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Monday's Menu

Breakfast:

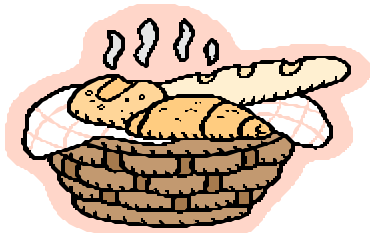
Scrambled Eggs
Maple-Flavored Sausage Links
Tater Tots
Banana Bread
Donuts
Apple Juice
Oatmeal

Lunch:

Beef French Dip Sandwich
Italian Sausage Cavatini
Cheese Cavatini
Whole Kernel Corn
Chips

Dinner:

Roast Turkey Breast and Gravy
Country-Fried Beef Steak
Ratatouille over Rice
Whipped Potatoes
Bread Dressing
White Rice
Broccoli Spears
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls



Staters' Get Clued-In at Opening Ceremony

At the Opening Ceremonies today most Boys' State Delegates finally learned what this camp is all about. The Opening Ceremony started off surprisingly and unexpectedly with a military-style march to McCain Auditorium. Once there, Advisor Jeff Schrag, who led the Staters in the Pledge of Allegiance, welcomed the Staters. Then the Keynote Speaker, Kathleen Sebelius, spoke on the importance of involvement, which was the phrase of the day for the Staters' from the counselors, advisors, and the rest of the Boys' State staff. Afterwards, Coordinator Rob Maddux introduced the staff coordinators to all of the Staters. The Staters were then treated to a presentation from the Kansas Boys' State Executive Director, Thane Chastain. Chastain explained to the delegates how the week at Boys' State would work; he also explained how the state was divided up along with how the names for the counties and

cities were chosen. Then, Chastain took some questions from the delegates. Finally the 2001 session of Boys' State was opened by the 2000 Governor Joe Gardenhire.

Kevin Shelton
King County

Surprising Weather Welcomes Staters

After learning about one's selection to the honorable American Legion Boys' State program, many young men finish the end of their junior year attempting to envision what the experience will be like. Through stories from past staters and information over past sessions via the internet or brochures sent by sponsors, many soon-to-be participants create a mock scenery of endless, hot days spent marching through the campus of Kansas State University under the sun. The 2001 chapter proved to be different.

Manhattan welcomed participants of the 2001 Kansas Boys state with a mild display of unseasonably cool weather.

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Individuals planning to experience this weeks' events expressed mixed feelings over the topic. "I thought the weather provided a nice setting," said Josh Johnson, who had the luxury of traveling less than 30 miles to Manhattan from his home in Junction City. Johnson, the Marshall County Federalist candidate for Governor was "happy that [the weather] wasn't too hot for the marches." Jesse Newell, who traveled approximately one and a half hours from his Emporia household for the program, thought differently. "[The weather] was quite a surprise," complained Newell, who recently earned a position on the Boys' State newspaper, The Stater's Union. "I packed a lot of shorts for the trip. I didn't expect to be freezing in 50 degree weather in the evenings standing outside!"

Hope all of you soon-to-be seniors packed sufficient jackets, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants for the trip. Though far from drastic conditions, this spur of wind gusts and cooler temperatures appears as if it will entertain us for the next couple of days. Here's a look at this weeks' forecast:

TODAY: Expect yet another day filled with strong winds. The day should be extremely breezy but warm, with temperatures topping 80 degrees by midday. Rain is likely, with thunderstorms possible during the evening. Low around 65.

TUESDAY: Slightly warmer than Monday, with the high around 84. Thunderstorms still possible throughout the morning and early afternoon, with rain

ceasing towards the evening. Low around 60.

WEDNESDAY:

High 83

Low 55

THURSDAY:

High 86

Low 58

FRIDAY:

High 86

Low 62

SATURDAY:

High 87

Low 63

Jeff Coverdale,
Pershing County

Scandal Befalls Olympic Mascot

Scandal has struck Salt Lake City, and it's not due to any of the religious organizations in Utah. No, instead, this scandal is a direct result of bribery and greed. The 2002 winter games in Salt Lake City has been wrought with problems and issues that have lead to resignations in both the International Olympic Committee and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, only this time scandal hasn't claimed the job of an official involved in the scandal. Instead, this time tragedy has befallen the mascot for the Olympics. Due to be unveiled during the Nogano Winter Olympic Games the 2002 mascot was later postponed to be released in time for Christmas. But after the recent scandal involving the bribery of IOC officials, SLOC officials have decided to wait to unveil the official mascot; "We want to introduce the mascot for 2002 in an

atmosphere of community celebration. This is not the appropriate time," said Shelley Thomas, senior vice president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

David Johnson, the SLOC executive vice president forced to resign Friday because of his prominent role in the bid process, attacked a TV crew on his doorstep Monday.

"Get off my property!" Johnson yelled at Remi Barron, a reporter for KSTU, and cameraman Charlie Ehlert.

"We're leaving," Ehlert said.

