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## Anniversary of U. S. S. Constitution

The one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the U.S.S. CONSTITUTION, which is known as "Old Ironsides," and which is now in full commission, will take place next Wednesday. According to the records available, this old, historic ship was launched 21 October, 1797, thus making her one hundred and thirty four years old next Wednesday.

She was originally a forty-four gun frigate, having a gun deck 174 feet and 10.5 inches long, and on this deck she carried thirty long twenty-four pounders.

As it will doubtless be remembered, she was one of that group of vessels which Congress ordered constructed for the purpose of upholding our national honor and respect, not merely among the respectable nations of the earth, but more especially with reference to African pirates and French spoilers. At the time in question, this country was asked by Algerian pirates to pay in ransom and tribute, \$100,000 for peace with Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli; \$40,000 for the ransom of the captives, and an annual tribute of \$24,000 a year to Algiers. All this money to be paid for the purpose of according us proper respect and protection of our commerce.

The treaty with the pirates was successfully negotiated, but the exact cost of it was never made public. In a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated January 4, 1797, the total expense of ransoming the prisoners and buying a treaty is placed at \$992,463.25. While we might not be greatly astonished at the cost entailed for our commercial protection, yet we must be chilled today to think that the American people of 1797 would even consider saving money at the sacrifice of national honor.

The launching of ships like the Constitution, United States, and Constellation gave us our rightful place among the nations of the world and the application of these ships as guardians of liberty and commerce stilled the piratical enthusiasts and desires of sea robbers. The sacrificial heroism of the early commanders taught the enemy that contrary to past performances we desired to uphold our principles by brawn rather than by tribute. Never since the Algerian affair have the American people sold their honor for a few "pieces of silver." True in the early days, they had, in the hope of peace, submitted to every outrage upon life, liberty and property. But this idea was only short lived. They soon—like hunted beasts, turned and showed their teeth. Today, we are classified among the world powers not only in martial strength but in valiant admiration. Had the ideals of 1797—the ideals of tribute permeated and clutched us, as an economical ideal,

## Events of Interest for Coming Week

### Saturday—17 October

- 10:00 A.M.—Commanding Officers Inspection. Groups 5, 6, 7, 8.
- 1:00 P.M.—YMCA Liberty Party.
- 7:30 P.M.—Movies at Camp Barry, for Camp Barry personnel only.
- 7:30 P.M.—Red Cross House, Naval Hospital: Entertainment, American Legion, Evanston.

### Sunday—18 October

- 7:30 P.M.—Movies—Red Cross House, Naval Hospital. WHEEL OF LIFE.
- 7:30 P.M.—YMCA. Entertainment Camp Barry—Camp Barry Personnel only.

### Monday—19 October

- 8:05 A.M.—Band Concert.
- 3:30 P.M.—Band Concert.
- 8:00 P.M.—Sound Movies, Station Auditorium. THE DAWN PATROL—R. Barthelme-D. Fairbanks, Jr. (Drama).

### Tuesday—20 October

- 2:30 P.M.—Band Concert—Naval Hospital.
- 7:30 P.M.—Movies—Red Cross House, Naval Hospital. COME ACROSS.

### Wednesday—21 October

- 8:05 A.M.—Band Concert.
- 2:30 P.M.—Red Cross House, Naval Hospital: Party, American Legion Auxiliary, Libertyville, hostesses.
- 3:00 P.M.—Dress Parade, Station Parade Grounds.  
The public is cordially invited to attend.
- 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.—Reception for new officers—Field House.

### Thursday—22 October

- 1:15 P.M.—Navy "Y" Theatre Party for V. B. Patients. Arrangements by YMCA Secretary. Courtesy Gene-see Theatre.
- 2:00 P.M.—Band Concert, Nav. Hospital.
- 8:00 P.M.—Sound Movies—Station Auditorium. THE DEVIL TO PAY—Ronald Colman-Loretta Young—(Comedy).

### Friday—23 October

- 8:05 A.M.—Band Concert.
- 7:30 P.M.—Red Cross House, Naval Hospital: Game Tournament.

