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# Dieting could be F dangerous if you to don't know rules

By Lyneen Johnson Reporter

Mexican diet pills, sleep-away remedies, 500- and 800-calorie diets, a three-day hot dog and egg diet, the eat-whatever-you-want-as-much-asyou-want diets. Sound familiar:

How about Nutrisystem, Weight Watchers, stationary cycles, rowing machines, running, exercise classes and aerobic videos? With so many ways to lose weight, how does anyone know which method to use?

Understanding the physiology of the human body makes the decision easier. This understanding could come from enrollment in a college physiology course or from an individual study of the human anatomy.

Most people cannot afford the time or expense for such an education. Weeding through the available literature can also be quite a chore. Physiology and anatomy books and those focusing on diet and exercise techniques are available in any bookstore, but like the numerous methods, all are not legitimate refer-

Important facts are often over-

Did you know that exercise artificially increases your metabolism for up to 12 hours? The rate of increase is not as much as during exercise, or the first hour following, but it is increased

Did you know that the average person burns 1,200 calories a day while resting? Low calorie diets can be harmful to the body because they do not provide enough nutrients to keep it functioning at rest, not to mention in an active state. Fat is a substance found inside fat

vidual's body cannot be changed, but the amount of fat within the cells People born to obese parents have an 80 percent chance of being obese (40 percent if only one parent is

cells. Number of fat cells in an indi-

Cardiovascular fitness and thinness are not synonymous. Skinny

and not-fat are not synonymous. Body composition and cardiovascular fitness are more important than looking lean.

B. Sharkey, author of "Physiology of Exercise," a book used in many college physiology classes, acknowledges the difficulty in deciphering these truths from all the garbage published and advertised. His book focuses on the primary information that everyone should know when designing a diet or exercise plan: basal metabolism.

Like fingerprints, this is a charac teristic that is completely individualized. However, like hair color, it can be changed.

Basal metabolism is the number of calories that the body burns when awake but at rest; for instance if you were to stay in bed all day but were not asleep. By getting out of bed and moving around, your metabolism is automatically raised.

Increasing activity continues to increase the metabolism, thereby increasing the number of calories that the body uses

Age, weight, height and gender also affect the metabolic rate. Dr. Kenneth Cooper, author of numerous books and founder of the Aerobics Center (a research institute for cardiac rehabilitation and exercise physiology in Dallas), includes all these factors in his formula for me-

Women can compute their basal metabolism (BMR) using the following formula: 655 plus (4.36 times weight) plus (4.5 times height in inches) minus (4.7 times age).

Men should use a different mula: 66 plus (6.23 times we plus (12.7 times height) minus

Included in Cooper's form an activity factor that allows for

raising of metabolism due to ex Activity levels vary from wa (faster than a stroll) to any hystrenuous activity performed least 20 consecutive minutes. are determined as follows:

Activity ranges: Light = 5-10 hours/week moderate = 11-14 hours/week heavy = 15-20 hours/week (1) very heavy hours/week (1.35).

To compute your approxi loric expenditure per day y you BMR and the appropria

ity factor decimal and multip Use this number added BMR plus the appropriate factor to determine your ove loric expenditure each day.

Sharkey's method is less cated, less individualized and fore, less accurate, but gives estimate from which to establish

Sharkey includes increases for rious activities. Bed rest is 10 per above BMR. Reading or knitting 30 percent increase. Office work creases BMR 40-60 percent moderate housework increases

Diets allowing only 500-800 ories negate these increases by an ing the body to slow down in and fort to conserve energy.

#### Marketing prof study shows they're 'fun'

By Velia Velez Reporter

Marketing professors exent lot of energy preparing and g ing their lectures, are extrem demanding of their students, are generally a lot of fun, acco ing to a national survey.

The study was conducted Dr. Jeffrey S. Conant and I Denise T. Smart, both assista professors of marketing at Te A&M and Dr. Craig A. Kelly, sociate professor of marketing California State University at ramento.

It was conducted to find of the characteristics of good teading specifically in marketing pro

"The professors talk abogoing the extra distance for st dents who have problems both and out of the class," said Conan project leader. "They are able to draw even the quietest student into a conversation.'

Participating in the study 144 marketing professors at U.S. colleges and universities.

Conant said the responde indicated that their studen thought they were good profesors, but their classes were han demanding and challenging.

The study won the 1988 Ma keting Association Summer M keting Educators' Conference Best Paper Award in the Market ing Education Track.

### What went on Aug. 24 throughout history?

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 1988. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history: In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.
On this date:

In A.D. 410, Rome was overrun by the Visigoths, an event that symbolized the fall of the Western Ro-

man Empire. In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris on St. Bartholomew's Day. The killings lasted until Octo-ber, and claimed some 13,000 vic-

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington and proceeded to set fire to the Capitol and the White

House. In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to make a non-stop flight across the United States, trav

eling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours. In 1939, Germany and the Soviet

Union signed a non-aggression pact. In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect, with the parties agreeing that an armed attack against one would be const

attack against them all."
In 1954, the Communist Com Act went into effect, virtually lawing the Communist Party in United States.

In 1959, Hiram L. Fong sworn in as the first Chinese-Am can U.S. senator while Daniel Inouve was sworn in as the first anese-American in the U.S. Ho of Representatives. Both were fi

In 1968, France became world's fifth thermonuclear polar as it exploded a hydrogen bomb the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by war extremists exploded at the versity of Wisconsin's Army Research Center in Madison, researcher Robert Fassnacht, 3

In 1981, Mark David Chap was sentenced in New York years to life in prison for thes

Ing death of rock star John Lem In 1982, Archbishop Joseph Bernardin was installed as head Chicago's Roman Catholic Archo

Ten years ago: Leftist guern who had seized the National Pa in Managua, Nicaragua, released last of their hostages.