

# THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

► **Nation**

**Brain injury patients see cold road ahead**

NEW YORK (AP) — Victims of severe brain injuries can recover faster and perhaps more fully if their bodies are chilled to 87 or 88 degrees for a day, a recent study found.

The cooling treatment is "something every hospital could do," said Dr. Donald Marion, director of the brain trauma research center at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "It's not high-tech."

More than 370,000 Americans a year are hospitalized with brain injuries. The cooling strategy, called hypothermia, is used now in some brain injury cases, but not widely.

The researchers studied 82 patients who were in comas after traffic accidents, falls, assaults or other incidents. All received standard treatment, but half were also cooled for 24 hours, starting an average of 10 hours after the injury.

Their body temperatures were lowered by putting special cooling blankets above and below them. The blankets, standard equipment at hospitals, had cold water circulating in them. In some patients, cold water was injected into the stomach through a nose or mouth tube.

The patients were given drugs to keep them from shivering.

**Students sign oath of honesty in Virginia**

STAUNTON, Va. (AP) — Students at Mary Baldwin College won't lie, cheat or steal. You have their word on it, in writing.

The honors pledge they sign as freshmen may seem a relic of the past at a time when polls have found widespread cheating among American high school and college students.

But this small school, founded in the Blue Ridge foothills in the 19th century, takes the subject very seriously, trusting its 1,200 female students to take examinations on their own time with no professors watching.

"You can leave your books lying around," said Lisa Crigler, 20, a junior from Staunton, standing on the hilly campus that overlooks the Shenandoah and the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson, a champion of honor systems. "You can leave anything anywhere, and nobody touches it."

The school canceled classes Wednesday so students could spend the day taking a close and lively look at the honor system, an institution that still lives on at dozens of other campuses, including Princeton, Rice and Stanford.

Most schools with honor systems are in the Southeast, with at least a dozen within a 50-mile radius of the campus.



**Hello in There**

Brian King, a sophomore chemical engineering major, washes his clothes in a Northside laundry Wednesday afternoon.

► **This day in history**

Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 1997. There are 314 days left in the year.

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.  
In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the Supreme Court ruled the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C.

In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition.

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary in a dispute with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as Big Week.

In 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth as he flew aboard the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule.

In 1965, the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

► **Today's birthdays**

Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 73. Movie director Robert Altman is 72. Actor Sidney Poitier is 70. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 60. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 56. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 55. Actress Sandy Duncan is 51. Rock musician J. Geils is 51. Actor Peter Strauss is 50.

► **Weather**

Today	Tonight	Tomorrow	Highs & Lows
			Today's Expected: 70°F Tonight's Expected: 51°F Tomorrow's Expected High: 65°F Tomorrow's Expected Low: 48°F
Cloudy with an 80% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Cloudy with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers.	

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**ITALY STUDY ABROAD SPRING '97**  
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ARTS 350: Arts and Civilization  
SOC 205: Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 230: Classical Social Theory  
ECON 320: Economic Development of Europe  
LBAR 332: Global Economic Issues

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**  
in 358 Bizzell Hall West

Wednesday, February 19  
1:00 - 1:45 pm  
Thursday, February 20  
3:30 - 4:15 pm  
Friday, February 21  
3:15 - 4:00 pm

**STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS**  
161 Bizzell Hall W.  
(409) 845-0544

**Put Your 2¢ In!**

Filing for Student Body Positions, Yell Leader, RHA, and Class Council is

Feb. 24 - Feb. 28  
9:00-5:00  
Rm 143 Koldus

**"Race & Fragmentation: What is the Solution?"**

**Maxine Waters**  
United States Representative  
Member of House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, and chair of the Black Caucus

presented by  
Memorial Student Center

**Student Conference On National Affairs**  
Tomorrow in Rudder Theater at 1:45 p.m.

Persons with disabilities please call 845-1515 to inform us of your special needs. In order to provide adequate assistance we request three (3) working days notification.

**TEXAS A&M FOOTBALL**  
**12TH MAN / WALK-ON**  
**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 1997

TIME: 4:30 PM

WHERE: Kyle Field Stadium Film Room

For More Information: 845-0374

**Attention All Departments and Student Organizations:**

Participate in Earth Day at Texas A&M on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rudder Fountain by having a table promoting environmental education and awareness.

Return the following application and a one page description of your booth to the Student Government Office by Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**\*\*Prizes will be awarded to the best exhibit\*\*.**

Organization or Department Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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