piece on that today, and I learned something new, that the granite there only exists there, and something about its structure, or micro structure, allows it to take impact

D Dave Chow 04:22
It doesn't chip.

D Dan Maggio 04:23
And when it's cold and it doesn't chip.

D Dan Maggio 04:23
Which I did not know.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:23
Oh, interesting

D Danielle Maxwell 04:28
Sounds like there could be some chemistry there.

D Dan Maggio 04:29
Most of the curling stones in the world. They said, come from there,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:32
Right. I mean, the legit ones.

S Stephen Manning 04:35
What

S Stephen Manning 04:35
What country is this?

D Dave Chow 04:36
Scotland.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:36
It's an island off of Scotland

H Heather Hill 04:37
I wonder if it's the same place where all the wonderful Scotch comes from.

S Stephen Manning 04:42
Yeah, Islay,

B Beth Oljar 04:44
I know you're looking forward to the ice dancing and ice skating.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:48

Well, I'm not so much. However, we have these two, you know, TVs in our lobby. And so we were just strategizing a little bit - Danielle and Alexis and Megan and I - about when we can have the TVs on, especially for - with all due respect to the ice dancing - the hockey finals when they're live. I don't want to, like, wait all day and not look at the internet for six hours. You know what I mean? Like, I want to see it when it happens. So if it's going to be the evening when those finals happen, then -

B

Beth Oljar 05:13

Well, everybody was watching in 1980, "Do you believe in miracles?!"

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:14

Absolutely

H

Heather Hill 05:14

Did I see that there is some scandal, or something about the Olympics?

D

Dave Chow 05:24

The ski jumping?

D

Dan Maggio 05:25

A scandal in the Olympics?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:25

Can you believe it?

D Danielle Maxwell 05:27
There's, like, our country trying to send ICE agents.

H Heather Hill 05:31
No. There was a P word used for -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:35
Oh, for Pete's sake!

H Heather Hill 05:36
Did you see that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:37
I think I heard something about this.

H Heather Hill 05:39
I don't know what it's about. I just saw the headline and it offended me. It offended my sensibility, so I just had to move on.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:46
Dan gets the box checked with "A scandal at the Olympics?" (Laughs)

D Dan Maggio 05:54
By the way, if you listen to Canadian curling -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:57
Oh, of course

D Dan Maggio 05:58
they have, the mics are on and they just say everything.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:00
It's unedited.

D Dan Maggio 06:01
but everything comes out of their mouths.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:03
Unedited. I love it.

S Stephen Manning 06:06
The commentators or the curlers?

D Dave Chow 06:08
The players. Oh yeah.

B Beth Oljar 06:11
I loved it when Snoop was representing from the US in the Summer Olympics.

D Dave Chow 06:11
The players.

D Danielle Maxwell 06:13
Snoop is there for Winter Olympics. He was riding the Zamboni

D Dan Maggio 06:13
He is the best part of the Olympics

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:13
Absolutely.

D Dan Maggio 06:13
Did you see in the summer when he did the equestrians?

D Dave Chow 06:24
Oh, with Martha Stewart?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:26
That was so good.

B Beth Oljar 06:27
Oh, I didn't see that. He was with Martha Stewart?

D Dave Chow 06:30
He was deathly afraid of horses.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:32
He's scared of horses.

B Beth Oljar 06:35
I mean, I know people are, in part because they're big, as you pointed out.

S Stephen Manning 06:40
I am. Yes, I'm scared of them.

H Heather Hill 06:41
I'm not.

S Stephen Manning 06:42
Yeah, I am. There was a, I just heard an interview on something that made a reference to the year that Bob Costas had pink eye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:50
Oh yeah

D Dave Chow 06:50
Oh yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:51
That was weird. He's like, melting on national tv.

S Stephen Manning 06:54
Well, it was an interview with Terry Gross on NPR. She was interviewing the woman who had been abused by Matt Lauer. This is the woman that they brought in to replace Costas when he had the Red Eye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:07
Unbelievable. Professor Dave Chow, a quick gear shift so we can finish the first phase of this episode. Where is the water main that broke out our street?