America would today be a land of little consequence. But as history narrates, and as our prestige and place in world affairs affirm, we buried once and forever, the childish fears of the oppressor. We today, owe our stand of importance particularly to the valiant heroisms of the Navy and to the staunch supporters of the Navy, the intelligent people of the United States.

## Chief Petty Officer Ratings Recommendations Requested

The Bureau of Navigation desires recommendations for the advancement to the Chief Petty Officer ratings listed below, with a view to placing on the Bureau's eligibility lists on 1 February, 1932, in numbers to be determined definitely by the Bureau at that time, the names of those men best qualified in accordance with the standard laid down in paragraph 4 Bureau of Navigation Circular letter No. 12-31, as a result of competition among all eligible men throughout the service who are recommended:

Chief boatswain's mate .....	39
Chief torpedoman .....	11
Chief quartermaster .....	11
Chief fire controlman .....	5
Chief radioman .....	16
Chief carpenter's mate .....	9
Chief machinist's mate .....	70
Chief water tender .....	29
Chief yeoman .....	15
Aviation chief machinist's mate .....	16
Chief aerographer .....	4

Prior to recommendation in accordance with these instructions men must have completed satisfactorily the Navy Training Course, where a suitable one is available in the Bureau, and the Service School, where required.

Recommendations may be forwarded as soon as practicable, and must reach the Bureau not later than 15 January, 1932.

All Heads of Departments are requested to submit to the Personnel Officer's Office as soon as practicable, a list of men from their Department whom they desire to take the examination for advancement to chief petty officer ratings listed above.

## COMMANDANT RETURNS FROM LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Rear Admiral Walter S. Crosley, USN., Commandant of the Ninth Naval District, has returned to the station from a brief leave of absence and resumed his regular duties.

## COMMEMORATION OF THE SURRENDER OF CORNWALLIS

In commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, and in accordance with President's recent proclamation, appropriate religious service will be held in the auditorium on Sunday morning, 18 October, beginning promptly at 10:00 o'clock.

The Navy will be at home to the general public on Wednesday, 27 October, which will be observed throughout the country as Navy Day.



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## THE IMPORTANCE OF APPLICATION

In perusing the pages of a report recently received from one of the Service Schools, we note with much regret that two enlisted men who entered that particular school from this station had been dropped for the "lack of application." If these two lads had been dropped from the school because they preferred another branch of the service, or because they were not able to meet the scholastic standards of the school, the situation would not seem half so disconcerting. But to be dropped for the failure to "get down to brass tacks," as we sometimes say, diligently apply one's self to the given task, constitutes a dereliction which is reprehensible to say the least. Given an opportunity to learn something worth while, but not willing to "pay the price" in diligent application to acquire it; that constitutes a sad commentary on any man's life. Indeed, he is to be pitied more than mere words can express, for there is little hope of such a person amounting to very much, if he does not pull himself together and radically change his manner of living.

But these words are not written primarily for the two men who were dropped from this school for the "lack of application;" they apparently had an opportunity and failed to grasp it. They are written however, for the special benefit of the men who are now in the various service schools, and for those who have just recently entered the service and contemplate seeking admission to these schools, with the hope of impressing upon their minds the importance of diligent application to the various tasks set before them. Give to this special work the very best that you have, endeavor to learn well the various lessons assigned, for remember that without knowledge and practical experience you can scarcely hope to discharge efficiently the duties which sooner or later will fall to your shoulders in the service. Therefore, let no man permit himself to be dropped from any of these schools, or from any branch of the service as to that matter, because he failed to apply himself. Indeed such action on the part of the officials can be obviated by every man giving to the service his very best. Let no man forget the importance of diligent application.

## THE NAVY-OHIO FOOTBALL GAME

The Commandant has been advised by the Navy Athletic Association that a block of seats for the Ohio State-Navy football game, which will be played at Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday, 7 November, will be assigned to the use of Navy and Naval Reserve officers in this District.

