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SPEAKERS

Erin Bell, Matt Mio, Ph.D., Danielle Maxwell, Dave Chow, Announcer, Beth Oljar, Dan Maggio, Rob Dalka



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 the 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 left, from the Department of Philosophy, it's Professor Beth Oljar.



Beth Oljar 00:19

Good to be here, as always.



Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:20

So we really do need to get, like, a full set of yacht rock questions. I mean, like, the look on your face when you were like "Wait, you did a set of questions -



Beth Oljar 00:29

And I wasn't here? That would be terrible.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:29
I think that that would be a lot of fun.

D Dave Chow 00:30
That shouldn't be that tough. Seriously, there's enough artists doing it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:35
We could get Michael McDonald to call in and talk to Beth.


B Beth Oljar 00:40
I did write to him once.

D Dave Chow 00:42
Oh!


B Beth Oljar 00:42
And he sent me a picture of himself and thanked me for my letter.


D Danielle Maxwell 00:46
Oh, was it signed?


B Beth Oljar 00:48
Yeah.


 Dave Chow 00:49
By his agent.


 Danielle Maxwell 00:50
Wow!


 Dave Chow 00:50
Auto pen.

 Beth Oljar 00:51
I had huge crushes on him and Kenny Loggins in the unfortunately, I got to see both of them live, so that was great. But-

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 00:57
Okay.

 Beth Oljar 00:57
Yeah, these guys who can sing, and they have beards, just-

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:02
Something about them.

 Beth Oljar 01:03
Yep.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:04

Ya Mo Be There. What more can I say? Professor Rob Dalka is joining us again as a guest panelist as I mean, it's complicated. We don't have a Physics department, but Physics is very well represented on our campus. You will not be tenured as a Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, I assure you, except for maybe by some, like, random thing that happens. I don't know if you ever heard that story. It's good to have you here, Rob. Prasad got his first business cards after he was tenured, and it said, "Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry".

R

Rob Dalka 01:36

Ah.

D

Danielle Maxwell 01:36

He was upgraded.

R

Rob Dalka 01:39

Oh, well, I don't know about that.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:42

Oh, all right, I shouldn't have brought anything up. We will make sure you were tenured.

B

Beth Oljar 01:43

I think Physics as of arguable and better Claim to being-

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:48

As a professor of physics.

B Beth Oljar 01:50
primary science.

D Danielle Maxwell 01:52
It's a fight that happens between our disciplines.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 01:54
Just a logistic that they're in our department, but we love them in our department. So, you know, it's-

R Rob Dalka 01:59
if there's any department to be a part of. I'm glad it's there.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:02
There we go. There we go. Awesome, awesome. So everything's moving right along. We sort of asked you during the last show, how is the history of the universe this semester?

R Rob Dalka 02:12
History of the universe is a lot of fun. It's my second time teaching it. We do a lot of different topics in it. Right now, we are starting on the planets. So we talked about Mercury and Venus today.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:12
Cool.

R Rob Dalka 02:13
and we're going to talk about Mars on Monday.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:25
Nice.

R Rob Dalka 02:25
Nice.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:26
Professor Dan Maggio is here. What's going on with the first organization recently?

D Dan Maggio 02:32
Still busy, crazy, busy. Middle of event season.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:36
You're going to travel for like, a national competition?

D Dan Maggio 02:40
I'll be I'll be in Houston, I think.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:41
Okay.

D Dan Maggio 02:42
At the beginning of May. But things are good. It's just things are pretty quiet.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:46

Quiet is okay, by the way, quiet focuses the mind. Professor Erin Bell is here from the Writing Center. What's going on, Erin?

E

Erin Bell 02:56

Well, segueing from cats to mice. No, we were having a good conversation in the break about mice and the different, you know, sort of creatures that walk the hallowed halls of certain buildings on campus. Do you think I'd get in trouble for putting a bird feeder outside my window? Because I like birds so much. Do you think that's against the rules.

M

Matt Mio, Ph.D. 02:59

I don't think so.

D

Danielle Maxwell 03:02

I did not see that in the handbooks.

E

Erin Bell 03:08

Okay,

B

Beth Oljar 03:13

Go ahead and do it. It's better to ask forgiveness than permission, so -

D

Danielle Maxwell 03:22

I don't know how it got there. It just appeared in the window.

E

Erin Bell 03:24

So weird.

B Beth Oljar 03:25
What could the objection possibly be?

D Dan Maggio 03:27
It will attract mice

E Erin Bell 03:28
Well, yeah - so a fun -

B Beth Oljar 03:30
and squirrels, but we already have a billion of them on campus anyway.

E Erin Bell 03:32
We have a lot of squirrels. My kid bought for me for one Christmas, one of those, like, bird feeders that has little, like -

D Dave Chow 03:40
a little camera?

D Danielle Maxwell 03:41
Yeah.

E Erin Bell 03:42
Yeah. I was like "What's that on my bird feeder? It's got a long tail, and it's - " and so it will-

D Dave Chow 03:49
It's an otter.