D Dave Chow 07:18
West of us.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:18
So closer to Mortenson?

D Dave Chow 07:20
No, no, no, not that far down.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:22
Oh, even closer to us.

D Dave Chow 07:23
Literally, like you're probably five houses away.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:26
Oh, geez. Okay

D Dave Chow 07:27
So they got four five trucks out there, they put the sign out.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:31
Can't wait, can't wait to see if there's any consequences.

D Dave Chow 07:34
Mind you, we can melt snow to flush the toilets if we have to

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:36
If we have to

H Heather Hill 07:37
What's Hyaluronic acid? Hyaluronic,

B Beth Oljar 07:41
hyaluronic.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:44
It's like a cosmetic.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:48
Yeah, tell all your CHASS students, because we're non majors.

H Heather Hill 07:48
What does it do for your skin

B Beth Oljar 07:48
That's cool.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:48
I will be teaching Cosmetic Chemistry this fall, so come back to me in like -

D Dave Chow 07:48
Is that the water displacement - ?

D Danielle Maxwell 07:48
It's a science class for non majors, Cosmetic Chemistry.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:48
I use it on my skin.

B Beth Oljar 07:48
Okay.

B Beth Oljar 07:58
Why would you -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:00
You don't want it to be ashy

S Stephen Manning 08:02
rub it in and glow?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:04
You don't want it to be ashen.

B Beth Oljar 08:04
It tightens your skin.

H Heather Hill 08:05
Why would you inject it into certain body parts?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08
Um. Okay, so we're definitely gonna have to continue this conversation off the air. I 've gotta introduce Beth, although now I'm thinking we will have a future episode where we just do introductions for 29 minutes, and then we do one question, and then it's "That's all the time we have for today".

D Danielle Maxwell 08:26
Sounds good to me.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:26
I look forward to it, frankly.

B Beth Oljar 08:26
Perfectly acceptable

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:26
Professor Beth Oljar is here. We cannot forget her. We simply cannot. You're working on a key.

B Beth Oljar 08:26
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:29
For logic

B Beth Oljar 08:29
I am

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:29
Okay, very cool. So they're just learning all the nomenclature and symbology

B Beth Oljar 08:32
They're learning how to symbolize. Yeah.

B

Beth Oljar 08:39

No, they're not due until Wednesday.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:41

So this is something you have to grade this weekend sadly?

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:44

Excellent. All right, we've got a lot of things going on at the table, so I'm moving on to: This is a program where you can send us questions about anything. If you stump the panel, you win a prize, a brand new edition of the ATP coffee mug and an autographed photograph. If you don't stump the panel, we'll send you the autographed photograph. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. You can 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.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:10

Okay, got it. So your gonna be ready for them when the time comes

B

Beth Oljar 09:18

I hope so

H

Heather Hill 09:21

I think the girls are giggling a little bit more than the boys are at the table.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:21

I think we know why.

B Beth Oljar 09:24
Like little flying foxes.

S Stephen Manning 09:27
Matt, you're gonna have to ban smartphones.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:31
I think so. "Dear professors, Thank you for the kind holiday wishes a while back. We hope the professors had an enjoyable season and are tan, rested and ready for the semester"

D Dave Chow 09:43
No, that's Jim Tubbs, right now

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:45
None of those things.

S Stephen Manning 09:47
They know we broadcast from Detroit, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:49
"I'm sure your students are anxious to get back into the classrooms, and loyal ATP fans are anxious to see if we can stump you. Below are 25 questions, mainly from the daughter this time, we think are worthy of submission to your show for the new year. We hope they prove challenging, thought provoking and fun for all. Please enjoy. Warmest greetings, as always, from Valencia, California - "

B Beth Oljar 10:09
Frank!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:09
"Frank and the family Burroughs" yes.

