



Summer 2020 Bent Caption Contest - Contest Results

The Summer 2020 contest image, above, was taken at the 1980 Convention in Tulsa, OK. Wanting to stand out in a crowd, the District 4 delegates, led by Director Russ Werneth, MD B '64, center, "capped off" the Convention in a distinctive way.

The winners follow:

There was a tie for first place:

1) "AFTER AN HOUR OF BLOW DRYING MY HAIR THIS MORNING, YOU FOUR ARE CRAZY IF YOU THINK I'M PUTTING ON A BASEBALL CAP" Gregory M. Gatlin, *MD B '73*

1) "WHEN NATIONAL REQUESTED THAT ALL REGISTRANTS' NAMES BE SUBMITTED IN CAPS, THE DISTRICT FOUR REGISTRANTS APPARENTLY MISINTERPRETED THIS REQUEST." James C. Hedtke, *MN A '69*

2) ." HERE WE SEE WHAT SOCIAL GATHERINGS LOOKED LIKE PRE- COVID 19?" Jason M. Horvath, *WV A '18:*

3) "SORRY, I WAS LOOKING FOR THE TAU BETA PI CONVENTION, AND IT SEEMS I'VE WANDERED INTO THE JOHN DEERE ONE INSTEAD." Anthony J. Priest, *GA A '88*

___ 1. "Bent and Captivated"

___ 2. "These caps with solar panels in the visor are amazing! I no longer have to worry about charging my phone!"

___ 3. "So, the guy at registration didn't have any Bent Caps, but he said I could have this hat from Chicago."

___ 4. "Now if we only had some chewing tobacco and a spittoon."

___ 5. "After an hour of blow drying my hair this morning, you four are crazy if you think I'm putting on a baseball cap." **First Place (tie)**

___ 6. "Mrs. Brown's efforts to integrate Engineers with High Society dress up formal functions did not go well."

___ 7. "You can tell my properly 'trained' engineers by their cap. I am just their conductor!"

___ 8. "Smile if you aren't social distancing."

- ___ 9." Here we see what social gatherings looked like pre- COVID 19?" **Second Place**
- ___ 10. "When you try to be professional but your crush walks by."
- ___ 11. "Don't worry, no one will remember that time you forgot to bring your hat to the convention."
- ___ 12. "Please excuse me, Mr. Werneth, for not wearing a hat, it will mess up my hair."
- ___ 13 "Sadly, Becky did not get the "Let's all Wear a Hat!" Memo."
- ___ 14. "I know! If I grab a set of blueprints and put it under my arm, no one will notice I don't have a hat."
- ___ 15. "What's so funny? I'm the only one here that's not vertically challenged!"
- ___ 16. "Bachelorettes 1, 2 and 3: I know you think it's funny - hahaha - that our Dating Game eligible bachelor is an engineer - hahaha - but please be serious...hahaha. Sorry, I can't help myself...hahaha..."
- ___ 17. "Members of the "Mickey Mouse Club" at their annual reunion - minus the mouse ear hats."
- ___ 18. "Even an ugly cap is better than a bad hair day"
- ___ 19. "All we need now are our Covid-19 masks and our 1.828 meter social distances"
- ___ 20." If this was 2020 we all would be wearing masks not hats."
- ___ 21. "And the winner for best looking cap is"
- ___ 22. "This is a 'mad hatters' convention."
- ___ 23. "This is 'unconventional' four hats to one !!"
- ___ 24." With my long black hair covering my name tag and if I wear a black hat, I can totally deny taking part in this! "
- ___ 25." The District 4 Quintet circa 40BC (Before Covid) when caps, not masks, were all the rage."
- ___ 26." We may be standing closer than 6 feet and not wearing masks, but at least our caps don't say "MAGA".
- ___ 27. "To practice for the post-Juneteenth rally, Tau Beta Pi members travel to Tulsa and put on their caps."
- ___ 28. "Hey, I've an idea. Let's retake this photo in 40 years wearing masks."
- ___ 29. "Oops: I thought if I was holding a mug, you wanted a mug shot."
- ___ 30. "And this is why they invented the selfie."
- ___ 31. "Free hat to the first 4 attendees."
- ___ 32. "Day 2 - Ugly hat day."
- ___ 33. "First time attendees about to go snipe hunting."

___34. "Sorry, I was looking for the Tau Beta Pi Convention, and it seems I've wandered into the John Deere one instead." **Third Place**

___35. "Smile, you're on Candid Camera."

___36. "Rats, they took the team photo before I could make my paper pirate hat."

___37. "Hazing rears its ugly hat at the Convention."

___38. "When National requested that all registrants' names be submitted in CAPS, the District Four registrants apparently misinterpreted this request." **First place (tie)**

___39. "What are the odds that 40 years from now this photo of us with our distinctive "caps" will be the subject of a "cap:-tion contest in The Bent? (Pretty good)!"

___40. "You show up for Convention late, you don't get a cap."

___41. "Could I have one of those other hats?"

___42 "Does anyone know what we are doing here?"

___43 "Rocking a baseball cap and the confidence of a full head of hair." (Director Russ Werneth)

___44. "From the woman on the left: "Sorry, I left my MTGA (Make TBP Great Again) cap at the hotel."

___45 "To the woman on the left: "No cap, no convention for you!" (borrowed from Seinfeld's The Soup Nazi episode)."

___46. "Clearly, one of us missed the memo!"

___47. "Maybe next year we could wear the official Tau Beta Pi hat?"

___48. "Well, at least we have our thinking-caps on."

___50. "Yea, we're ready and have our rally-caps on."

___51. "C'mon guys, hats will make us look cool!"

___52 "Wait...we're supposed to wear hats? I didn't get the memo."

___53. "Smile - and pretend we don't look foolish!"

___54. "Now we are ready to get to work - we have our thinking caps on."

___55. "Do you think these hats will help us blend in?"

___56. "I forgot my MAGA 'Make Academia Great Again' ball cap!"

___57. "Umm please stop pointing us towards the Trump rally, do these look like MAGA hats to you?"

___58. "Members of Tau Beta Pi completed last-minute calculations before taking to the field to trounce Phi Beta Kappa in softball."