E Erin Bell 04:00
No it wasn't an otter. we also sometimes in royal oak sometimes have some other critters that like to- so that's where they might say you cant have that feeder outside your window but I might try it out anyway.

D Danielle Maxwell 04:00
Those animals are already here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:01
I say, go for it. Just do it.

B Beth Oljar 04:03
We'll all support you.

E Erin Bell 04:04
All right, I like that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:05
Absolutely.

D Dan Maggio 04:05
Do a hummingbird feeder. Those are pretty harmless.

E Erin Bell 04:08
They are.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:08
There you go.

E Erin Bell 04:10
I've seen hummingbirds on campus too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:11
Yeah, absolutely. Someone who knows everything about hummingbirds -

D Dave Chow 04:17
Of course.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:17
Is Professor Dave Chow.

D Dave Chow 04:18
Actually, we stopped feeding the hummingbirds.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:20
because?

D Dave Chow 04:21
Because I had to change the water out every week, I was too lazy. I was too lazy. I'll admit it!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:27
We thought that was a really high level political issue.

E Erin Bell 04:30
No hummingbird feeders in Berkley.

D Dave Chow 04:32
I was just lazy. Okay, I mean, boiling the sugar water, refilling it.

D Dan Maggio 04:37
You have to keep up with it.

D Dave Chow 04:38
Yes, yeah. So I just got tired of that. That's all.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 04:40
Completely understood. Professor Danielle Maxwell from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is here with us. You didn't really have that much of a chance to grow anything at your house last year. Is anything planned, this year?

D Danielle Maxwell 04:53
I would like for things to be planned. That's where I'm at. I am currently growing a sourdough starter and keeping it alive every single day, and I'm gonna make sourdough bread for the first time this weekend. So that's what I'm currently focusing on.

B Beth Oljar 05:14
That's very exciting.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:14
So what you're saying is you have a concept of a plan.

D Danielle Maxwell 05:14
I have a concept of a plan. I have dreams.

D Dave Chow 05:14
Hopes. Aspirations.

D Danielle Maxwell 05:14
Yes, as far as I've gotten, I would love to have a fresh cut flower garden, but means keeping things alive.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:20
Sometimes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:20
Folks, this is a program you can send us questions regarding anything. It's been a while since we've had any herb-based question sets. If you stump the panel, you'll receive a brand new edition of the ATP coffee mug and the autographed photograph of the professors. If you don't stump the panel, we'll still send you the autographed photograph. You can send us the questions in a number of ways. Email us at ATP@udmercy.edu, you can 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. "Dear Matt and professors". Oh, my. "I just heard the latest episode where my cheese questions were read".

E Erin Bell 05:43
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:43
"It was delightful - "

D Danielle Maxwell 05:51
I missed cheese day too.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 05:59
"and slightly guilt-inducing, knowing I gave the professors such a difficult topic. I couldn't sit on my laurels and let the professors off the hook".

D Dave Chow 06:06
Yes, you could.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:07
"I've have decided to find another topic with obscure names and challenge the profs once more. No, not cheese this time".

D Dave Chow 06:17
Oh Thank God.

D Danielle Maxwell 06:17
Probably wine.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:18
"but maybe even one step further back. The topic will be cattle breeds."

E Erin Bell 06:23
Oh, my goodness.

D Dave Chow 06:24
What!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:24
"It's still somewhat food related, right? Attached are 25 names, and some of them are cattle breeds. Some are not. I'll leave it up to the pros and their infinite knowledge to discern the correct answer".

E Erin Bell 06:24
Okay.

D Dave Chow 06:24
Infinite. Yeah, right.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:24
Our good friend Amber Hubley sent us these.

B Beth Oljar 06:24
Alright, Amber!

D Dan Maggio 06:24
So if they're not cattle breeds. What are they? Will it fit in a another category?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:36
Well, that's where we're gonna start

B Beth Oljar 06:43
Are we just gonna say "cattle breed, not cattle breed?"


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:46
Well, you'll see what I mean here in just a moment, because Dan's referring to the question set we had was "Is it a cheese or a well known mafioso?" I mean, that was-


E Erin Bell 06:55
I remember that one. That was good.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 06:57
This is a little bit deeper. So every question is going to be different.


D Dave Chow 07:01
Cheese. It's cheese.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:02
Yep. "Hinterwald" is the key word. Is it a cattle breed or a region of Asgard?


 Erin Bell 07:11
Asgard.


 Dave Chow 07:12
Asgard


 Dan Maggio 07:12
Yeah I'm gonna go, Asgard.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:12
It's a cattle breed. Here we go.


 Beth Oljar 07:15
And we're 0 for 1.


 Erin Bell 07:15
What is it then, the hinter something?


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:21
The hinterwald.


 Erin Bell 07:22
Isn't there a hinter?


 Dan Maggio 07:23
Wald is forest.