D Dave Chow 10:10
Man, they're a machine!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:12
Name eight of the 11 countries on earth that have four letters to make their name

D Dan Maggio 10:19
Iraq

D Dave Chow 10:20
Cuba

S Stephen Manning 10:21
Oman

B Beth Oljar 10:22
Peru

D Danielle Maxwell 10:22
Wait, is it four letters, like four distinct letters, or they're made up of four letters?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:25
Four letters. So I have Cuba, Iran, Iraq

B Beth Oljar 10:26
Puru

S Stephen Manning 10:26
Oman

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:26
Puru, they only want 8 of the 11

S Stephen Manning 10:26
Well give us a minute

B Beth Oljar 10:26
Well how many have we gotten

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:26
You've gotten Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Oman and Peru, which is five.

D Dave Chow 10:36
As I'm looking at the US map.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:39
Yeah, we're all looking up there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:44
I mean, I can walk you through all of them if we start running out of gas.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:48
No, no. We've got it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:48
That's pretty good, off the top of your head, I'm pretty impressed to start with.

S Stephen Manning 10:51
I'm still lobbying for a world map up there.

B Beth Oljar 10:53
Togo

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:53
Togo's on the list, so you're up to six. You need two more.

D Dave Chow 10:54
Siam?

B Beth Oljar 10:54
It was. Now it's something else. Now it's Thailand

B Beth Oljar 10:54
Togo?

D Dan Maggio 10:54
No, Siam is not a country.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:59
That's right. Let's see the best I can do is -

H Heather Hill 11:12
Fiji?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:12
Fiji is one. I was about to give you a clue for Fiji. That's it.

B Beth Oljar 11:13
Bali.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:13
Bali is not a country.

B Beth Oljar 11:17
But those are my cats.

D Danielle Maxwell 11:19
That counts then.

B Beth Oljar 11:20
They're both dead now, but -

D Dave Chow 11:21
Ohh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:22
One of the largest footprint countries by surface area on the continent of Africa. Four letters

S Stephen Manning 11:30
Four letters.

D Danielle Maxwell 11:31
Not Zimbabwe (Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:31
If I give anything else away, it just throws it right out the window. We just need one more.

S Stephen Manning 11:31
First letter?

D Dave Chow 11:32
Zimba -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:32
I'll give it to you - C

D Dave Chow 11:45
Chad.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:46
Chad

D Dave Chow 11:47
Dangling Chad

H Heather Hill 11:48
We have a neighbor whose name is Chad, and he wears a t shirt with the country Chad on it.
(The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:55
Now, I'm not familiar with one of these, and I'm kind of a map head, so I'm not too happy about it. N, i, u, e - Niue. I've never heard of that

D Danielle Maxwell 12:03
Never heard of that country.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:04
The other two, you did not mention: um, the nationality of the wacky neighbor from King of the Hill.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:12
Laos. Yeah, there you go.

D Dave Chow 12:12
Laos

D Dave Chow 12:13
As soon as you said neighbor

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:14
And an Irish name (not four letters) for a girl, also a homophone for a African country

D Dave Chow 12:25
Erin? Irish girl?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:26
I'm girl trying to think about who we know -

B Beth Oljar 12:27
Lass. An Irish girl is a lass

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:29
No, a name - an Irish name for a girl

S Stephen Manning 12:37
like Erin.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:39
Who do we know has this name?

D Danielle Maxwell 12:41
We dont know anyone

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:42
Sorry, Mali is what I was going for. M-a-l-i. Yeah, that's the best I can do.

H Heather Hill 12:50
Keep going there

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:52
Niue - I don't even think I could have helped you with that.

S Stephen Manning 12:53
Never heard of it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:54
What was Betty White's longest-running television role?

B Beth Oljar 12:58
Golden Girls.

H Heather Hill 12:59
Mary Tyler Moore.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:01
It was Golden Girls, actually, 180 episodes. Somehow doesn't seem that much, but that was her longest run

D Danielle Maxwell 13:07
I've never seen it.

B Beth Oljar 13:07
That was a great show.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:10
What airport was the first to have a baggage carousel?

H Heather Hill 13:14
O'Hare.

D Dave Chow 13:16
It wasn't American.

