



Winter 2019 Bent Caption Contest

The photo above, which appeared in the Fall 1978 *Bent*, shows chemical engineering major Martha L. Tinkle, NM A '79, as she demonstrates her project to Professor George W. Lucky, NM A '44, New Mexico Alpha Advisor; and Dr. Michael E. Austin, TX A '58, District 13 Director and engineering professor at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Results: First Place - #3, Second Place - #44, Third Place – (tie) #1 and #11.

- ___ 1. "But does it make coffee as good as my Keurig?"
- ___ 2. "And under here is the flux capacitor. It will take several years but eventually everyone will know the significance of this."
- ___ 3. "Well, we've added the barley, hops, and malt so by my calculations it should be ready to drink in about ten more days."
- ___ 4. "So, all the tracing and insulation work was complete *before* you noticed the missing piece?"
- ___ 5. " How soon will the cast come off?"
- ___ 6. "Look! This is quite a large Philly Cheesesteak!"
- ___ 7. " Time to depart from my carefully prepared script -- it worked flawlessly this morning -- this must be what they call demo hell."
- ___ 8. "Anybody have a plunger?"
- ___ 9. "Ms. Tinkle comes to us with a new wrinkle."

- ___10. Here's what I'm sure Martha Tinkle must have been saying at the moment the picture was snapped: "Okay you got me. . . I had help from my EE boyfriend on this project."
- ___11. "Hmm? – the operating instructions state that the start switch should be right here."
- ___12. "Oh, you push the first valve down and the music goes round and round, oh,ho, oh,ho, and it comes out here."
- ___13. "Well, nuts! It says the batteries are not included."
- ___14. " The plumbing is perfect, but where do you sit when you need to Tinkle ?."
- ___15. "This would be great for cooking foot long hot dogs !! "
- ___16. "Say Abracadaba and it becomes a submarine !!."
- ___17. "When I ordered it on Amazon it said 'gigantic salami'"
- ___18. "Wow, your 3-D printer made all this?"
- ___19. "The next step is to replace this controller box with Echo."
- ___20. "Strange, when I take off the cover, the sensor stops working."
- ___21. " It is with great honor and pride that I bestow upon you Tau Beta Pi's highest honor for Engineering Achievement: "THE PIPE!"
- ___22. " - FOUND: After a 40 year search, a section of pipe stolen from the New York City Steam Distribution System."
- ___23. "Great job on completing your five year project on time for increasing the efficiency of the thermal cycle of our plant by .02%."
- ___24. "Great job on the wired version. When will the Bluetooth App be available?"
- ___25. "Martha Tinkle, "And this is where we found the mouse." Prof. Lucky, "Say, that would be a good name for a computer interface. We should tell the EEs. "
- ___26. "This LAWS rocket (Light Anti-Armor Weapon System) prototype is ready for testing."
- ___27. "The potential for your project is very promising, but I would like to discuss your observed side effects that one in three people exposed to your project suffers a temporary case of plaid."
- ___28. "My notes say it should be right here, but I don't see it."
- ___29. "No more brewing a full pot - slip in a pod for a single coffee serving."
- ___30. "The secret to cold fusion is this flux capacitor."

- ___31. "According to my calculations, 5 more degrees elevation and the potato will hit the administration building. "
- ___32. "Well gentlemen, as you can see, the mouse has escaped!!"
- ___33. "Are you sure the data indicates there's a live snake in there?"
- ___34. "European fluids expert Lucky looks on while M Y Tinkle and I P Daily investigate the pressure control failure which led to the warm process fluid spill into the Yellow river."
- ___35 "And under this cover, gentlemen, is the chamber where the cold fusion occurs."
- ___36. "I'm sure it is an improvement over the old process, but it still makessausages."
- ___37. (With apologies to Warner Brothers "Marvin the Martian") "With this PU-238 modulator, I will blow up the moon so it stops obscuring our view of Venus."
- ___38. "Looks like someone from the Anatomy Department put a toe tag on the experiment... "
- ___39. "Honest, Doctor Mouthbreather, I just took the lid off of the "Nostalgic Nanoparticle Auto-Erector Set" and all this appeared--even the nano-representation of my old advisor standing behind you."
- ___40. "Now, tell me Martha, just how does the mouse get into the box with that cover on it?"
- ___41. "Pontoon schmontoon, this thing probably won't even float."
- ___42. "Seriously, the football fans stormed the field, why do we have to fix their stupid goalpost?"
- ___43. "Honest, professor, this thing fell right out of the ceiling and crushed my homework."
- ___44. "You're telling me this thing cools 24 cans of beer in sixty seconds?"
- ___45." Wow, you really did bring that pipe dream to fruition. "
- ___46. "Are you sure this is the most efficient way to steam a yard-long hot dog?"
- ___47. " The note reads, "Replace cover to activate countdown timer."
- ___48. "Shouldn't we ALL be wearing safety glasses?"
- ___49. "The note reads, "Open pressure regulator no more than 2-1/2 turns counter-clockwise to maintain laminar flow."
- ___50. "Just be patient. I'll show you where the lemon pie filling comes out."
- ___51. "This rail gun is HOT! Wouldja like to fire it?"

___52. "... and if the pressure exceeds 5.0 atmospheres, this rectangular cover is blown off and hits the ceiling."

___53. "This looks like one of our best batches of beer yet."

___54. "A little more hops might help."

___55 "Everything was working fine until someone opened this box and the gerbil escaped."

___56. "Just follow the simple instructions on this card and the moonshine will be ready in time for happy hour on Friday."

___57. "This will be the football team's secret weapon. I call it the t-shirt cannon."

___58. "Now this doodad makes a Bing! When the pop tart is done!"

___59. "As you can see, you cut the red wire first and never the blue wire."

___60. "This all fit in a box this big, but bigger is better they said."

___61. "We ran out of insulation part way through, so yes that is toilet paper."

___62. "I hate to be the one to inform you sir, but your pencil pocket protector is too large."

___63. "I cannibalized three vacuums to make this black hole simulator and I'm not getting any refunds."

___64. " The surgery went well. Recovery will take a little longer."

___65. "I agree that we need to increase the pain medicine."

___66. "There's a machine for that?"

___67. "Gentlemen, I'm here to show you that ChemE's make the best heat exchangers! "

___68. "I've solved the pipe fouling problem. Now, if someone can address the issue of Dr. Austin's jacket..."

___69. "Can we make this demo quick? I need to return this equipment to my neighbor's son for his sixth-grade science project."