 Dave Chow 07:25
Sounds Norse.


 Dan Maggio 07:27
Who knows German here?

 Beth Oljar 07:28
I feel so bad. I was so confident.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:29
I believe there may be some hidden in here.

 Danielle Maxwell 07:32
No, that's mean.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:33
It's pretty mean.

 Dan Maggio 07:35
Just know, we're probably wrong, by the way.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:37
Beryozka, so B, E, R, Y, O, Z, K, A. Cattle breed or Russian dance?

D Dan Maggio 07:44
Russian dance.

D Danielle Maxwell 07:44
Russian dance. It has to be a Russian dance.

D Dave Chow 07:47
I think it's a dean. Oh.

B Beth Oljar 07:49
I think it's a cattle breed.

E Erin Bell 07:51
That's Boryczka

D Dave Chow 07:53
I was close.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 07:54
Dean Jocelyn. It is a Russian dance. That's a win. That's a total win. Oh my gosh,

E Erin Bell 07:59
I really thought that, but after my false confidence, I didn't -

D Dave Chow 08:03
What confidence?

D Dan Maggio 08:03
Last time we did this, we were wrong, like 75% of the time.


D Dave Chow 08:04
Yeah, well, that's because I kept choosing cheese.


D Dan Maggio 08:04
And we were wrong.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08
It was a 50/50 shot every time


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08
Mertolenga: cattle breed or Portuguese cheese. Oh, that was thrown in. That's just mean.


D Danielle Maxwell 08:08
That's mean.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:08
Yeah.


 Danielle Maxwell 08:08
Cattle breed


 Dan Maggio 08:08
Is she mocking us there?

 Danielle Maxwell 08:12
Cattle breed, or Portuguese cheese.

 Dan Maggio 08:15
Cattle breed.

 Dave Chow 08:19
I'm going with cheese.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:25
It says it's the cattle breed.

 Dave Chow 08:26
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:27
Sorry.

E Erin Bell 08:28
All right.

B Beth Oljar 08:28
If we get to cattle breeds I've actually heard of, that would be good.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:32
The Highland cow.

D Dave Chow 08:33
That would be too easy though, you know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:33
Vorderwald: cattle breed or a character in Harry Potter?

D Danielle Maxwell 08:35
Vorderwald?

D Dan Maggio 08:39
It's a cattle breed.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:39
Its a cattle breed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:39
It is a cattle breed.

D Danielle Maxwell 08:44
We do know that one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:45
Couple of softballs.

B Beth Oljar 08:47
Why wasn't it "He who must not be named"? That would have been. -

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

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 08:53
Uh Balasana, Is it a cattle breed or position in yoga?

D Dan Maggio 08:57
That's a cattle breed, because I've never done that position in yoga. And if it is, I'll be shocked.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:02
Like Vinyasa is the closest one.

E Erin Bell 09:03
Yeah, that's what I was thinking.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:05
It sounds like Vinyasa.

E Erin Bell 09:07
Yeah, so I think it's a cow-

D Dan Maggio 09:09
Don't tell me it's yoga.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:10
It is a yoga position.

D Dave Chow 09:13
Oh, for the love of -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:15
It says it's the child's pose, Dan, if that means anything.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:18
Oh, yeah. It's the best pose ever.

D Dave Chow 09:18
What does that mean?

D Danielle Maxwell 09:18
You sit on your knees and you put your arms like this and it stretches out your spine.

D Dave Chow 09:19
Oh.

B Beth Oljar 09:20
Oh, it's like a cat stretch.

D Dan Maggio 09:24
My teacher never calls it that.

B Beth Oljar 09:27
Yep.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:28
it's a very good stretch on your lower back.

D Dave Chow 09:30
What is the name of that?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:31
Balasana.

E Erin Bell 09:32
Balasana.

D Dan Maggio 09:33
Never heard of it.

B Beth Oljar 09:33
B-A-L-A-S-A-N-A?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:36
B-A-L-A-S-A-N-A, exactly. Sevier, perhaps. S-E-V-I-E-R, cattle breed or river in Utah?

B Beth Oljar 09:50
I'm going with cattle breed.

D Danielle Maxwell 09:52
River in Utah.

D Dave Chow 09:53
River in Utah.

E Erin Bell 09:53
Serviette. What? Sorry. (The professors laugh)

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:53
We go right down the middle. It's a river.

E Erin Bell 09:59
Okay

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 09:59
I'm sorry

D Dave Chow 10:00
Okay.

D Danielle Maxwell 10:00
Both.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:00
It is not both. Sorry.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:01
I mean, yes, it's a river. What more can I say? Pembroke, cattle breed, or famous Irish poet?

E Erin Bell 10:11
I mean, iconic Irish poets, I don't remember hearing any Pembroke.

D Dan Maggio 10:19
I'd say cattle.

D Dave Chow 10:19
Cattle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:20
It is cattle.