No restrictions have been placed upon the number of seats that can be allotted to each applicant, nor is this block of seats reserved exclusively for service personnel. Navy and Naval Reserve Officers, their families and friends are cordially invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

The Treasurer of the Navy Athletic Association has suggested that all requests and checks be forwarded to the Commandant, and sent in as one group from the Commandant's Office, in order that Navy and Naval Reserve Officers may sit in one group. In case officers do not desire to request tickets through the Commandant, they may be obtained direct from the Navy Athletic Association, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, if preferred.

At the Navy-Notre Dame game, South Bend, Ind., last year, the Navy Athletic Association allotted a group of seats in the same manner. These seats were approximately opposite the middle of the field and it is expected that the seats to be offered this year will be in a similar location.

All applications for seats for this football game, together with the necessary checks, should be in the office of the Commandant not later than 15 October. The seats are \$3.00 each and it will be necessary to include a charge of fifty cents per group of tickets for registry and mailing.

## OFFICERS' VISITING ROOM AT DETROIT RESERVE ARMORY

In a recent letter from the President of the U. S. Naval Reserve Officers' Association, Lieut. Comdr. M. R. Wortley, U.S.N.R., to the Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, officers of the Navy are invited to utilize the facilities of the visiting officers' room in the new armory in Detroit. Part of the letter is quoted below:

"You will, perhaps, remember the visiting officers' room that we have provided in our new armory and Comdr. Brodhead and I would be very glad indeed if you would cause to be published in the next Bureau of Navigation Bulletin to the regular service that officers visiting Detroit are cordially invited to utilize this facility as our guests."

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## LIBRARIES

During the past fiscal year, over a million books have been read in the service. The exact number is 1,293,981, and this is divided: 609,967 read from ships' libraries and 684,014 from shore station libraries. With fewer men ashore, this would seem to indicate more leisure, more efficient libraries or more accurate records. BuNav Bulletin No. 165

## HONOR MAN—COMPANY ONE



Marshall C. Freerks, Apprentice Seaman, USN., who enlisted in the U. S. Navy 10 July, 1931, at Minneapolis, Minn., has been chosen honor man of Company One.

Young Freerks has had the advantages of high school training, having attended the Crosby-Ironton High School, Crosby, Minn., and consequently has been able to assimilate the instruction given here in an excellent and satisfactory manner.

His selection as honor man of his Company comes as a reward for proficiency in the subjects taught, prompt obedience to orders, neatness and cleanliness in person and habits, military bearing, and particular aptitude for the service.

His next of kin is his father, Mr. George W. Freerks, who resides at Culyuhn, Minn., and who has every reason to be proud of the splendid showing his son has made thus far in the service.

## FORMER GREAT LAKES MAN COMMENDED

The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., recently addressed a letter of commendation to Peter Joseph Duffy, Seaman first class, U. S. Navy, whose home address is 1048 Mound St., Cincinnati, Ohio, expressing the appreciation of the Bureau for the efficiency with which he carried on his duties in maintaining the tide gauge in South Bay, west of Garachine's Point, San Miguel Bay, Republic of Panama, and for the tact which he displayed in his dealings with the Panamanians.

The records indicate that Duffy was attached to and served on this station from 13 August, 1924, to 11 November, 1924.

Therefore, we are delighted to extend to him our hearty congratulations upon the receipt of official recognition of duty well done.

Send the Bulletin Home.



## Recruit Training

Recruits received 7 Oct. to 13 Oct... 11  
 Recruits transferred 7 Oct. to 13 Oct. 2  
 Recruits in Training 13 October....631  
 Outgoing Unit, 13 October.....115  
 Total last two numbers.....746

### Company One.

After twelve weeks of hard and interesting training we finally won the Rooster. And now every one is off on the much looked-forward-to 12 day leave. By the time you read this we will be home or on our way there. We wish everyone in training lots of success in the weeks to come and all we will say now is: "Adieu until the 26th."

### Company Two.

Company Two made a very poor showing in this weeks Rooster Competition, most of the men seemed to be very nervous in the infantry drill, but are going to do much better the next Rooster Competition. We did have very good bags.

This company congratulates Company One on winning the Rooster and wish them a very happy and pleasant twelve day leave.

You will hear of good results from Company Two when the next Rooster Competition comes along.

