October Joke Contest
Honorable Mentions

Q: What is the expected value of flipping a quarter?
A: 25 cents

Q: How does the ghost of Carl Friedrich Gauss compute probabilities?
A: Using the paranormal distribution!

1) Why do many believe that the american revolution was sparked by probability theorists?
Because they kept assuming independence in all of their work.

I’d rather have a normal pair of problems, than a paranormal problem.
Especially if “mo’ money, mo’ problems” commutes.

Q: What do you call someone who is just way too excited about geometric random variables?
A: Hypergeometric!

Q: What’s the quickest way for Intro to Probability students to get on the NSA watch list?
A: When they have problems dealing with 500 antiballistic missiles.

What inspired Poisson to create his distribution?
Trying to model how many students intuitively get probability.
Finalists

After a particularly hard probability midterm, several students are shocked to see that they received negative scores, while others got more than the maximum number of points.

When they confront the professor about it, he calmly replies that the scores are actually quite normal.

Why did all the stoners show up to the probability class on chapter 6?

They heard there was going to be joint distributions.

Girlfriend: Our love is like a Poisson distribution, rare and special. Out of all the men in the world, we found each other.

Boyfriend: Hmm, I think I’d describe it more like a geometric distribution. I failed with all the other women in our class but I knew there would eventually be a success – you!

Why are stoners naturally good at probability?

They already know joint densities and distributions

After a wild party in the statistics department, one berkely professor passes out in a public street. A passerby looks with disgust and says "that's shameful. There ought to be a law!"