

## Productivity may result in weight gain

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SAN DIEGO — Researchers say an efficient worker may rise to company executive, but he also stands a better chance of becoming overweight than his less productive co-workers.

Dr. Fred H. Mattson of the University of California at San Diego said Wednesday an efficient worker spends less energy at his job, thus increasing his chances of gaining weight.

But the worker's less-efficient counterpart burns more calories

working around his tasks.

Mattson, director of the university's Lipid Research Center, said his findings are part of an ongoing, year-old research program involving obese men at the university's Clinical Research Center, under a grant from the National Institute of Health.

Volunteers, who usually are referred to the program by their doctors, live at the center for a period of about two months in a controlled environment in which each individual is fed a daily diet of 1,000 calories while his

physical activities are monitored.

Mattson said goals of the project are two-fold:

— To find out what causes obesity, defined as people who weigh more than 10 percent above their ideal weight.

— To determine the effect of various nutrients on the level and type of blood cholesterol in the body.

Mattson said a major finding of his research is that overweight men tend to be more efficient in their tasks than others who are able to maintain normal body weight.

# Peking man mystery still baffles scientists

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PEKING — On a cold December day 50 years ago in the nearby village of Zhoukoudian, a 26-year-old anthropologist plucked a skull from under his shovel in a cave where local peasants had reported finding "dragon bones."

He held out a brown wooden drawer from an ordinary filing cabinet at the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology. Inside were molars much like those dentists work on today, except larger. In another drawer lay the skull and jawbone, like dusty rocks, covered with cotton.

Professor Pei Wenzhong made one of the greatest scientific discoveries of all time.

The skull of "Peking Man," a human with overhanging brow and massive jaws who lived 200,000-600,000 years ago, was the first solid evidence that modern man evolved from apes. The skull also proved man had used fire centuries earlier than had been believed.

But the famous skull, and four of five others found in the same cave, disappeared during World War II on their way to the United States.

The international mystery has never been solved. China's Peking Man specialist, Wu Rukang, a colleague of Pei, hopes the United States can find the relics.

"The only specimens we have of our Peking Man are these five teeth, a lower jawbone and a skull in two pieces," Wu said in gentle dismay.

Wu said the precious skulls were kept at Peking University Medical College until the United States entered the war in the Pacific in 1941.

Two American scientists working at the college, Henry S. Houghton and a man recalled only as T. Bowen, took the skulls by train to Tianjin (Tientsin) to be shipped to the United States on an American freighter for safekeeping.

"We do not know what happened to the men," Wu said. "Some people think the train was captured by the Japanese, others say the ship was sunk by a Japanese torpedo."

"A professor at the New York Museum of Natural History thought the boxes were seized in Tianjin. We investigated but could not find them there."

"When I went to a conference in Toledo, Ohio, last spring, many American anthropologists said they

wanted to help us find the skulls. They have not given up hope, but there is no trace of them in Japan or the United States."

On a small hill near Zhoukoudian, excavations continued in the several caves. During Mattson's 1966-76 anti-inflation "Cultural Revolution," the paleontologists were "writing revolutionary posters and attending meetings," Wu said.

In late 1978, anthropologists and local workmen resumed excavations near the original site.

A dozen workmen, wearing denim faces peering from their caps, haul wheelbarrows full of fist-sized rocks from the cave.

Over the hill, visitors place the cave — 40 yards high and 100 yards wide — where the Peking Man skulls were found. High cave wall a white sign says "Peking Man skull was picked up here in 1929."

Foreigners now can visit the site, but need special visas. Zhoukoudian is outside the 2-mile radius of Peking in which foreigners can circulate. A soldier guards a 25-mile limit post, the Marco Polo Bridge, where the Italian crossed into Peking and where the Sino-Japanese War began in 1937.

A four-room museum next to the cave has just been reopened. It plays remains that show the Peking men and women, many of the species "Homo erectus" emerged 1 million years ago before "Homo sapiens," or modern man.

Between 30 and 50 people lived at about the same time in the cave. The anthropologists found thousands of rocks cut into tools which the cave people cut meat. And they cooked it.