### Company Three.

Congratulations Company One for your success in the recent Rooster Competition, although we did not capture the bird our efforts were rewarded by a close margin for first place. This coming Rooster week you will find our runners, high jumpers, and Platoons in A-1 condition; so beware, competing companies.

Bailey our broad and high jumper, came through with two first place victories for us and Rall was a close second in the high jump. Our boxers were up to our expectation and Erwin carried away his third consecutive victory by a decision over Clark of Co. 5. Clinger, a "pro" from Indianapolis won his fight by a knockout in the third round over Roenicke of Co. 1. Galovic lost by a close margin but put up a real fight. Stalec won by a knockout in the first round and thus contributing to his string of victories.

### Company Four.

Just three more weeks and then we will be homeward bound. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to their trip home and anticipates having the time of their lives.

We did not do so well in last weeks Rooster Competition, but next week our last and only chance at the beloved bird will find us much better in everything as most of the members of our company who have been in the sick bay have returned and are roaring to go.

We take this opportunity to congratulate Company One upon their graduation. Bon Voyage Boys.

### Company Five.

Company Five is out for the next Rooster. This is not a warning to certain companies which are graduating before us, but merely a statement which we fully intend to prove.

Of the most recent events, probably

## Hospital Notes

The Far East calls for more dashing pill rollers in the theatre of operations. Tropical Joe McCarty, Beekay Miller and Cy Perkins left Friday for the Receiving Ship at Frisco, enroute to the Asiatic Fleet. Tropical Joe even extended his enlistment in order to ride this gravy train.

Boy Huey, of the information section, also rode a gravy train this week, but in the opposite direction, Uncle decided he ought to have a vacation from answering questions over the telephone. So Huey was detailed to accompany a patient to Port Huron, Mich., as professional escort.

Judge Ramage, that hardy hossap who on general detail hauled a push broom and shovel as though he were ten men, now has a special push broom detail in his new home in Zion City. His honor merited the best wishes of his host of shipmates when he took unto himself a wife on the 7th. Mrs. Ramage was Miss Vivian Beatrice Cobb prior to that date.

When Lewis went to sea sometime ago, Joe Yetka took over the Nash roadster. He has now become its efficient navigator. The other day Joe was rolling gently down Boul Mich, the only car in a block. He heard a shrill police whistle. Wondering how he could have offended, but knowing he was the only possible offender, he pulled up to the curb and waited. No policeman came to bawl him out, but still he waited. He craned his neck to investigate the terrain—to discover that his terrifying police whistle had emanated from a peanut roaster.

A new four pounder has been added to the Great Lakes family. Doctor Stork brought the young lady to the Lying-In Hospital at Chicago, on the 7th, for Pharmacist's Mate and Mrs. K. L. Johnson. We felicitate you and yours, Johnny.

Thomas, long-timer in the rating of pharmacist's mate first class, has climbed the ladder another rung. On the 8th of October Tommy was rated chief pharmacist's mate, with acting appointment, on authority of the Bureau of Navigation. Congratulations

our most spectacular was the winning of the boat race again by our hard working boat crew. This crew is composed of Strobl, Rayl, Roenicke, Redeker, Johns, Dettlaff, Ellington, Christensen, Carlyon, and Brooks. Williams is the Coxswain. Mr. Cropper's efforts of late have chiefly been towards improving individuals in their manuals, bags, etc.

Lieutenant Shaw is with us every day now, and our boys on the drill field have found out that "by numbers" is his favorite command.

### Company Six.

We didn't do as well as we had hoped in the last Rooster but I think we may surprise some of the other companies the next time. At least, we intend to do much better and be a lot nearer the top if not at the top, when the final results are known.

We are glad to have Company Eight with us in "A" barracks as we were  
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## Aviation School

In addition to the basketball league started at the school to compete with other teams of the station, the Unit has discovered many excellent bowlers and hope to enter competition in that game this winter.

We have just learned that some of our seagoing instructors have spent a good part of their sea duty elsewhere on the beach; in San Diego, when in this Aviation Branch, if your pay accounts are carried upstairs you are on shore duty, and when they go to the lower floor you just have to contend with a couple of years at sea. But we don't know how true that is.