B Beth Oljar 10:21
Yeah, there are a lot of distinctive cattle breeds in the UK, so-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:27
Mm-hm. Speckle Park, two words, cattle breed or park in San Francisco.

E Erin Bell 10:33
Speckle Park?

D Dave Chow 10:35
Speckle Park?

E Erin Bell 10:36
I don't know.

R Rob Dalka 10:37
I was in San Francisco recently, but I don't remember it.

D Dan Maggio 10:40
I'll say cattle breed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 10:42
It is a cattle breed, Dan. Mm-hm. Draxenberger, cattle breed, or stout beer brand?

E Erin Bell 10:53
Oh, it sounds - If it's a beer, it sounds fun.

D Dave Chow 10:55
Either way, Yeah-

R Rob Dalka 10:56
Sounds like a beer.

D Dave Chow 10:58
I'll go with a beer.

D Dan Maggio 11:00
I'll go with the beer.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:00
It's the cattle breed.

B Beth Oljar 11:02
Good grief, we're just completely blowing these.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:03
Oh for the love of-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:05
Ragibagh Khan. Two words, Ragibagh Khan: cattle breed, or Mongol ruler?

D Dave Chow 11:05
Sounds like a yoga position.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:08
That was Balasana

B Beth Oljar 11:14
Mongol ruler.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:15
It is the Mongol ruler. I'm gonna just call it quits when you get it right on the first shot.

D Dave Chow 11:15
We have a chance.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:17
We've gotta get these stats up, Profs.

D Dave Chow 11:24
Pad it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:25
Work on your stance.

B Beth Oljar 11:26
We need some grade inflation here.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:27
Yurino, Y-U-R-I-N-O, cattle breed, or Japanese brand of sports car?

B Beth Oljar 11:35
Cattle breed.

D Dave Chow 11:37
I've never heard of Yurino.

B Beth Oljar 11:39
So I'm wrong because you didn't. say-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:44
Nope its a Cattle breed.

E Erin Bell 11:45
Oh, good job.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:45
We're over 50% at this point.

D Dave Chow 11:45
The curve is gonna start buckling now, so.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 11:49
Valdostana Rosa: cattle breed, or Italian wine.

D Dave Chow 11:54
Dan, help it out?

D Dan Maggio 11:56
Well, there's 'a' when you said Valdostana, I thought you're gonna say, uh, what's the Italian dish with veal with the prosciutto on it?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:06
Oh, yeah, sure, yeah.

D Dan Maggio 12:07
At least at the restaurant I go to. So I'll go with the Italian.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:11
it's the cattle breed.

D Dave Chow 12:12
Dan, they're gonna revoke your italianness.

B Beth Oljar 12:17
These are not cattle breeds I've ever heard of.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:20
I don't know what else to say. Flinders. Flinders with an 'i', cattle breed or mountain range in Australia.

D Danielle Maxwell 12:26
Mountain range.

D Dave Chow 12:26
It's Homer Simpson's neighbor, isn't it?

E Erin Bell 12:26
That's what I was gonna say.

D Dan Maggio 12:28
That's a cattle breed

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:31
It is the mountain range. Cocozelle, cattle breed or variety of zucchini? You should know this. You're a gardener.

E Erin Bell 12:43
Zucchini, Sure.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:44
It is its the zucchini.

D Dave Chow 12:46
Way to go.. Erin saves us.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:48
We're over 50% here.

B Beth Oljar 12:49
Courgettes

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 12:50
Mm-hm. Vorik, V-O-R-I-K, cattle breed or Vulcan character from Star Trek?

E Erin Bell 12:58
Oh, I'm gonna go with - Yeah. Well, there's-

D Dan Maggio 13:00
Wait, What's the name? What is it again?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:02
V-o-r-i-k,

D Dave Chow 13:04
No, no, what wasn't that the suitor on Voyager that went after B'Elanna Torres? Who's the engineer? You know what I'm talking about?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:17
Oh, my gosh. This guy knows his stuff.

E Erin Bell 13:17
Wait. B'Elanna Torres was on Voyager.

D Dave Chow 13:17
This is the Star Trek circle over here.

E Erin Bell 13:17
Yeah

D Dave Chow 13:17
Remember, there was the one that he had -

R Rob Dalka 13:18
That's like the second in command Vulcan.

E Erin Bell 13:21
Pon Farr?

D Dave Chow 13:21
Yeah

D Dave Chow 13:21
He had the Pon Farr, yeah

E Erin Bell 13:22
And he got all, like -

E Erin Bell 13:22
And she was like "Oh!"

D Dave Chow 13:22
Yeah. I think yeah, Vulcan character,

E Erin Bell 13:22
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:23
It is the Vulcan character, yeah.

D Dave Chow 13:26
Back in the Starfleet.

B Beth Oljar 13:32
It's making me think of the Seven Year Itch, that episode.

D Dave Chow 13:35
Yeah, that one, yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:36
Basically.

B Beth Oljar 13:37
The original, real Star Trek.

