



## Summer 2023 Bent Caption Contest Ballot

This image above was taken at the 1998 Convention in Manhattan, KS. It is most likely a scene from the Resolutions Committee's final skit at the closing banquet.

Results:

**First Place:** "Oh no, her head's not there! Quick, someone look under the table."

Michael S. Bronzini, Ph.D., *CA G '67*

**Second Place: Two way tie** "Flipping the coin was the easy part; finding it - not so much!"

Richard R. Roll, P.E., *IN B '81*

**"Tau Bates have magnetic personalities."** David A. Bailey, *NY K '84*

**Third Place:** "After years of exhaustive research, a team of Tau Beta Pi engineers has located Schroedinger's cat hiding under a table at The Holiday Inn in Minneapolis, MN."

Thomas G. Hausheer, *IL B '70*

Captions:

- \_\_\_ 1. "Alas, poor Yorick from Kansas Gamma, we knew him well."
- \_\_\_ 2. "They thought it was the 'Final Spit.'"
- \_\_\_ 3. "Tau Bate's have magnetic personalities."
- \_\_\_ 4. "Anita, Marty, and Stan averted their eyes in the hope that Nasghul the Headless Woman would spare them."
- \_\_\_ 5. "And all we have to do is apply the flubber to the bottoms of our shoes?"
- \_\_\_ 6. "Flipping the coin was the easy part; finding it - not so much!"
- \_\_\_ 7. "Reenactment of The Last Show (The Mary Tyler Moore Show)."
- \_\_\_ 8. "Never doubt the relentless need of a civil engineer to verify the structural integrity of everything."

- \_\_\_ 9. "How can we play musical chairs with just one chair?"
- \_\_\_ 10. "'The TBP Invisibility Contest Engineering Team - congratulates their Team Captain on a job well done."
- \_\_\_ 11. "Man, I told you it would take more than two bolts to secure her head to her body!"
- \_\_\_ 12. "Supporting each other, one head at a time."

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- \_\_\_ 13. "Though we were all fascinated by Claude's discovery, it really blew Margarite's mind. She completely lost her head over it!"
- \_\_\_ 14. "The last time they took the red eye flight to a morning meeting."
- \_\_\_ 15. "Four bodies, three heads, one tail."
- \_\_\_ 16. "Do you want to get some pizza?"
- \_\_\_ 17. "We're stumped. Let's ask that Dodo bird."
- \_\_\_ 18. "Shhhhh, that's not what the engineering data says."
- \_\_\_ 19. " $2b$  or  $\wedge=2b$ ? That is the question."
- \_\_\_ 20. "Dorothy, who's your newest friend you picked up on the yellow brick road?"
- \_\_\_ 21. "It's okay your Bent wasn't the shiniest this year...next time use steel wool."
- \_\_\_ 22. "'Durn, I growed another head" -From the poem Chester, by Shel Silverstein."
- \_\_\_ 23. "Final Jeopardy category "Greek Alphabet" - Of course we bet it all, but we really thought you would be able to spell 'Pi'."
- \_\_\_ 24. "Everybody's doing a brand new dance now  
(Come on, baby, do the sinusoid)  
I know you'll get to like it if you give it a chance now  
(Come on, baby, do the sinusoid)."
- \_\_\_ 25. "Oh no, her head's not there! Quick, someone look under the table."
- \_\_\_ 26. "After years of exhaustive research, a team of Tau Beta Pi engineers has located Schrodinger's cat hiding under a table at The Holiday Inn in Manhattan, Kansas."
- \_\_\_ 27. "We motion to commence the final resolution of the night: a proper snooze."
- \_\_\_ 28. "The group then approached Lost & Found in search of the Department Head's head."
- \_\_\_ 29. "I was a head in line, but then I lost my place."
- \_\_\_ 30. "Sleeper delegates - easy to spot once you know the signs."