Johnson then grabbed a microphone from Barron, kicked Ehlert and took his camera, according to the station, which showed part of the struggle it caught on tape.

"Dave right from the start was very angry and belligerent," news director Geoff Roth said Tuesday. "Remi would have left. Instead, Dave physically attacked our crew."

While the Olympics are supposed to be a time of positive attention they have instead been plagued by negative attention and bad press as of recent. Perhaps this and other recent problems in professional sports, such as abuse of spouse and coaching staff and repeated drug use, signals the downfall of sportsmanship and sports ethics in America. After all, if the players and officials are so willing to demonstrate lack of ethics off the field what's to stop them on it? First Marijuana and now bribery, where did that good old Olympic sense of ethics go? I guess it went out with the 80's and Duran Duran.

DJ Soper
Kennedy County

NBA PLAYOFFS 2001

East Finals Bucks vs. Sixers
Allen Iverson scores 44 points in Game 7 to carry the Sixers to their first NBA Finals since 1983. The writing was on the wall, it turns out, in the fourth quarter of Game 6 in the East finals. Allen Iverson broke loose for 26 points that quarter, and he never slowed down in Game 7, scoring 44 to lift the Sixers past the Bucks 108-91. It marks the first time the 76ers have been to the NBA Finals since 1983. The Sixers face the defending champion Lakers, starting Wednesday in L.A.

West Finals Lakers vs. Spurs
The Lakers appear to be rollin' through the 2001 NBA playoffs going unbeaten in their first 11 games of the tournament. This is the first time that any team has done that since they did it back in 1989. The Lakers took the series over the Spurs 4-0.

STANLEY CUP FINALS 2001

Devils Fight Back to Even Series

It isn't every day that future Hall of Famer Patrick Roy makes a game-altering mistake. But it happened in Game 4 on Saturday night. The Avs goalie juggled the puck in the third period - a move that led to Scott Gomez's game-tying goal in route to the Devil's 3-2 victory over Colorado. Petr Sykora netted the winner for New Jersey, which overcame two defeats to even the series at 2.

Ryan Hawks,
Bradley County

CALLS FOR A CEASE- FIRE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Secretary of State Colin Powell is urging Palestinian President Yasser Arafat to sign a cease-fire agreement for all Palestinian soldiers, hopefully leading to a stop in warring between the Palestinians and Israeli's. Prompted by a night club bombing Friday night in Tel Aviv, Israel by a Palestinian, Powell has been going on such political news programs as "Meet the Press," and "Late Edition" guaranteeing more U.S. involvement in finding a solution to the escalating problems in Israel and a possible means for the solution. Powell has hinted that CIA director George Tenet might actually go over to Israel to negotiate security agreements between the two warring countries. Although CIA spokespeople have said that no decision has been made about Tenet's trip to Israel, it is believed that this is the route that will be taken.

Powell has reportedly been conversing with Arafat and Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon all weekend. What has been discussed and debated over in these conversations is not known at this time, but experts speculate that an agreement is close at hand. The Secretary of State himself has agreed to travel to the Middle East when he feels that he can bring something useful to the table. At this time Powell believes that the U.S. is greatly represented by Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs William Burns,

and that if he were to go to Israel right now it would not help end the problem, just spawn idle chit-chat.

Aaron Norton
Sullivan, Seitz County

Kansas Priest On Way to Sainthood

Eight years after the announcement from the Vatican for canonization of Emil A. Kapaun, the most highly decorated Army chaplain, was honored with a memorial mass in his hometown. Kapaun was born in the small town of Pilsen, Kansas. In 1940, he was ordained as a priest of the Catholic Diocese in Wichita, Kansas. Four years later, he entered the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps. After obtaining his master's degree he soon became a pastor at Timken.

After returning to the Army in 1948, Kapaun was sent to Japan. In July of 1950, he was ordered to go to Korea and serve. Five months later, on November 2, Kapaun was taken as prisoner of war. Although his own health was very quickly deteriorating, Emil continued on to help nurse and care for the other injured soldiers. He continued in this way until a blood clot formed in his leg causing him to suddenly quit making his daily rounds. Kapaun was denied any medication to help clear the blood clot and passed away on May 23, 1951.

In 1952, Kapaun was still listed as Missing In Action and received the Bronze Star Medal and the Distinguished Service Cross. In 1953, news of his death was received after two

years of waiting. In 1989 Emil received the Prisoner of War Medal. In 1993, the Vatican began the process that might eventually lead to the canonization of Emil A. Kapaun. All that stands in the way now of a local Kansas priest becoming a saint is the proving of his heroic probity.

Jason Adkins
Eisenhower County

A Message from the Editor

The purpose of "The Staters' Union" is to inform every one of daily events that happen at Boys' State, in the state of Kansas, as well as worldwide. No one member of the newspaper staff will be held solely responsible for anything put in this paper. We function as a unit so if there is a problem with anything the staff is at fault not the individual. Please take your time to read through all the articles and enjoy!

Mike Schlotterbeck
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