D Dan Maggio 13:38
Yeah, that's the original

E Erin Bell 13:40
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:41
Pinzgauer, P-I N-Z-G-A-U-E-R, cattle breed, or Austrian clothing brand?

D Danielle Maxwell 13:49
Cattle breed.

B Beth Oljar 13:51
That could be both, actually.

D Dave Chow 13:53
Italian mob boss?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 13:53
It's not both. It's cattle breed.

B Beth Oljar 13:55
Can we get some normal cattle like, you know, Guernsey? Jersey?

D Danielle Maxwell 14:01
The Highland cow.

E Erin Bell 14:02
Belted Swiss. I mean, like, types of, you know, cattle that I've actually heard of.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:08
Podhale Zackel:cattle breed, or Polish sheep breed?

D Dave Chow 14:14
What?

E Erin Bell 14:15
How does it have, like all consonants.

D Dave Chow 14:18
Q's and F's

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:18
Is there a lot of j's?

E Erin Bell 14:19
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:20
it's a, P, O, D, H, A, L, E, separate word Z, A, C, K, E, L,

D Danielle Maxwell 14:25
Sounds like a sheep.

D Dave Chow 14:29
I'm going with the cattle. It can't be Polish for -

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:30
it's the sheep.

R Rob Dalka 14:32
I wonder if one of those words means sheep.

B Beth Oljar 14:35
Yeah, probably.

R Rob Dalka 14:36
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:38
Nagori, N, A, G, O, R, I: cattle breed, or Chinese electronics brand.

E Erin Bell 14:44
I thought it was like a drink.

D Dave Chow 14:45
Don't look at me,

B Beth Oljar 14:46
Negroni.

D Danielle Maxwell 14:47
And I thought it was Nagini, or whatever, the snake from Harry Potter.

D Dan Maggio 14:53
I'd say cattle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 14:54
It's the cattle. You did, very, very-

E Erin Bell 14:56
Yes.

D Dan Maggio 14:56
Does Nagori sound Chinese to you or Korean?

D Dave Chow 15:00
I don't know.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:00
Yeah, that's true.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:01
I would think Japanese.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:02
Nagini. That's the name of the snake in Harry Potter. I thought it was the Nagini.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:07
That's a good one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:10
Emile Edwards, E, M, I, L, E, Emile Edwards, cattle breed, or the current Mayor of Baton Rouge?
We've gone sublime here.

D Dave Chow 15:21
Say this again.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:22
Emile Edwards, is it a cattle breed or the current Mayor of Baton Rouge, Louisiana?

B Beth Oljar 15:28
I'm not sure who is the current Mayor, although I'm not sure I know who.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:35
The best part is, the same thing has happened in every one of these question sets. You all get to the point where you're like, let's see who says something first.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:40
Sounds like a fancy cattle, like a really like a show cast.

D Dave Chow 15:42
Rob? We're gonna go with you.

R Rob Dalka 15:43
Cattle I'm gonna go.

D Danielle Maxwell 15:45
I'm gonna go show cattle. like really fancy cattle, the-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:47
Mayor.

E Erin Bell 15:48
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:51
We're gonna hungry like the wolf, the whole table here. Oh my gosh. Just a couple more.

D Dave Chow 15:56
Giving away a card at this point.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:58
Please.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 15:59
Red chittagong, C, H, I, T, T, A, G, O, N, G, cattle breed, or yarn dye?

B Beth Oljar 16:05
Cattle breed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:05
It is a cattle breed.

B Beth Oljar 16:08
Okay.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:08
Absolutely, absolutely, blue Albion cattle breed, or Swiss chocolate brand?

D Dave Chow 16:15
Sounds like a school on the west side of the state.

D Dan Maggio 16:18
Oh, it's a chocolate.

D Dan Maggio 16:19
It'd be a gray cattle. If it was a blue, well, Swiss blue Albion.

D Dave Chow 16:24
I'm gonna go cattle.

D Dan Maggio 16:25
Go cattle, gray cattle.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:27
You're airing on the side of correct that is cattle, yeah. Roman sea, honest, is it a cattle breed or the secret identity of a Batman villain?

D Dave Chow 16:38
Oh!

E Erin Bell 16:39
Sounds.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:40
Romansian.

B Beth Oljar 16:41
Who the Riddler really was?

D Dave Chow 16:44
Is this like the black hood, or something like that, the alias-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 16:48
I'm giving it to you. He was the black mask. Yes, the Riddler was Edward Nigma.

E Erin Bell 16:54
Oh!

D Danielle Maxwell 16:57
That's cute.

D Dave Chow 16:59
Yeah, that's the riddler Cam.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:01
I'm pretty sure its gonna be fairly easy, a Poe Dameron, cattle breed, or Star Wars character?

R Rob Dalka 17:07
Star Wars.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:08
Yeah, it's from the new trilogy.

D Dave Chow 17:11
Have you seen the new Mandalorian trailer?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:13
Absolutely, it looks great.