- \_\_\_\_ 31. "Heads, we WILL NOT dispense with the reading of the minutes."
- \_\_\_\_ 32. "Let's see. There's Tau. There's Pi. There's...Beta? Where's Alpha?! OH NO! We're at the wrong meeting!"
- \_\_\_\_ 33. "Sorry they didn't stay to hear the end of your presentation."
- \_\_\_\_ 34. "Does it really take four engineers to figure out how to pull out a chair?"
- \_\_\_\_ 35. "The photographer switched to candid shots after calling "Smile! on this one..."

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- \_\_\_\_ 36. "O.K. everyone, now I believe you've invented a shrink ray .... I just wish you'd told me you couldn't reverse the process before I let you try it on me!" - said the speck standing on the top of the chair."
- \_\_\_\_ 37. "Anita, Marty, and Stan knew that making direct eye contact with Nasghul the Headless Woman would mean instant death."
- \_\_\_\_ 38. "It's always sad when you end up with only a "B."
- \_\_\_\_ 39. "Close your eyes but keep your mind wide open and repeat after me Ohm, Ohm, Ohm's Law..."
- \_\_\_\_ 40. "According to Johnson's Algorithm, I should sit first and then Brenda."
- \_\_\_\_ 41. "Who's stepping on this drape I am trying to hang?"
- \_\_\_\_ 42. "Hey, she dropped her head, she can pick it up!"
- \_\_\_\_ 43. "Supporting one another, shoulder to shoulder, every step of the way."
- \_\_\_\_ 44. "Gather around - power nap time."
- \_\_\_\_ 45. "The Bent passed the vibe check."
- \_\_\_\_ 46. "Let us pray. In the name of the teacher, the slide rule, and the bent . . . ."
- \_\_\_\_ 47. "Don't look now, but your fly's undone."
- \_\_\_\_ 48. "Quick, what's my next line?"
- \_\_\_\_ 49. "After anesthesia, decapitation was carried out left to right."
- \_\_\_\_ 50. "Keeping your head when others around you are losing theirs indicates patients, control.....and that you may not understand what happened!"
- \_\_\_\_ 51. "The zombie Tau Bates were always eager to mingle but easily stumped by simple things, like missing chairs."
- \_\_\_\_ 52. "Would the owner of the dog please report to the head table with a plastic bag?"
- \_\_\_\_ 53. "sleep.....need.....sleep....."
- \_\_\_\_ 54. "This doesn't look good. We were hoping for a quorum."
- \_\_\_\_ 55. "They must have had a long day to fall asleep standing up like that."

\_\_\_\_\_56. "A bent-emblazoned hacky sack kept the Tau Bate mixer kickin."

\_\_\_\_\_57. "Why everyone hated Samantha .... 'Here's the problem guys, Y'all forgot to plug it in!"

\_\_\_\_\_58. "Well, this gives new meaning to the term "chairman emeritus."

\_\_\_\_\_59. "Hey, did anybody see where I dropped my head?"

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\_\_\_\_\_60. "What do you mean I have the wrong shoes on? They're mine!"

\_\_\_\_\_61. "Teamwork: Putting our heads together."

\_\_\_\_\_62. "Let us not forget the pledge of the bent during our initiation."

\_\_\_\_\_63. "The skit was so boring, even the actors fell asleep."

\_\_\_\_\_64. "This was the Resolutions Committee's resolution? To end the Convention with a skit? At least bring in Brad Pitt!"

\_\_\_\_\_65. "The keynote speaker was dynamic that year."

\_\_\_\_\_66. "Let's put our heads together and see if we can find hers."

\_\_\_\_\_67. " Yep, mismatched socks... again!"

\_\_\_\_\_68. "Soon as we find the Bent, we'll start the meeting."

\_\_\_\_\_69. "Cockroach Patrol."

\_\_\_\_\_70. "Jeez, I forgot to polish my shoes!"

\_\_\_\_\_71. " This is what putting our heads together looks like."