Prospects of an extension of shore duty for a time for three of the instructors are good so that we may have Iho, Wagner, and Gimmel with us until next Summer.

You can look over the North Chicago News in any local paper and read something about Clarence Gardner. Perhaps you didn't know he contributes to that sheet. At any rate, he belongs to us too and has become quite popular in North Chicago.

### METALSMITHS

This space might be left a blank but that would be too much like some of the members of our class. Our number has dwindled to twelve with transfers to the hospital, graduates, etc., and one wonders if some of the hospital patients are not just trying to get a little extension on their time here to catch up on various things in Chicago, Kenosha, and elsewhere. The sheet metal class have just finished a four piece elbow and it is not what it "seams." The metalsmiths are all in favor of the school dance so lets get together.

### Class 5.

Anderson A. L., Anderson J. L., Kanady J. K., McGhee W. C., McPherron P. D., Neck M. M., Phelps J. P., Phillips A., Smith J. H., Stover C. R., Wood L. P., Young F. B. Thus you have the history of Class 5, the pride of Aviation, who has now Goldbricked their last day at Great Lakes. We wish to make it known that we will our place in the chow line to Class 6 who we hope will carry on the good work. Be seeing you some future date, somewhere.

### Class 6.

We are in our last week of A.G.U., and to the most of us it has been nine weeks of various, agreeable experiences. We finish our course in Room 8 with Mr. Emmett, and may take this opportunity to say that we have the best instructor in the Aviation Branch, bar none!

Clark, our altitude authority has qualified for his sticky papers by flying to the overhead of the school mill. It has been a wonderful cruise, and we wish to thank those who had a part in making our stay here very interesting.

### Class 7.

On the home stretch now, and only two of the original class have fallen by the wayside. A general feeling of relief was noticeable at the termination of  
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## AVIATION NOTES

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Ignition and Engine Theory under Mr. Wagner.

Ski has found out that magneto is not a generator, so we all know that the efforts of some of the instructors were not in vain.

In Engine Overhaul we are learning why sailors have a reputation for excess profanity. Under the expert tutelage of Mr. Iho we have found dreams of learning much, that is, without much effort.

### Class 8.

At last we are coating. Those first six weeks were so tough that Hall got corns on his feet walking around in circles debating the cause of—Why is a scintilla?

Congratulations to Mr. Emmets bowling team—we knew they had the goods. It was rather hard to see the graduates go down to defeat, but you must admit that they were against superior talent.

### Class 10.

Class 10 has joined forces with Class 9 in order to overcome the resistance of Mr. Wagner's pet questions in Engine Theory. The effect is bagatelle to say the least. We could do better by ourselves. As we have already adopted three of the original Class 9 we become magnanimous and take the rest into our fold.

Our main assertion concerning the difficulty of the week is that it is every bit as hard as it is said to be. You can always tell an Engine Theory man by the dazed, dreamy, lifeless stare in his eyes. As an example, take notice of Hovey and Wilson, the shining lights of the class.

### Class 11.

After a brain teasing week in wire, we are now resting up in Dope and Fabric. DeForest is practically the only man who shows even prospect of understanding the work. Mueller, Cormier, and Co. have been doing the manual labor of the class. Pitman is taking up gliding. From latest reports the rest of the girls are starting a glee club.

### Class 12.

We are deep in the mysteries of the Navy Splice. After conquering the terminal for steel wire, and also the wrapped terminal we feel sure that the Navy Splice will be the next victim. Our class has now decreased to eight members, but we expect to finish with high honors.

### Class 13.

Our second week of school, and aside from Straley having a little difficulty in getting squared away on his lathe we are doing fine. The class has a most Cosmopolital compliment and strange as it may seem, we are getting along fine.

The members of Class 14 hereby announce their debut as fledgings into the school life of the Aviation Unit. As Rutola is confined to the sick bay, we have but seven men on deck at present.

Tecktiel says if we have any difficulty with our work he will be glad to enlighten us upon the different subjects. With that consolation we should be able to show "you-all" some real results.