B Beth Oljar 17:15
Little grogu. He's so cute.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:19
Little no more. The trailer ends with him having the sleeve of the macaroons, and the Mandalorian takes away is like no more until after dinner. What is this movie gonna be? It's gonna be so great.

B Beth Oljar 17:33
That thing does eat nonstop.

D Dave Chow 17:40
Austrian yellow, cattle breed, or cheese? You knew it was gonna end this way, right?

B Beth Oljar 17:42
He eats non stop reminds me of ET in that regard.

D Dan Maggio 17:45
Probably cheese.

D Danielle Maxwell 17:46
Is this the both question?

D Dave Chow 17:47
I'm staying away from this one. I'm not touching this one.

B Beth Oljar 17:50
This could be a both.

D Danielle Maxwell 17:51
This could be the both.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 17:52
It's not the both.

E Erin Bell 17:53
I feel like Austrian yellow though. Like, are there really cheeses that are just, like, if it's Austrian and have, like, an awesome.

E Erin Bell 17:58
American yellow?

D Dave Chow 17:59
Yeah?

E Erin Bell 18:00
Like-

D Dave Chow 18:00
Austrian yellow.

E Erin Bell 18:01
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 18:03
That's not real cheese.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:05
I'm gonna need one of you to give me a final sting out of this.

B Beth Oljar 18:08
It's a cheese.

D Dave Chow 18:09
I'm recusing myself.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:11
It's the cattle breed. Last, but certainly not least.

D Dave Chow 18:15
Mercyfully So.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:16
Tudanca, t, u, d, a, n, c, a, a cattle breed or a painting by Picasso?

D Danielle Maxwell 18:24
Tudanka. you said this is the last one, is this the both one.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:28
This is not the both one.

B Beth Oljar 18:29
That's a painting.

D Dave Chow 18:30
Yeah, no, I'm gonna go cattle breed because I can't imagine.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:42
You said there was a both one

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44
I lied. I was supposed to screw you guys up.

D Dave Chow 18:44
Fibbing now, Oh, gee!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:44
Isn't that horrible.

E Erin Bell 18:44
Yeah.

D Danielle Maxwell 18:44
Yes, that was horrible.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:45
So for the record, we have one.

D Dave Chow 18:45
Cattle breed.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:45
Cattle breed and one for painting, and we-

D Dave Chow 18:48
The artist is going non painting on this one.

E Erin Bell 18:50
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 18:52
I follow the directions.

E Erin Bell 18:53
I feel like they're trying to trick us and make me think of like Guernica.

D Dave Chow 18:58
Yeah, exactly.

R Rob Dalka 18:59
I would say cattle breed.

E Erin Bell 19:00
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:00
Cattle breed, and we hit it over 50% so I just that was-

E Erin Bell 19:04
So is that a passing grade?

D Dave Chow 19:05
So we passed with a D, right?

B Beth Oljar 19:07
It seems like you know law there.

D Danielle Maxwell 19:09
This was not a 50-50, there was a third option in there. This was like 1/3.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:13
That was true.

B Beth Oljar 19:14
We were deceived into thinking there was a third option by the moderator.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:18
We were all of us, deceived, weren't we?

D Dave Chow 19:20
Oh!

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:22
All right, we got a few minutes here.

B Beth Oljar 19:24
I don't like being decived.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:25
I know, neither do I.

D Danielle Maxwell 19:26
Do we have some imponderables?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:27
We have some some interesting things here.

B Beth Oljar 19:30
Which we will then ponder.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 19:31
"Dear professors, we're in the middle of culling our latest list of questions for your fine show, but we're not quite ready yet. We've also been absolutely slacking in providing your show with more imponderables, but we've come up with the following questions for you to toss out to the assembled, esteemed panel for discussion. We hope that they provide a few moments of insight, banter and possibly deep seated revelation. Please enjoy", our good friend, the family Burroughs with Frank. 'Warmest greetings, as always, from Valencia. California' Oh, my, let's see. which Professor would be good if you had to hide a body?

D Danielle Maxwell 20:09
Definitely the organic chemist. With all the solvents, they could just dissolve the body and hide it easily.

D Dave Chow 20:14
Matt, it would be you.

E Erin Bell 20:15
True.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:15
You rthink so - huh?

D Danielle Maxwell 20:16
You watch Breaking Bad. You know how to do it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:18
I do, but that was hydrofluoric acid.

D Danielle Maxwell 20:20
You have access to that.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:22
I do have access to that.

B Beth Oljar 20:23
You want to make sure you get the right receptacle for dissolving.

D Dave Chow 20:28
I mean -

B Beth Oljar 20:29
to dissolve the body in

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:29
That is exactly what it was

D Dan Maggio 20:31
Is there actually acid that can dissolve the whole body?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:33
Hydrofluoric acid. Yep.

D Dan Maggio 20:33
Like, literally, liquefy it in a tub.

D Danielle Maxwell 20:37
It takes some calcium.

