



Spring '22 Bent Caption Contest Results

This photo from the Winter 1993 issue of *The Bent* was taken at the 87th Convention in East Lansing, MI. A member of the host chapter instructs everyone to select their Convention souvenir!

First Place: #66 – “A member of the host chapter instructs everyone to select their Convention souvenir. Then he whispers to his colleague on his right: “If you fill it, they will come.” - Paul J. Rutkowski, *MI D '69*

Second Place: #46 - "I am setting these up for one big 'mug shot.'" – Steven A. Berkowitz, *NY H '69*

Third Place (Tie): #7 - "I know it is just a temporary display, but it was out of position by 3 millimeters!" – Charles W. Leibrandt, *MO B '80*

Third Place (Tie): #33 - “And they said my three summers working as a pin setter weren’t applicable experience!” – Thomas G. Hippe, *MO A '75*

Entries:

___ 1. “Find the ball, they said! Just \$1 to play, they said!”

___ 2. “Is this how you set up beer pong? I never played in college I was too busy trying to pass my engineering classes!”

___ 3. “You'll have to drink these many mugs of beer to be inducted into Tau Beta Pi!”

___ 4. “Next time let’s spend the money for real chess pieces”.

___ 5. “Didn’t someone say Starbucks is bringing the coffee?”

___ 6. "Some casinos applied advanced statistics to gain a slight edge over unwitting shell game players."

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- ___ 7. "I know it is just a temporary display, but it was out of position by 3 millimeters!"
- ___ 8. "Maybe if I get'ed to drink enough, they won't notice my pocket protector failed again."
- ___ 9. "Sorry, the ball's not under this cup--try again, double or nothing?"
- ___ 10. "OK, I've got the mugs all set for root beer pong, and the scoring has been adjusted to incorporate circular error probable (CEP) per the direction of the convention committee."!"
- ___ 11. "The mugs are all set. Did someone remember to bring the spherical throwing device?."
- ___ 12. "This is going to be the best game of beer pong ever!"
- ___ 13. "Step right up, everyone, for the ball toss event. If it lands in a cup, it's yours!"
- ___ 14. "No, no, folks, these are not spittoons, and this is not a spitting contest!"
- ___ 15. "Sorry, folks, these beer steins are empty."
- ___ 16. "I hope the selection process doesn't take forever. Engineers love mulling over every option before making a final decision."
- ___ 17. "I looks like we still have some work to do to better promote increased diversity."
- ___ 18. "Tau Bates' version of beer pong: the ball has to land on top of the handle of a mug."
- ___ 19. "Okay, if you folks think the old three cup shell game is too easy, then step right up for a more serious challenge!"
- ___ 20. "Organizers of the 87th Convention set up to break the Guinness world record for the largest game of beer pong with 100 pints ... of Guinness."
- ___ 21. "Nobody drink out of this mug. I saw Timmy spit in it."
- ___ 22. "In the 'One Of These Mugs Is Not Like The Other' contest, Manfred correctly identifies the porcelain mug from the bone china mugs."
- ___ 23. "Ok, now that MSU is no longer a Women's college it's time to teach them how to play flip cup."
- ___ 24. "If the little ball's under this one I'll win the cuff links!"
- ___ 25. "Preparations underway to determine the TBP beer pong champion!"
- ___ 26. "Well, if we set this up right, we will win beer pong every time."
- ___ 27. "I said 3 inches apart, not 2-31/32 inches apart."
- ___ 28. "Are you kidding me?! Who pulled a superglue prank at Tau Beta Pi?"
- ___ 29. "It suddenly dawned on me that challenging some 400 pound guy named Bubba to a beer drinking contest was a big mistake."

____ 30. "And the man in the engineer's hat says that the little red ball is under this cup! Who else wants to match his \$100 bet?"

____ 31. "The Engineers version of Three-card Monte."

____ 32. "I finally found one with a right handed handle."

____ 33. "And they said my three summers working as a pin setter weren't applicable experience!"

____ 34. "Congratulations! Your ping pong ball landed in this mug, and you get to keep it!"

____ 35. "And for this round of engineering beer pong - 2^5 (2 to the fifth power) -- this should be enough cups..."

____ 36. "It sure looks like someone was playing beer pong last night!"

____ 37. "... and if you get the ball in this mug, you'll win a goldfish!"

____ 38. "Mugging for the camera."

____ 39. "This is me with mugs, not my mug-shot !"

____ 40. "Now I know why they call a bowler a kegler." (Ten-pin anyone?)"

____ 41. "Man oh man, oh man, oh man, oh man, maybe, maybe, maybe one too many double shot lattes!"

____ 42. "I will turn these mugs over, then watch closely as I put a pea under one, and shuffle them around. If you select the one with the pea under it, the mug is yours!"

____ 43. "OK! Let the beer pong games begin!!"

____ 44. "It is intuitively obvious that the x-coordinate of this mug is off by 1.7 inches and the y-coordinate is off by -0.4 inches."

____ 45. "Let's play beer pong, last person standing wins one of these mugs."

____ 46. "I am setting these up for one big 'mug shot.'"

____ 47 "A convention delegate attempts to identify the mug covering the prize BENT in the TBP shell game."

____ 48. "Todd, that one on the left isn't straight. All cups must be facing forward with handles out at a 90 degree angle! That one's slightly obtuse."

____ 49. "OK, we now have enough for a statistically valid determination of whether the glass is half full or half empty."

____ 50. "Ahh shucks.... Which one was mine again?"

____ 51. "Tau Beta Pi illusionist demonstrates the Cups and Balls trick he designed to challenge the Convention participants!"

____ 52. 99 tankards of ale on the table. 99 tankards of ale... .

____ 53. "Mug shot."

____ 54 "These can't all be empty.."

____ 55. "An OCD nightmare! Visually aligning the souvenir mugs proved difficult without the help of measuring tools."

____ 56." I'll just have one more for the road."

____ 57. ""There is no beer in this one either!!"

____ 58." Don't forget to fill them up and socialize over there!"

____ 59. "This one matches the color of my shirt"

____ 60. "OK, I just need to add a quarter cup more beer to this one to bring it into tune. Then I'll grab my mallets and start our Musical Mugs Concert with a rousing rendition of the Tau Beta Pi fight song.?"

____ 61. "Well, there will be 250 engineers here tonight. So based on last year's "partying", these 33 beers ought to do it!"

____ 62." "Geez! I had these all perfectly lined up until the cleaning lady came by and picked up each one to dust the table.".

____ 63. "I keep telling everyone these are coffee mugs, not beer mugs, but no one believes me."

____ 64. "Each mug is filled with just the right amount of water, such that when I strike them in the correct order, they will play the alma mater."

____ 65. "Proof that engineers invented beer pong."

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