The fashion plate

They shed pounds to enjoy fashion

"We treat fat people," says Dr. Peter Miller, director of the weight control center in the Department of Behavioral Medicine at Hilton Head Hospital. S. Carolina.
"Overweight is caused by a negative energy balance. Which means too much food coming in and not enough being burned up. You remedy the problem by decreasing food intake and increasing physical output."
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That, briefly, is how you whittle yourself down from a size 24'2 to an 8. No one says it's easy, including those patients who come to Hilton Head Hospital, having failed to keep excess weight off from trying the many fad diets sweeping the country.

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An increasing awareness on the part of the American people and the medical profession of the importance of physical fitness, from both health and appearance standpoints, triggered the inception of the Weight Control Center on this beautiful resort Island.

Former Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills residents Dorothy and Clarfence Hatch now live year-round on the island and devote a great, deal of their time and interest to the medical and behavioral control programs at the hospital.

THE GOAL of the Weight Control Center is to offer the overweight individual the opportunity for a longer and more satisfying life through weight loss and permanent control.

Calling it the 'fat cell theory,' Dr. Milter explained why some people are chronically over-

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They develop more fat cells than others. he said. "When you gain or lose weight, the fat cells increase or decrease in size but the number of fat cells does not change. Therefore, some people always have to watch what they cat.

The cells are storage cells, filtering the people and the people storage cells, filtering the people at too much of the wrong kind of foot. In our program, most people lose 20 pounds in a month As the fat cells decrease and muscle tissue begins to form, they lose three inches all around. "But the emphasis on weight control should be placed not on weight loss per se, but on modifications in eating habits, activity patterns, and over all life style for permanent maintenance of an ideal weight."



The successful Hilton Head program, in operation for a year, has followed up its first 20 patients for a nine-month period. According to Dr. Miller, other dietary programs have a documented success of from five to 25 per cent, while the Hilton Head programs hows a 86 per cent success rate in maintenance of a 20-pound weight loss. Many of these have lost 40 pounds or more and have maintained that weight loss.

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PATENTS LEARN alternatives to fat storing behavioral habits: "Overweight people are more susceptible to the sight or smell of food—it makes them hungry." Dr. Miller said.

"Overweight people are less likely to know when they are really hungry. Fatigue may be interpreted as hunger.
"They think if it eat something, I may feel better. They learn to replace this kind of thinking with non-food alternatives."

Video tapes are used to help them overcome and eating style. They often see that they take large bites and eat quickly and they learn that the silmen counterpart takes smaller bites, eats slowly and puts the fork down between bites. Role playing is an important part of the therapy. The dinner party syndrome is acted out. Participants learn that the "clean plate" theory, perchaps instilled in them from childbood, should be disregarded. They learn that much of their over-eating may be done for spite or for reward and they find other outlet channels.

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Food is not the only substance abuse. Dr. Miller also succeeds in treating alcohol and smoking abuse which, he says, sometimes goes hand-in-hand with weight problems.

For more information on the program, write Dr. Miller at Hilton Head Hospital, P.O. Box 1117, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29928.

Volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bu-reau, a program of the Volunteer Ac-tion Center of the United Community Services, has weekly listings of agencies needing volunteers. Further information about these agencies and over 200 others that need volunteer services may be obtained from the Volunteer Bureau, 642-7272.

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CAMP OAKLAND is in urgent need of volunteers to work in their summer resident camp program, June 14-August 21. Volunteers may work full or part time as camp conseolors, nurse or cook. They must be over 18 years of age and interested in working with special children. Orientation is provided.

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THE CITIZEN ADVOCACY PROGRAM, a division of Oakland County
Assoc. for Retarded Citizens, is looking for volunteers to work in the
areas of script writing and art graphics. Help is needed in designing a new
brochure and posters and preparing a
script for a slide presentation. The volunteer should have a background in
the appropriate field
SOUTH OAKLAND UNIT OF MICHIGAN CANCER FOUNDATION needs
volunteers to act as drivers for cancer patients to be picked up at their
nomes and taken to either Beaumont.
Sinai or Providence hospitals for treatment. Urgent needs are in Oak Park,
Royal Oak and Southfield. These volunteers are needed for a six-month period.

softh DISTRICT COURT IN PON-TIAC is looking for volunteers to work in several of their programs. Volunteer job developers make di-rect contact with employers to find po-sitions open to probationers. Retired business men and active service groups are preferred for this position, four hours a week is required, as well as a knowledge of business personnel oractices.

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Volunteer pre-sentence investigators gather information about the offender's family, health, employment and educational background through an interview. The investigator then writes a report and a recommendation to the judge to supply additional background material. Writing ability and knowledge of a basic interview process is preferred. Sudoms in human science fields are welcome. Training is provided

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