D Dan Maggio 20:38
Send it down the drain?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:39
So have you ever seen Breaking Bad?

E Erin Bell 20:41
That's what I said.

D Dan Maggio 20:42
I've seen The Usual Suspects with the cleaner - Isn't that The Usual Suspects?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:46
Similar.

D Dan Maggio 20:47
Harvey Keitel is the cleaner

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 20:48
Yep, the cleaner.

B Beth Oljar 20:49
He does that. But in Breaking Bad, actually, Walter asked Jesse to go to, essentially a Home Depot and pick up a bunch of supplies, because that's what he plans to do for this body, but Jesse got something that was plastic or something?

E Erin Bell 21:05
Yeah.

B Beth Oljar 21:05
And so, of course, the acid ate right through the plastic.

D Danielle Maxwell 21:09
in the tub, right?

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:10
It's - The way the story goes is that Walter kills somebody for the first time, and they don't know what to do with the body because they've never done it before, but they play it up for comedy. He says "Chemical disincorporation" is what he says to Jesse. He's like, "What?" "We're gonna drown the body in hydrofluoric acid. And he said it has to be plastic. Cause HF wont eat it ". "Oh, I just put the body in the tub on the second floor," which is ceramic, and in the middle of the showing of the house for sale, a chemically disincorporated body pours down through the ceiling.

B Beth Oljar 21:44
That's right,

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:45
It's one of the most gruesome things that I've ever even thought about. But it made me laugh out loud when it happened. I'm just gonna be honest.

D Danielle Maxwell 21:51
Matt is chemically disincorporating the body.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:54
I'm going to be the chemical disincorporation.

D Dan Maggio 21:56
Yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 21:57
Which Professor - And you know, it doesn't have to be a professor in this room, we could pick -

D Dave Chow 22:02
Prasad

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:04
Well, I don't know how you're able to divine these things, but the question was going to be, "Who would be the best to put up for a filibuster?" I think Prasad would be up there.

D Danielle Maxwell 22:15
Prasad would be up there.

D Dave Chow 22:16
The man's got 12 lungs. I mean, he can speak for hours.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:19
Yep. Interesting bill recently put on the floor by our senator from Michigan, Alyssa Slotkin, to get rid of the filibuster on both sides. I mean, no, we've seen that happen about 1000 times in the last 50 years, but just interesting to see -

B Beth Oljar 22:35
Yeah, we might actually have a majority wins in the Senate. What a radical idea!.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:39
What a radical idea. Right?

B Beth Oljar 22:40
Go, Alyssa.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:42
Which of the professors would be the first abducted by aliens? I don't know. That's not something you want to -

B Beth Oljar 22:56
That would be me.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56
you think that would be you?

D Dan Maggio 22:56
I don't think that's a point of pride, but

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 22:56
Beth is just ready to go, is all I'm saying.

B Beth Oljar 22:56
I'm just sure the aliens would grab me and, you know, do something and be like Cartman in the anal probe in first first episode of South Park ever.

D Dave Chow 23:06
If they do, let me know if Bigfoot is real. Please

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 23:09
Look, you're not that far off the comedy path - with last week Obama casually mentioning on a podcast that aliens are real, and then Trump going, "I'm gonna release the UFO files, and that'll make everybody happy"

B Beth Oljar 23:23
But actually, all he was saying was that, given the size of the galaxy or the universe or something, it would be strange -

R Rob Dalka 23:29
He was just making a logical argument.

E Erin Bell 23:32
Which is so alien to certain individuals right now. You got it.

D Dave Chow 23:38
Rob, any discussion of UFOs and aliens in History Of The Universe?

R Rob Dalka 23:42
We do at the end of the semester in the last couple classes, we talk about what's known as The Drake Equation, which is part of this like - the universe is so big, there's so many habitable planets, there's this likelihood of contact in this many years. And it shows that it's unlikely that we would ever contact aliens, but is it likely that they exist, essentially.

B Beth Oljar 24:06
That seems like the reasonable conclusion.

E Erin Bell 24:09
What is that other, more depressing theory? I forget the name of it, where it's like, 'Yeah, they either stopped by and they thought we were -"

D Danielle Maxwell 24:15
lame?

E Erin Bell 24:17
Or they all died out. There's an - I can't think of the theory.

B Beth Oljar 24:22
This is like in Lilo and Stitch, right? They think that our planet is pronounced "Ee-arth"

D Danielle Maxwell 24:28
That's amazing.

D Dave Chow 24:28
And then I was gonna do the grape, the grape catch.

D Danielle Maxwell 24:28
Which is ?


D Dave Chow 24:28
You throw, you throw a grape, and you catch it with your mouth, which I can do about 30 40, yards i can catch.


D Danielle Maxwell 24:30
That's the name of my car - Stitch.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:36
Your car is named after an alien, now that I think about it


D Danielle Maxwell 24:40
Yes.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:40
Which professor would look the least innocent if they were put into a police lineup? Wow. How do you answer that one? Sheesh!