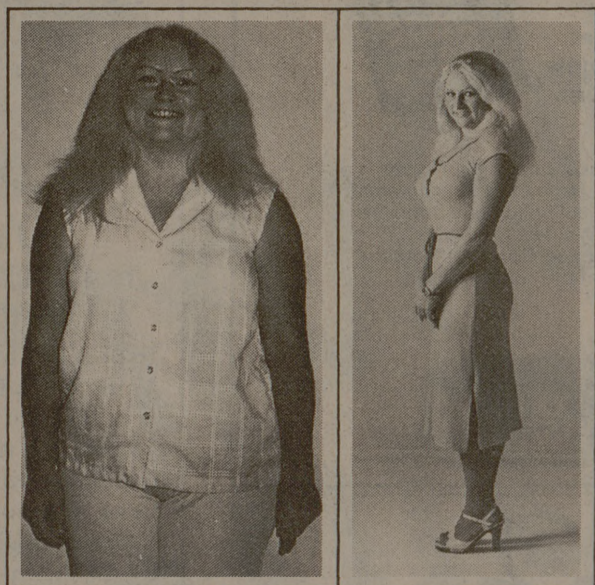
In the 13 layers of century refuse dug from the cave, two ashes, and some are as thick as 10 centimeters. The museum scientists say the Peking Man cave dwellers' fire burning all the time they lived there could be re-started, probably burned for centuries.

In the museum's glass cases thousands of animal bones, those of mice and birds and toothed tigers and rhinoceroses of the animal fossils date back 100,000 years.

An analysis of 22 bones of the Peking Man occupants of the cave showed 15 died under 14 years of age, three between 15 and 30 years, three between 40 and 50 years, and only one lived to between 50 and 60 years. Some skulls are better preserved than others, and some led each other.

Research by 120 scientists at institutions and colleges in the United States since 1977 fixed the date of the human bones at 600,000 to 100,000 years more than was believed when the first skull was discovered in 1929.

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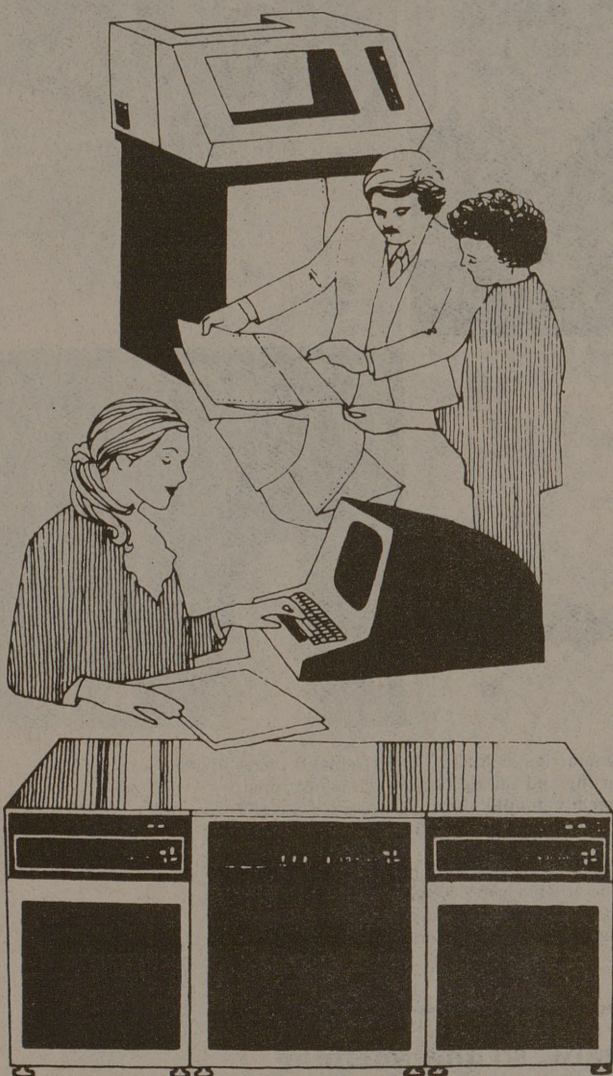
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