



Winter 2020 Bent Caption Contest

FINAL Results

- First Place: #3
Second Place: #12
Third Place: #16
Fourth Place: #1
Fifth Place: #14
Sixth Place: #10

The above photo, which first appeared in the Winter 1980 issue of *The Bent*, shows then District 9 Director Ralph E. Warmack, Ph.D., MO A '67, preparing a slide show for his district meeting at the 1979 Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Help us choose the five top captions for this picture by marking a 1,2,3,4, or 5, in order of preference, next to what you think are the best entries. (1 is the best, etc.) The authors of the most popular captions will each receive a TBP t-shirt.

Fourth1. "If I leave this in, I'll be thrown out of lots more than the Convention."

___ 2. "Ah. Here's the one where I look REALLY good in these boots."

First_3. "What did you think I meant when I invited you up to my room to see my slide show?"

___ 4. "I'd better leave out this picture of my wife in her bikini."

___ 5. "How do I orient this slide so as to not mess up the right hand rule?"

___ 6. "Dr. Zuckerberg said 'These slide pictures are the greatest thing. Social media will never be the same.'"

___ 7. "How am I supposed to get this thing onto my iPhone?"

___ 8. "Interesting-I always thought cousin Patricia was left-handed!"

___ 9. "I have no idea what this is--I think I will Google it!"

Sixth 10. "Not quite sure if that's the Higgs boson or just a speck of dust on the slide."

___ 11 "Let me slip this slide from the Christmas party into the presentation..."

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Second 12. "This should satisfy my audience. Last year they said my presentation "lacked transparency."

___ 13 "Power Point, Shmower Point, this is the way I always do my presentations."

Fifth 14. "You think this presentation is "old school"? Last year I handed out View-Masters with photo disks."

___ 15. "Just before this tiny spaceship landed on my knee, it spread these diamond shaped artifacts all over my hotel room!"

Third 16. "Do you think anyone will notice that I cut my tie out of this bedspread?"

___ 17. "Title: How to Improve Your Slide Show with PowerPoint. "

___ 18. "1990: Intel Inside. 2020: Artificial Intel Inside."

___ 19. "It's the perfect size, has a unique container, and when you dunk it in coffee..."

___ 20. "A top-ranked engineer prepares to once again fit a square peg into a round hole."

___ 21 "Hope my slide show comes off as easy as these zipper boots will."

___ 22. "You're never too old to have fun with a carousel. Horses or no horses."

___ 23. "Using a filter to protect the eyes while viewing a solar eclipse, as shown here, is a wise practice. But this person might get better results if he got outside his hotel room."

___ 24" Ah-Ha... here's the other half of my 3D glasses!"

___ 25. "This slide of me husking corn is going to be a big hit here!"

___ 26 ""Whoa! How did my vacation pictures get mixed in with my presentation???"

___ 27 "Glad I found this one before my wife did!!!"

___ 28 ""Hmm, the white out covered the piece of spinach pretty well."

___ 29 "Darn, another one of me wearing this same tie!"

___ 30. "I wonder who put this one of me from the office Christmas party in here!"

___ 31 "I think my circuit would work better in the lab if I reverse connections like in this slide!"

___ 32. "Moments later, Ralph Warmack realized that he forgot to bring a slide projector for his slide show."

___ 33. "Integrity is the tie that binds our profession. The engineer must view transparency and honesty as a way of life, lest he become a shadow of his former self and slide into a life of depravity such as is practiced by the politician, the used car salesman, and whoever made that hideous bedspread."

___34. "This slide will convince those Tau Bates I'm serious about my demands. Muahaa, muahahaha, muahahahaha!!" (The sinister laugh uncomfortably lingering on as he placed the slide carousel on the bedside stand and brought his left forearm parallel to the floor, elbow bent tight, wrist in its signature twist, palm out and pinky finger pointing to the corner left side of his mouth.)"

___35 "I wonder if this slide will make my point more powerfully. Power Point, perhaps?"

___36. "Ah, my favorite slide: a picture of Albert Einstein holding me as a baby!"

___37. "Look, if I turn it like this, now it looks like I'm walking uphill."

___38. "See, if I turn it like this, all the calculations work out."

___39. "And with this algorithm we will one day be able to have computing devices small enough that we will be able to put them on our laps. These machines shall be named, computation contraptions! Eh...it's a working title."

___40 "And this slide shows the algorithm...Oh no! I brought the slide that shows how to print out, "hello world"."

___41. "Do you think if I sit like this and crossed my legs the audience will be able to see my killer boots?"

___42 "Oh no! The walls seem to be making their way onto the bed again."

___43 "...and this algorithm helps me find my keys in the morning."

___44. "...and this slide shows the contra code."

___45. "Darn--Which way do these go? Four sides and two faces gives seven ways to get orientation wrong and only one to get it right--less than 13% success by chance."

___46 "Yes, here is that slide where my Mom is wearing these boots."

___47. "Does anyone know how I can email this picture to my secretary?"

___48. "Jim Henson reviewing early concepts for Sesame Street characters."

___49. "The good news was; Dr. Warmack had great memories from seeing the slides of his body surfing in Hawaii. The bad news was; "How he was going to use these wrong slides in his convention presentation"?"

___50. "Are you kidding me? I brought my vacation photos by mistake!"

___51. "Perhaps someday, as technology advances via new breakthroughs, we'll use computers to prepare and deliver our presentations....Naaah!"

___52 "My favorite 'EYE CANDY' slide will keep them attentive to my presentation."

___53. "Aha! I found it-the missing link!"

___54. "How am I going to get all the information on that little slide using PowerPoint? I wonder if there is a font size smaller than 2?"

___55. "Let's see, paisley tie, paisley bed, Where's my paisley slide?"

___ 56. "I'm tired of preloading lectures and automated shows on this lazy carousel projector. Can't wait for the digitalization of photography to get rid of these annoying slides."

___ 57. "I thought this bedspread looked familiar...it does match the drapes at the office!"

___ 58. "I love the new Tau Beta Pi logo! Now that I think about it, fashions come and go, but the Tau Beta Pi Bent will always be in style!"

___ 59. "So that's what I looked like before I could shave!"

___ 60. "The Apple hasn't been announced yet, but we can foreshadow its presence right here on the wall."

___ 61. "Ah see, there I am at the 1967 National Convention, back when I wore my hair longer."

___ 62. "Cheers to you friend! This pillow case does make a great tie".

___ 63. "With this algorithm we will revolutionize computing! They say teachers are only good at getting apples, well let's see an apple do this!"

___ 64. "Sorry, I can't seem to make this out. Can you please hand me my View Master?"

___ 65. "Look at this! If you turn it upside down it looks like I'm standing on my head."

___ 66. "Can you believe how far technology has come?"

___ 67. "Hey, do you think anyone will notice that my shirt is made out paper mache?"

___ 68. "And for you bell boy, the tip."

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