B Beth Oljar 13:21
Somewhere in Europe

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
It says it's Orly in Paris

B Beth Oljar 13:25
Okay,

D Dan Maggio 13:25
I've been there many times. No, I haven't. I'm sorry.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:25
I don't know why - Dan, why did you go there?

D Dan Maggio 13:31
I was just thinking of big international airports

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:31
How did you center in on Paris?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:34
Yeah, sure.

B Beth Oljar 13:35
Seems like something that would happen in Europe, yeah.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:37
Do they have a date? Like, when did that happen?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:40
No, it does not

H Heather Hill 13:41
So how did people used to get their luggage?

D Danielle Maxwell 13:41
Interesting.

D Dave Chow 13:44
I think they just dropped them off.

D Danielle Maxwell 13:46
In Alaska, you just grab it off the plane,

D Dave Chow 13:49
Yeah. I think they just put it on the tarmac and you go find it

D Danielle Maxwell 13:52
Pretty much

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:54
Which state's highest point is Panorama Point at 5429 feet above sea level?

D Danielle Maxwell 14:01
Colorado

S Stephen Manning 14:02
Utah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:02
No You are not gonna believe me when I tell you

 Dan Maggio 14:07
Is it in the South, in the Appalachians?

 Danielle Maxwell 14:09
Tennessee or Kentucky?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:10
Squarely in the heartland, squarely

 Stephen Manning 14:13
Missouri

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:13
It's the most square. There's a little bit of a shine on this map.

 Beth Oljar 14:13
Ohio

 Danielle Maxwell 14:14
Kansas

 Dave Chow 14:16
Wyoming

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:18
To me, a lot of people say this is the dead center of the country,

B Beth Oljar 14:23
Nebraska

D Danielle Maxwell 14:24
Nebraska

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:25
It's Nebraska.

S Stephen Manning 14:26
Nebraska

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:27
Yeah, Nebraska. That's weird.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:28
That is not a square. I don't know why you think that's a square.

S Stephen Manning 14:31
What's the height?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:32
5,429 feet.

B Beth Oljar 14:34
Yeah, that's not very high.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:35
It's not very high.

D Dave Chow 14:35
That's a Michigan ice nipple.

B Beth Oljar 14:35
It's like less than half the height of Mount Rainier.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:39
It's like, what, 5000 miles, like a mile?

S Stephen Manning 14:41
less than half

B Beth Oljar 14:42
less than half, yeah

S Stephen Manning 14:44
Rainier's 14 something

B Beth Oljar 14:45
14,000 feet.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:47
What was actor John Ritter's very odd sounding middle name? I'm guessing it's one of those from the family kind of names.

H Heather Hill 14:54
(Sings): "Come and knock on my door"

D Dave Chow 14:56
Well, it's not like, Tripper or anything like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:59
No.

H Heather Hill 15:00
Ignatius

D Dave Chow 15:01
Furley, Roper, anything with the show?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:04
It's very British sounding.

H Heather Hill 15:06
Augustus.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:07
It involves one of the compass points

H Heather Hill 15:12
one of the compass points?

D Danielle Maxwell 15:13
North.

D Dan Maggio 15:14
South

D Dan Maggio 15:14
West.

H Heather Hill 15:16
Wesley?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:17
So it was Southworth - was John Ritter's middle name.

H Heather Hill 15:22
Wow

D Dave Chow 15:23
It sounds like a ranch on DALLAS or something like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:27
What famous writer, comedian, he has a very popular podcast now, is third cousin to other comedian Dennis Leary? Dennis Leary sounds like a very Irish name. This name also is extremely Irish.

D Dave Chow 15:42
Joel McHale?

B Beth Oljar 15:43
Jim Gaffigan?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:44
No. That's a good guess, though.

H Heather Hill 15:46
Can you repeat that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:48
What famous writer, comedian, he also has a podcast now, is third cousin to other comedian Dennis Leary.

