



## Spring 2023 Bent Caption Contest Ballot

This image above, taken at the 1998 Convention in Manhattan, KS, shows an unidentified member demonstrating "The Worm" in the ice-breaker portion of a District Meeting.

### Results:

**First Place:** "Whatever the challenge, a Tau Bate will always arrive at the most interesting solution."  
Michael Ustes, *MI I '72*

**Second Place (Tie):** "And this is what a sine wave looks like." Samuel I. Patterson, *MO B '24*  
"The diving competition was subsequently moved to the pool." Anonymous

**Third Place:** "Some members take their games very seriously. The word here for the TBP game of charades was: Hypotenuse." Kristel Velez, *NY H '20*

- \_\_\_ 1. "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore."
- \_\_\_ 2. "And this is what a sine wave looks like."
- \_\_\_ 3. "Back in my day, this was called the Sine Wave."
- \_\_\_ 4. "Pin the Tail on the Center of Mass?"
- \_\_\_ 5. "Engineers demonstrate new anti-gravity technology."
- \_\_\_ 6. "Come on Tau Bates. Let's do the twitch!"
- \_\_\_ 7. "My worm is better than yours."
- \_\_\_ 8. "Superman: The Early Days."
- \_\_\_ 9. "It's time to try defying gravity."
- \_\_\_ 10. "Wozniak entertains the Tau Bates, years before doing The Worm on "Dancing with the Stars"!"

\_\_\_ 11. "And this, my friends, is the proper way to enter a worm hole!"

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\_\_\_ 12. "Suddenly, while demonstrating his Anti-Gravity shoes, the laws of physics took over."

\_\_\_ 13. "I think we need a little less flubber in the shoes! "

\_\_\_ 14. "And, the winner of the two-person wheelbarrow contest is: Casper the Ghost and the Worm!"

\_\_\_ 15. "One reason the Anti-gravity boots didn't catch on."

\_\_\_ 16. "Oops!... Ms. Paltrow Did It Again."

\_\_\_ 17. "Whoa!! This floor exhaust vent is getting too much flow!"

\_\_\_ 18. "Since the Executive Council has shown concern about the physical fitness of new initiates, all candidates must hold this position for at least 30 seconds!"

\_\_\_ 19. "They told me this would be filled with water."

\_\_\_ 20. "That's a 9.7! Now who's next?"

\_\_\_ 21. "Here the performance artist depicted the curve for  $y=(x \text{ squared})$  right before he sprained his back making a parabola."

\_\_\_ 22. "I know we're trying to foster the spirit of liberal culture in engineering, but does it have to be gymnastics?"

\_\_\_ 23. "The diving competition was subsequently moved to the pool."

\_\_\_ 24. "After all that he still couldn't find his contact lens."

\_\_\_ 25. "Levitation modules activated. Leg module at 80% power. Malfunction in Torso module."

\_\_\_ 26. "Sam's demonstration of antigravity went awry when only half of his equipment worked properly."

\_\_\_ 27. "I thought we were just going to play "spin the bottle!"

\_\_\_ 28. "Honey, I found your contact!"

\_\_\_ 29. "Call me old-fashioned, but I don't really need a vacuum cleaner."

\_\_\_ 30. "I know I lost my contact around here somewhere!"

\_\_\_ 31. "We told him this wasn't the diving competition, but he insisted."

\_\_\_ 32. "Something goes wrong when the young inventor tries to impress the crowd with his new anti-gravity shoes."

\_\_\_ 33. "Overfilled pocket protector induces face plant of top-heavy Mr. Clean."

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- \_\_\_\_ 34. "With all due respect to Newton, Einstein, and Michael Jackson, I'm the G.O.A.T. for break-dancing and breaking natural laws."
- \_\_\_\_ 35. "Superman Takes Flight demo flops."
- \_\_\_\_ 36. "Look! I found a 'bug' in our conference room!"
- \_\_\_\_ 37. "And now I will do a Worm when a robin grabs on."
- \_\_\_\_ 38. "Some members take their games very seriously. The word here for the TBP game of charades was: Hypotenuse."
- \_\_\_\_ 39. "Pictured (1998): TBP Member falling through ceiling."
- \_\_\_\_ 40. "Introductory Yoga: the support pillar."
- \_\_\_\_ 41. "3D Twister begins!"
- \_\_\_\_ 42. "That's just how AI will do you."
- \_\_\_\_ 43. "That In-N-Out guy can really bust a worm."
- \_\_\_\_ 44. "The First Flubber Beta Test."
- \_\_\_\_ 45. "First engineer to spot the penny on the carpet."
- \_\_\_\_ 46. "Hey, Jim, grab your protractor -- I've finally made a 45 degree angle for the World Record!"
- \_\_\_\_ 47. "Gee! I didn't see THAT coming!"
- \_\_\_\_ 48. "This flubber makes break dancing easy!"
- \_\_\_\_ 49. "When Clark Kent forgets to put on his superman outfit his landing style stinks."
- \_\_\_\_ 50. "The balcony rails were not to code."
- \_\_\_\_ 51. "Hey! Look at me! I'm a hockey stick."
- \_\_\_\_ 52. "Being the center of attention affects us all differently."
- \_\_\_\_ 53. "The audience was awe-struck when they realized he had actually created Flubber-soled shoes."
- \_\_\_\_ 54. "Whatever the challenge, a Tau Bate will always arrive at the most interesting solution."
- \_\_\_\_ 55. "In about 80 milliseconds, this is really gonna hurt."
- \_\_\_\_ 56. "Who's ready to calculate his angular momentum?"
- \_\_\_\_ 57. "Unwitting attendees witness hazard of running with PDA in shirt pocket."
- \_\_\_\_ 58. "Beam me up Scotty! No, wait! Wrong end!"

\_\_\_\_\_59. "Someone really needs to fix that loose edge of the carpet right where you enter the room."

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\_\_\_\_\_60. "Look! I found a 'bug' in our TOP SECRET MEETING room!"

\_\_\_\_\_61. "As you see, a plank will strengthen your Abs."

\_\_\_\_\_62. "Here we have a TBP member demonstrating every engineer's go to dance move: "The Truss Fall."

\_\_\_\_\_63. "This move wasn't covered in class."

\_\_\_\_\_64. "An attendee discusses his Leaning Tower of Pisa research."

\_\_\_\_\_65. "To study engineering, you need to just dive in and keep your nose to the ground."

\_\_\_\_\_66. "Peter P continues to be challenged by the concept of thinking happy thoughts."

\_\_\_\_\_67. "Gimme an Iota!"

\_\_\_\_\_68. "I just HATE those shoe-grabbing Rug Wrinkles!"

\_\_\_\_\_69. "Damn it. I swore I wasn't going to drink this time."

\_\_\_\_\_70. "There's my contact lens!"

\_\_\_\_\_71. "The PhD candidate was literally called on the carpet for his radical levitation theory."

\_\_\_\_\_72. "Then the booster falls back, impacts the water like this, and buckles."

\_\_\_\_\_73. "As he peered through the wormhole, he observed a parallel universe, finally confirming Einstein's theory of space-time travel."

\_\_\_\_\_74. "I think I found the lapel pin."

\_\_\_\_\_75. "And this is a sine wave."

\_\_\_\_\_76. "And now, my impression of a sine wave."