## NEW MESS HALL AT CAMP BARRY READY FOR USE

We are informed that the new mess hall at Camp Barry, which has been under construction during the summer and early fall, will be ready for use on Monday, 19 October. This is good news, especially for the men at Camp Barry, and will doubtless add a great deal to their welfare and comfort. Lieutenant Commander A. K. Fogg, (CEC) USN, the Public Works Officer and his assistants, are to be congratulated upon the completion of this splendid piece of construction. It will meet a long felt need.

## SECOND BATTALION TRACK

On Thursday afternoon, 8 October, the Second Battalion engaged in a track meet with the following results. Company 3 took first place with a total of 49 points. Company 3 appeared to have taken a new lease on life, for the past month having done very little in athletics, this week suddenly crashes through by winning boxing as well as track. The first event 100 yard dash was won by Hammond of company 6. Marshall of company 4 was second and Huber of company 1 was third. The weather was cold and as a result no sensational records were made or approached.

The second event, the broad jump, went to Bailey of company 3 a distance of 17' 11", second place to Maki of company 6, and third place to Wilson.

The next event, the shot put, was won by "Butch" Stover of company 3, with a distance of 35' 4½". This constitutes a new record for Second Battalion shot put. Second place was won by Huber of company 2, and third place by Humphries of company 3.

The fourth event was the high jump, first and second place being won by Bailey and Rall from company 3 with Mundell of company 5 placing third.

The fifth event, the one half mile relay was won by company 1, having come up from behind. Company 4 was second, and company 6 third.

The tug of war proved as interesting as ever and was won by company 1, company 3 placing second, and company 5 placing third.

Due to the weather it was necessary to abandon track as of this date and the next rooster competition on the 21st, basketball will be substituted in the place of track. For the same reason race boat crews will be abandoned as of this date and swimming will take the place of race boats. These two latter events will carry the same merits as the events for which they are substituted.

## HINTS TO RECRUITS

As the winter season approaches guard your health—also your peace of mind.

Keep warmly clothed and keep your feet dry—you will thus avoid colds and extra duty for being out of uniform.

## OFFICERS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

A great many officers on the station have expressed their desire to enter a bowling tournament if the various activities can and will form teams. The officers of recruit training have expressed their willingness to enter a team. It is suggested that additional 4 men teams be formed in the following activities, Naval Hospital (one or more teams), Medical Headquarters (to include doctors and dentists), Supply Department (to include Commissary Store and Commissary Department), and naval station officers.

It is requested that heads of departments of the various units addressed, and the Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital, notify Lieutenant Buck in the near future if the officers serving under them are interested in forming teams as suggested. If there are enough interested officers, the proposed league can be started 1 November. The Commandant willing, a suitable trophy will be procured and presented the winning team.

From the league two teams will be picked to meet Fort Sheridan later in the year.

To date there are six teams which have entered the league. Two from the Hospital side, one from Recruit Training, one from the Ninth Naval District and two from the Training Station. It is hoped that a seventh team will be organized and entered from Medical Headquarters.

## RECRUIT TRAINING

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beginning to miss Company 32 from our midst.

Everyone seems to like Camp Paul Jones more all the time and so far we haven't had anyone fall out of their hammock which was to be expected, but everyone seems to be taking every precaution against it. We sincerely hope none of the boys will break the record.

### Company Seven.

We have spent our first week in Camp Paul Jones and most of the boys had their first liberty Saturday and Sunday. They all had a good time and are ready to settle down to another week of drill, swimming, and boating.

Company One is leaving us Wednesday on their twelve day leave home. We are all sorry to lose our new friends so fast. The boys all join in wishing them a pleasant trip.

### Company Eight.

We have started our first week in Camp Paul Jones, and the boys are sure pleased with their neighbors, Company Six.

We have started shooting on the rifle range, and before the week is over we expect to have some fair scores.

We have a number of boys who have a hankering to leave their hammocks any hour during the night—unexpectedly. At the present time we are trying to get acquainted with the rules and regulations of the Second Battalion.

"Why is a fireman third like a Lucky Strike?"

"Because he is always being roasted."