H Heather Hill 15:54
Third cousin to other comedian Dennis Leary. Conan O'Brien?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:59
Conan O'Brien, yes. I was like, I don't know how to get you to Conan. besides Conan the Barbarian

D Dan Maggio 16:05
I was wondering what he was doing after his show ended.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:08
He's got a very entertaining podcast, except you get deeper into it. This is just me. The more you watch stuff, or because he takes video of it too and listen to it, they just get more in. Does that make sense? It's just old buddies, and they're making jokes about things that, "Oh, remember when you and I were up at that resort?" And I'm like,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:29
"This isn't that entertaining anymore.

D Dave Chow 16:29
No

D Dave Chow 16:29
We don't know it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:30
I love Conan. He's the funniest guy I've ever seen.

H Heather Hill 16:33
For some reason, whenever I think of him, I remember him as a cartoon figure on The Simpsons where they had him dancing at the desk.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:39
Yeah, because he wrote for the Simpsons

B Beth Oljar 16:40
I think he's not as funny as Seth Meyers though.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:43
I know why you're saying that. He's lost a little bit of his shine. What was the last model year that Chevy produced the Bel Air

D Danielle Maxwell 16:43
Did it start with a 19?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:49
It did.

D Dave Chow 16:59
72? 73?

H Heather Hill 17:02
82

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:03
I'm giving it to you. It was 81 actually

D Dave Chow 17:06
Really?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:07
Yep. Which Detroit Red Wing scored, what ended up becoming the last goal at Joe Lewis arena?
What a great question.

D Dave Chow 17:16
Riley Sheahan.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:16
It was Riley Sheahan.

D Dave Chow 17:16
It was his first AND second goal of the year.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:19
That's right. That's exactly correct.

D Dave Chow 17:21
Poor guy,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:22
I love how you know that.

D Dave Chow 17:23
Well, no, because the poor guy hadn't scored all season long.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:26
That's right, that's right, yeah

D Dave Chow 17:29
Then he gets two goals in the last game.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:29
Yep

S Stephen Manning 17:30
His first and first and last.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:32
Yes

D Dave Chow 17:32
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:33
What do the following words have in common? Community, Reading, Company, Visiting, Avenue

D Danielle Maxwell 17:47
Rainbow?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:50
Reading, Company, Visiting ,Avenue.

D Dave Chow 17:56
Oh, MONOPOLY.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:57
I was gonna look at Dan and say, "What if I had said Redding instead of Reading?" Those are words on the Monopoly board. Yes, exactly.

D Dan Maggio 18:05
I was completely on the wrong area trying to figure it out.

B Beth Oljar 18:09
Required for all American children so they can appreciate capitalism

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:13
Bingo. Over the last 10 years, data shows the number of people donating their bodies to science has more than doubled. What do the economists say is the reason?

D Danielle Maxwell 18:26
The cost of burial.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:28
That is exactly correct

D Dave Chow 18:31
Yikes.

B Beth Oljar 18:32
So maybe we should be composting.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:35
I mean, we probably should be.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:36
They do have compost pods for humans.

B Beth Oljar 18:36
Exactly. Because it, you know, it would save space, I guess

H Heather Hill 18:36
Good for the garden.

D Dave Chow 18:36
Like I said, I'm coating myself in bacon fat and walking off in to Yellowstone

S Stephen Manning 18:37
Grow bigger tomatoes.

B Beth Oljar 18:43
I know. I had a student in my class when I was giving him a handout. He's like, "Think of all the trees". And I'm like, You know, I come from a state where trees are considered more important than people.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:01
That's true

B Beth Oljar 19:01
and I'm still going to give you the handouts.

S Stephen Manning 19:05
Just grind me up and put me in the compost bin.

B Beth Oljar 19:08
If I tell you to download them from Blackboard and bring them to class, you won't do it

H Heather Hill 19:11
Exactly. Yeah, there is a whole new trend about just giving them the physical copy

D Dan Maggio 19:17
Is there a cost-free way to get buried?

D Dave Chow 19:23
Yeah, donate your body to science.

S Stephen Manning 19:25
Or if you're indigent. If you die indigent, with no funds.

D Dan Maggio 19:29
Besides that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:29
Yeah, that's a good question.

