



Fall 2021 Bent Caption Contest Results

This photo from the Winter 1994 issue of *The Bent* was taken at the 1993 Convention in West Lafayette, IN. Director of Rituals Alan R. Hirsch, MA B '66, points to the stacks of bows tied by members of the Rituals Committee for use at the model initiation.

First place: "OK, this one looks good. Now we need 12,000 more just like it by 7:00 tomorrow morning." David W. Kortebein, IL A '85

Second place: "Alan points to the flawed bow in the "Tau Beta Tie" competition." Kai Chapman, CA D '22

Third place – tie
 . "Pull My Finger!" Robert R. Shannon, TN A '75

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 Gregory M. Gatlin, MD B '83

Captions:

___ 1. "Alan made it very simple to obtain the PDH from his workshop "How to do Casual Friday"

First - remove your jacket
 Second - remove your tie.
 Last - sign the attendance sheet.

___ 2. "OK, Johnson. One of these is most certainly not like the others!"

^{1st}___ 3. "OK, this one looks good. Now we need 12,000 more just like it by 7:00 tomorrow morning."

___ 4. "Next week we'll practice tying and untying ties!"

___ 5. "You should be ashamed of yourself not recognizing this! Your mother designed and patented it..."

- ___ 6. "Now you tell me the molecular structure of this one, Einstein!"
- ___ 7. "So, do you like this mRNA type better or the protein subunit type over there?"
- ___ 8. "No, I told you to give the new members a good ribbin'!"

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- ___ 9. "No, I wanted you to display the new *Bose* product!!"
- ___ 10. "I warned you not to touch our industrial strength glue sample."
- ___ 11. "Aw c'mon, you cut these ribbons from the necktie I left on the table!"
- ___ 12. "I want THAT ONE, Mister Man! "
- 3rd ___ 13. "Pull My Finger!"
- ___ 14. "Student: "Mr. Hirsch, what do I do here?" Mr. Hirsch: "Son, very simple. It's Blackjack Ritual 101. "Split the Aces. Always split the Aces."
- ___ 15. "During a break in the proceedings, Prof. Richard Feynman points to a crack in one of the bowties"
- ___ 16. "Designing the first CAPTCHA"
- ___ 17. "Bezos, that's the worst bow tying I have ever seen! You'll never amount to anything."
- ___ 18. "The purple ones taste like grape!"
- ___ 19. "Can we use these Legos to make a Tau Beta Pi Bent statue?"
- ___ 20. "I will take two chances on this."
- ___ 21. "I need a tie, can you make me one out of these?"
- ___ 22. "THAT'S what should be done with neckties!"
- ___ 23. "Look what you just found! Right there, a Higgs Boson particle!"
- ___ 24. "I said we needed "bolo ties" for the new Lilliputian University members' induction ceremony, not "bow ties. "
- ___ 25. " ... and if ya squint, this one kinda looks like a butterfly!"
- ___ 26. "Someday these will be memorabilia and the subject of a Photo Caption contest!"
- ___ 27. "Bro, it's RIGHT there!"
- ___ 28. "Do YOU know what these are?"
- ___ 29. "Check out these Bitcoins that I bought with ribbons."
- ___ 30. "These are the new Tau Beta Pi logo thongs."

____ 31. "Whoever made these, we said "Bent," not "bend!"

2nd__ 32. "Alan points to the flawed bow in the "Tau Beta Tie" competition."

3rd__ 33. "These are the ones with the microphones in them. Give them to the new delegates so we can find out what they really think of the executive council's new plans."

____ 34. "Don't tell that guy behind you but, he made all of these wrong."

____ 35 "These are the wrong color. You're going to have to remake all 100 again by 7 o'clock."

____ 36. "Bow ties are an anathema to the engineering profession. Only math professors and Pee Wee Herman wear them!"

____ 37. "John McEnroe, the star tennis player, would say 'Surely you cannot be serious!' when questioning a chair umpire's call he did not agree with."

____ 38. "Got bows?"

____ 39."Whoever made this bow deserves a promotion

____ 40. "Maybe no one will notice if I keep a bow for myself..."

____ 41. "How much for this one? Consider it fundraising."

____ 42. "That was my tie you destroyed! Not extra material for one of your bows!"