 Dave Chow 24:49
No comment.


 Danielle Maxwell 24:50
What's the crime?


 Dan Maggio 24:51
I'm gonna vote for myself on that.

 Dave Chow 24:52
Self-nomination.

 Dan Maggio 24:54
Because I can't lie very easily. I would look guilty.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 24:58
It's always the quiet guy.

 Dan Maggio 24:59
It is.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:00
I was getting a little Usual Suspects vibe from that one. Which professor would be the first to break any kind of a world record? Hmm, I don't even know.

D Dave Chow 25:11
I will admit, I've tried.

B Beth Oljar 25:13
That would not be me.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:13
What did you try to do?


D Dave Chow 25:13
Well, one, I was trying to break the world's record for musical chairs, and then I was gonna go for the world's the world record for a grape toss.


R Rob Dalka 25:24
You have to explain both.


D Dave Chow 25:25
Okay, the Musical Chairs I was, I literally sent letters to Cobo Hall, Joe Louis Arena, multiple arenas in the area, and we would eliminate like 100 people at the first wipe, and then work our way down. It'd be like a four or five hour thing. And then you have one chair left in the center, and two people go for it. That's all.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:45
You were gonna be Mr. Beast before Mr. Beast even existed.


D Dave Chow 25:47
I was 17 at the time.


 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 25:55
Unbelievable!


 Dan Maggio 25:59
So what's the record, the height or the number of times?


 Dave Chow 26:01
The distance, 102 yards?

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:05
Oh, my gosh.

 Danielle Maxwell 26:06
Toss it and they run.

 Dave Chow 26:07
No, I need somebody who can throw a grape 102 yards.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:10
Oh, we have to call Jared Goff, like -

 Dave Chow 26:12
possibly.

B Beth Oljar 26:13
Or, why don't you just toss it straight up in the air, and you could do it yourself.

D Dave Chow 26:17
Because it would hurt, like the dickens of it, yeah.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:19
Oh, that would be a lot of-

D Dave Chow 26:21
That's a lot of pain.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:22
The physicist is gonna chime in.

D Danielle Maxwell 26:23
Is gravity.

D Dave Chow 26:24
But distance wise, yeah, as long as you can, as long as you get the contrast in the sky, I can relatively-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:31
Incredible. Had no idea that this was going on across the street.

D Dave Chow 26:35

Okay, for those of you been to this far away as Matt's house, okay, you guys know the CCS campus, right? You know, you got the tinker toy building?

R Rob Dalka 26:42

Yeah.

D Dave Chow 26:43

We used to have openings in one of the galleries on the first floor. And one of the things that we used to do is like, can you throw it over the building? And most people can, for the most part. So they throw it over the building. I run to the other side, and I would catch it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 26:57

And this happened.

D Dave Chow 26:58

Yeah, regularly. Is this any worse than the well Beth remembers.

B Beth Oljar 27:04

The bouillon cubes.

D Dave Chow 27:04

The bouillon cubes you'll never forgive me for that one.

B Beth Oljar 27:07

No, I just thought that was hysterical.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:10
A few seconds left, the Prank of the century.

D Dave Chow 27:15
Michigan State acres, acres, Hall, take out the shower heads, drop in a bullion cube and leave.

B Beth Oljar 27:21
Oh, gosh, so you got to shower in soup?

D Dave Chow 27:24
Yeah soup So it's soup, so-

D Danielle Maxwell 27:28
Oh no.

D Dave Chow 27:28
That was one of my practical jokes.

B Beth Oljar 27:30
But nothing that, I mean, it's funny and B it's not really gonna do any damage. It's not gonna hurt anybody, right? That's part of that was-

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:40
Ahh savery.

B Beth Oljar 27:42
Just tastes really salty. Go home and your cat will take care of it.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 27:46
Oh, my word,

D Danielle Maxwell 27:48
We will need that is a sketch a cat drinking bouillon cube.

D Dave Chow 27:52
Off of your forehead.

B Beth Oljar 27:53
Yeah, don't your cats lick you?

D Danielle Maxwell 27:56
Unfortunately.

B Beth Oljar 27:57
And you're like, you're not a dog. It hurts.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:02
It hurts because it feels like Velcro.

B Beth Oljar 28:13
You have little spikes on your tounge

D Danielle Maxwell 28:13
Yeah, it's not pleasant. It's not pleasant.

M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:13
I think that that is the perfect way for us to end this episode. The time has come to say goodbye. Beth?


B Beth Oljar 28:14
Goodbye.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:15
Rob


R Rob Dalka 28:15
Goodbye.


M Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:16
Dan


D Dan Maggio 28:17
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:18
Erin


 Erin Bell 28:18
Goodbye.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:19
Dave

 Dave Chow 28:20
see ya!

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:21
And Danielle

 Danielle Maxwell 28:21
Adios.

 Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:22
And now these words-

 Announcer 28:23
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Matt Mio, Ph.D. 28:33

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