D Dave Chow 19:29
Or, like I said, Dan, coat yourself in bacon fat, walk off into Yellowstone.

D Dan Maggio 19:29
(Laughs)

D Dave Chow 19:29
I plan on - Today, I'm Dave Chow. Tomorrow, I plan on being grizzly Chow - literally.

B Beth Oljar 19:36
Ouch!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:38
Don't think too hard, professors. These animals are 30 times more likely to be hit by lightning than a human.

D Dave Chow 19:45
Huh?

D Dan Maggio 19:46
Giraffe.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:47
It's a Giraffe.

H Heather Hill 19:48
(Laughs)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:50
Giraffe is a funny and correct answer.

H Heather Hill 19:52
Aww, baby giraffes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:54
Poor giraffe.

B Beth Oljar 19:54
Well, and they surely they came to have the long necks because they needed to reach the higher leaves, right?

D Danielle Maxwell 19:55
Yes

B Beth Oljar 19:56
Of course.

B Beth Oljar 19:57
Because we're not Darwinian. We don't actually live in a Darwinian universe.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:05
Oh, my gosh.

D Dave Chow 20:06
So wait, so Matt, statistically, in this room, you're more likely to get hit by lightning because you're taller than the rest of us?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:16
I'm not a giraffe, though

D Danielle Maxwell 20:16
(laughs)

D Dave Chow 20:16
but statistically?

B Beth Oljar 20:17
How do we know that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:17
Statistically. Scooby Doo style.

S Stephen Manning 20:17
So once the lightning, gets all the giraffes, where do we go from there?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:23
Okay, We really are Freakonomicsing our way through this, aren't we.

D Dave Chow 20:26
Manute Bol would have been in trouble.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29
Harry Ryba, R-Y-B-A, is the self appointed king of this iconic Michigan food. What is it?

D Dave Chow 20:35
Pickles

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:36
Not pickles

D Danielle Maxwell 20:37
The coney dog

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:37
No

B Beth Oljar 20:38
Puppy Chow. I learned that was a -

D Dan Maggio 20:40
The pasty?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:43
Not a pasty. That's a very good guess.

D Danielle Maxwell 20:45
Faygo pop, Better Made chips,

H Heather Hill 20:46
Paczki?

D Dave Chow 20:49
Saunders fudge,

D Danielle Maxwell 20:51
Morley candy

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:52
I'd give it away in two seconds by saying "He claims it was his idea first to make it in the window of his shop"

D Danielle Maxwell 21:01
Oh, Fudge

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:02
Fudge.

H Heather Hill 21:04
So he claims

S Stephen Manning 21:05
I was thinking Jiffy muffins. They're made in -

D Dave Chow 21:08
Chelsea.

S Stephen Manning 21:08
Chelsea, yeah,

D Dave Chow 21:09
and they've never advertised.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:11
If you didn't have a chance to listen to yet-

S Stephen Manning 21:12
Yeah, the little boxes -

D Danielle Maxwell 21:12
I love Jiffy

S Stephen Manning 21:14
Jiffy muffins, Chelsea, Michigan

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:17
If you all, including listeners, didn't have a chance to watch Josh and Jace after the holidays, take a tour of Michigan, these two British guys.

D Danielle Maxwell 21:24
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 21:25
Yeah

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:25
It was pretty entertaining.

D Dave Chow 21:28
I invited them to try Almond Boneless Chicken.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:31
Almond Boneless Chicken.

D Danielle Maxwell 21:32
I had that for dinner yesterday - minus the almonds.

D Dave Chow 21:35
Where'd you go?

D Danielle Maxwell 21:37
Young's

D Dave Chow 21:37
You didn't go down the block?

D Danielle Maxwell 21:39
No.

D Dave Chow 21:39
Oh, okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:40
Which famous movie director, born in the great city of Detroit, had a father that was a flautist for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra?

S Stephen Manning 21:48
Michael Moore

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:49
No. That's a good though.

D Dave Chow 21:50
Francis Ford Coppola.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:51
Francis Ford Coppola, yes, that's right.

