



## Winter 2023 Bent Caption Contest Results

This image above shows then Secretary-Treasurer Jim Froula at the 1997 Convention, waiting for the next delegate to stop by and play "Stump the Secretary." Here are the winning captions and authors:

**First place:** "Froula, James Froula." – David W. Hughes, *GA A '75*

**Second place:** "When you have to be at Casino Royale at 8 but have a TBP convention at 7." – William J. Phillips, *AL D '23*

**Third place:** "Trying to fool people by wearing shades to take a nap backfired on Jim when he discovered someone cut off his tie." – Paul L. Eckley, P.E., *NV A '75*

**Fourth place:** "Your mission, Jim, should you decide to accept it, ..." – Yi-Hsien Doo, *MI Z '81*

All entries:

- \_\_\_ 1. "Yes, I'm here for the Bourne Identity audition."
- \_\_\_ 2. "X-ray glasses were banned as convention tchotchkes shortly thereafter."
- \_\_\_ 3. "Froula, James Froula."
- \_\_\_ 4. "I'm your final exam proctor, Dr. T. Harry. Do you feel lucky, punks?"
- \_\_\_ 5. "It's dinner time already! I pray the next motion raised isn't going to drag the convention till midnight."
- \_\_\_ 6. "It seems this boom box is broken, I can't hear any tunes!"
- \_\_\_ 7. "What we have here is failure to participate."
- \_\_\_ 8. "I'm with the FBI. Who cut off my tie?"
- \_\_\_ 9. "Auditioning for 'Top Gun.'"

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- \_\_\_ 10. "Who says sunglasses can't make an engineer look cool?"
- \_\_\_ 11. "Tau Beta Pi's future is looking bright!"
- \_\_\_ 12. "That moment when you do a Fourier analysis to decipher her mixed signals."
- \_\_\_ 13. "Just toss your bills into my briefcase. I left my tin cup and monkey at home."
- \_\_\_ 14. "Hollywood would never have been the same if Jim Froula had won the role of "The Man with No Eyes" in Cool Hand Luke."
- \_\_\_ 15. "I wear these shades 24/7 because the sun never goes down on a cool TBPi Engineer!"
- \_\_\_ 16. "Further proof aviators alone don't make you cool."
- \_\_\_ 17. " Nobody puts Tau Beta in the corner."
- \_\_\_ 18. "The future is so bright for Tau Beta Pi members, we have to wear sunglasses indoors."
- \_\_\_ 19. "Dang! It's hard to look cool with only half a tie!"
- \_\_\_ 20. "A rare photo of an undercover Tau Bate, in the back of an undisclosed classroom, observing TBP candidates as part of their character assessment."
- \_\_\_ 21. "The future of Engineering is so bright, I gotta wear shades!"
- \_\_\_ 22. "Tau Beta Pi Special Agent Jim Froula attempts to go undercover disguised as Joe Biden."
- \_\_\_ 23. "Trying to fool people by wearing shades to take a nap backfired on Jim when he discovered someone cut off his tie."
- \_\_\_ 24. " When you have to be at Casino Royale at 8 but have a TBP convention at 7."
- \_\_\_ 25. "I don't always wear half a tie, but when I do, I wear sunglasses."
- \_\_\_ 26.. "And I could be sitting by the pool right now with a cold drink in my hand."
- \_\_\_ 27. "Weekend at Jimmy's."
- \_\_\_ 28. "That information is classified and you don't have a need to know."
- \_\_\_ 29. "A younger Joe Biden dreaming of being a Tau Beta Pi."
- \_\_\_ 30. "The Matrix - beta test"
- \_\_\_ 31. " Now they will never recognize me with my Tau Beta Pi Ray-Bans on!"

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\_\_\_ 32. "Inspired after viewing Donnie Brasco, the nerd in the corner sporting RayBan Aviators and Samsonite briefcase nearly infiltrated the sorority with his accountant cover - until betrayed by his coveted TBP bumper sticker."

\_\_\_ 33. "In the early days, Secretary-Treasurer Jim Froula's office consisted of two chairs in a hallway alcove where the water fountain used to be. After people complained about missing the water fountain, Jim got his own private office fully stocked with janitorial supplies."

\_\_\_ 34. "'X-Ray glasses?? I'll never tell..."

\_\_\_ 35. "'Well, yes, the Secret Service does recruit Tau Beta Pi Graduates!"

\_\_\_ 36. "'Mr. Froula, are you moonlighting as an airline pilot?"

\_\_\_ 37. "President Biden is a Tau Beta Pi member? Really?"

\_\_\_ 38. "I feel the need, the need for d/t."

\_\_\_ 39. "Someday, a US president will copy this look."

\_\_\_ 40. "Sometimes I sit and think, but mostly I just sit."

\_\_\_ 41. "'Tau Beta 007, I presume!"

\_\_\_ 42. "After the slugfest, the attendee returned for her glasses."

\_\_\_ 43. "I will interrogate each and every convention delegate if that's what it takes to find out who cut my tie in half and stole my pocket protector.!"

\_\_\_ 44. "I hope the Convention Site committee sends a delegate who proposes a site less offbeat as Minneapolis which warrants me having to wear shades indoors."

\_\_\_ 45. "This is awful, everyone is flocking to the next booth, Tau Beta Hi, where they are giving out free random numbers. Arrrgh!"

\_\_\_ 46. "I'll tell you who I am, if you tell me who you are."

\_\_\_ 47. "Your mission, Jim, should you decide to accept it, ..."

\_\_\_ 48. "I wonder if there'll be free food in the conference room today."

\_\_\_ 49. "Me, an optical engineer, about to ask if anyone's seen my glasses."

\_\_\_ 50. "Agent Froula to Control. Security is A.O.K. here, but that woman's skirt looks a little too short."

\_\_\_ 51. "That's right. I wear sunglasses indoors. I'll switch to these clear glasses when I go out in the sun."

\_\_\_ 52. "Follow the science ... definitive proof aviators alone don't make you cool."

\_\_\_ 53. "We have ways to make you talk."

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\_\_\_\_\_54. "It is a little known fact that Joe Biden was one of the founding members of the Delaware Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi."

\_\_\_\_\_55. "Too school for cool."

\_\_\_\_\_56. "The choice is up to you 'cause they come in two classes Rhinestone shades or cheap sunglasses."

\_\_\_\_\_57. "A younger Joe Biden wishing he could be a Tau Beta Pi."

\_\_\_\_\_58. "Your move, Watson."

\_\_\_\_\_59. "These Tau Beta Pi convention delegates are so BRIGHT, I need my sunglasses."

\_\_\_\_\_60. "Bean-counter accountant hoping for acceptance by the cool engineering club chilled in the corner with a TBP banner display."