B Beth Oljar 21:55
Michael Moore is from Flint

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:57
Right

S Stephen Manning 21:57
Coppola was born in Detroit?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:58
Born in Detroit. Yeah.

S Stephen Manning 21:59
Did not know that

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:03
Which of the four major professional sports teams in North America has the most stars in its logo. So this is through the roof. You have to take all four leagues and look at all their logos. Which logo for what team in what city and what sport has the most stars in the logo? I feel like I could do this.

 Danielle Maxwell 22:26
Not the Dallas Cowboys.

 Dave Chow 22:28
I was thinking Pittsburgh, but that's not a star

 Dave Chow 22:31
The Steelers do have stars, but there's only three. This has more.

 Dan Maggio 22:31
New Orleans.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:31
It's not New Orleans.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:31
It's hard. Yeah, that's only one star

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:36
That's a Fleur de la

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:38
We're going to the east side of the country

H Heather Hill 22:41
The Patriots

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:43
Not the Pats.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:44
No, they have a different logo

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:46
and their 12 year old quarterback, not the Patriots. You know, it's basketball, it's on the East Coast.

D Dave Chow 22:54
Oh, Philadelphia 76ers

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:55
76ers have a trail of stars on their thing. That's hard. That was a hard question, but I do like it. I love it. Nancy Zerg was famous on the TV game show, but after she won, she lost the very next time she played. What was her amazing accomplishment?

D Danielle Maxwell 23:11
Is it Jeopardy?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:13
It is Jeopardy.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:14
Most wins

B Beth Oljar 23:15
That's what I was thinking.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:18
She was famous on Jeopardy, but she lost the next time she played after she got famous. What did she do? It is Ken Jennings related.

D Dave Chow 23:28
Did she take him down?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:30
She took Ken Jennings down after his 74-game winning streak.

D Danielle Maxwell 23:34
Oh

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:34
and then she lost the very next time she played. Feel kind of bad for

D Dave Chow 23:38
Well, you know, it's nice to be known as a giant killer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:41
Mm-hm. What famous US senator was once a single-day Jeopardy champion? Oh, I love this. I don't know if I've ever heard this. 65, before he left for Vietnam.

H Heather Hill 23:53
Party

S Stephen Manning 23:53
in 1965

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:55
1965 before he left for Vietnam. That should narrow it down when it comes to US senators

J James Tubbs 24:00
John Kerry,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:01
not John Kerry,

B Beth Oljar 24:02
John McCain.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:03
John McCain, played Jeopardy. That's awesome.

D Dave Chow 24:07
I wonder how much he won

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:09
Good question,

B Beth Oljar 24:10
not enough to repair his arms, obviously.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:13
How long is Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, California?

B Beth Oljar 24:17
several blocks

D Danielle Maxwell 24:18
A short,

D Dave Chow 24:19
three miles, isn't it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:20
It says two here. I mean, I feel like you didn't say, like 100, so like that fits into the category.

H Heather Hill 24:20
It's in the wheelhouse.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:23
It's in the wheelhouse. Which four countries share a land border with Italy?

H Heather Hill 24:33
France

D Dave Chow 24:35
Switzerland,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:36
France, Switzerland,

D Dan Maggio 24:38
Croatia? No?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:38
I'm sorry if someone else said it. I've got France and Switzerland. There's two others. One starts with an A. The other starts with an S.

B Beth Oljar 24:44
Spain.

 Danielle Maxwell 24:45
Austria

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:46
Austria, if I didn't hear it, I apologize.

 Dan Maggio 24:51
Slovakia, Slovenia,

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:53
Slovenia

 Dave Chow 24:54
For a moment there I thought you said Australia. I'm like, wait a minute.

 Beth Oljar 24:58
Different continent.

 Heather Hill 25:00
Everything is shifted.

 Danielle Maxwell 25:02
We really need an updated map in this room.

- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:04
They really know how to hit us hard here. Who played more Major League Baseball games: Alan Trammell, or Lou Whitaker?
- D** Dave Chow 25:11
Lou Whitaker, I believe. He played one more season than Tram.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:14
He did 2,390 to Sweet Lou to 2,293 for Tram,
- D** Dave Chow 25:21
and I still think he deserves to be in the Hall of Fame along with Lolich.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:25
Uh, yeah. Mickey Lolich passed away. That's really sad. I'd just like to point out, especially for our newer prof, that in the 1968 World Series, he pitched three complete games.
- D** Danielle Maxwell 25:37
What?!
- S** Stephen Manning 25:38
Yep.
- M** Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:38
Three complete games.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:40
Wow!

D Dave Chow 25:41
On two days rest

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:42
The real deal back in the day.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:44
Now I see why he made the national news.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:46
So when Skubal - this is about as spicy as I'm gonna get. When Skubal clearly does not come back out of the dugout every seventh inning for the rest of the season, it's - Eh, no comment.

D Danielle Maxwell 25:59
I saw one Skubal complete game. Just saying,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:01
Yeah, you did, and you were there.

D Dave Chow 26:03
Complete games, almost like an anomaly now.

S Stephen Manning 26:05
They are. Yep.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:07
Up until 1961, it was a crime to commit suicide in Great Britain. But what was the punishment for the crime on the books? Oh, my!

D Dan Maggio 26:17
Death penalty?

S Stephen Manning 26:18
Basically, it was hanging. Yeah, Why would you even write that? Why would you write that down?

D Dave Chow 26:24
Isn't that called assisted suicide at that point?

B Beth Oljar 26:27
It could only be - Right, they can only punish you if the suicide attempt fails

D Danielle Maxwell 26:32
Yes, and they punish you by killing you

D Dan Maggio 26:34
So, you're dead either way

H Heather Hill 26:35
for attempting to commit suicide.

S Stephen Manning 26:37
"We'll show you for trying to kill yourself. Now, get up on that chair and - "

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:41
I don't know what to say, because the first thing that pops into my mind is the old trope, "The beatings will continue until morale improves." (The professors laugh) Why would you do that to people?

B Beth Oljar 26:42
You're taking your own life, taking it from WHOM?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:53
Taking it from whom?

B Beth Oljar 26:55
I mean, I've never quite gotten that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:59
Yeah, that's a weird one

B Beth Oljar 27:00
it isn't anybody's life but mine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:02

That is a weird one. Yeah. So anyway, those were great questions. Frank and the family Burroughs.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:07

They always take care of us. The four letter country one definitely had me scratching my head the whole time. I will be on Wikipedia at some point this evening, and then remember Niue, and have to check it out. Got to see what's going on there. Can't help myself. I'm not revealing too much. When you watch Pluribus, The Golden Girls actually figures into the show. In one of the episodes one of the characters watching reveals that Rose is like only 51 or something on the show. I'm just like, it's so horrible.

B Beth Oljar 27:07

They were awesome.

D Danielle Maxwell 27:09

That's the most Golden Girls I've ever watched, It's through, -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:35

oh, through Pluribus.

D Danielle Maxwell 27:40

Through Pluribus.

B Beth Oljar 27:44

I would watch Bea Arthur in anything.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:46
There you go. Come on, seriously, she's the best. And

H Heather Hill 27:50
Then there's Moude

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:51
Maude

B Beth Oljar 27:52
That was one of the greatest theme songs in entire history of television.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:57
Absolutely, I'm so sorry, profs, the time has come for us to say goodbye. Elizabeth

B Beth Oljar 28:03
Goodbye.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:04
David

D Dave Chow 28:04
Who?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:05
Daniel

D Dave Chow 28:05
Yes. Mom?

D Dave Chow 28:09
Yes, Your Honor.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:09
Danielle,

D Danielle Maxwell 28:10
Adios

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:10
Stephen,

S Stephen Manning 28:11
Goodbye

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:11
And Heather,

 Heather Hill 28:12
Bye

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:12
And now these words

 Michael Jayson 28:13
You can email, Ask The Professor at ATP@UDMercy.edu, or visit the Ask the Professor Facebook page.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:24
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