

## Good looks can be an asset; attractive victims are helped more often, study indicates

United Press International  
NEW YORK — Good looks is good. Of 602 persons who used a telephone booth in a large Midwestern airport, 47 percent were willing to contact the good looking owner of a "lost" graduate school application — with photo attached — which was left in the booth, while the response from the "lost" documents of plain-looking applicants was only 35 percent.

The experiment, reported in an issue of Science Digest, was conducted by a team of Penn State psychologists to establish scientifically that good looks definitely pay off.

Richard M. Lerner, psychologist at Pennsylvania State University and one of three researchers who planted the applications in the phone booth, also found that fat people are rejected by other fat people as well as by thin people.

"A fat person is looked upon as stupid, sad, left out, not wanted as a friend, and as having many other undesirable characteristics," he said.

The Science Digest article points out, however, that merely thinking yourself attractive can improve your appearance in the eyes of others.

## Myers tackles degree, football



Frank Myers — starting lineman for the Minnesota Vikings.  
Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

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Frank Myers, formerly an all-Southwest Conference offensive lineman, is back at Texas A&M University.

After playing for Texas A&M from 1974-1978, Myers signed with the Minnesota Vikings. He started 13 games at tackle or guard for them last season.

But defensive linemen around the SWC need not worry. The 6-foot, 5-inch, 265-pound Myers is only here to finish a degree in agricultural economics.

But while he agrees that football has glamour, he says it doesn't guarantee a player financial security for life.

"Football is a career for the present. I feel my degree is important in my life — so I will always have something to fall back on," Myers said. Myers said he plans to play pro football for 10 more years. But, he said, "if something like an injury did end my career, I feel it essential for me to have a degree so I would be able to do something else with my life," Myers said.

Myers, said playing pro football makes men more susceptible to businessmen who would like to invest their money. Players usually put their money into some kind of investment such as land, which provides a shelter from income taxes, Myers said. Investments are good to fall back on, but they don't always last forever, Myers said.

"I feel like going to school at Texas A&M is harder than playing pro football," Myers said. He said there are more hours involved in going to school. With the Vikings, he said he practices two hours a day and attends an hour-long meeting on most days. At Texas A&M, he attends classes for most of the day and then goes home to study. There are no free nights here as there are while playing football, Myers said.

Myers became interested in agriculture while growing up in San Angelo. He said even though his family did not farm, most of his friends did and he knew someday he would like to own a farm.

Myers plans to graduate in the spring of 1980. Upon graduation and during his off seasons, Myers said he might like to work as a state extension agent or do some farming in the Pecos Valley.

## Ags win college games

Students from Texas A&M University won the all-events trophy for the second time in three years at the Association of College Unions Games tournament last Thursday Saturday.

About 40 Aggies beat students from 30 other universities to win the trophy at North Texas State University in Denton.

Texas A&M won 146 points, 64 points won in trap and shooting competition. The University of Texas took second place with 130 points and the University of Houston won third place with 126.75 points.

Taking first place in the men's billiards competition was Ray Brown who will participate in the national finals at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor April 4-7.

Other winners are: Mark Hulse and Chris Shometa, first place chess team; Mark Hulse, first place in individual chess competition; Shawn Foss, Steven Haggard, Glen Douglas, Christopher Street and George Strickhausen, first place in team trap shooting; Glen Douglas, first place individual trap shooting, and Sandy Patterson, second place in women's billiards.

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## Crime rate may make British cops tote guns

United Press International  
LONDON — It was only 10 minutes — the time it took the unarmed London police officers to sign for a gun — but it meant the difference between escape and arrest for a fleeing convict.

London is the only major city worldwide whose police do not carry guns. The force is proud of the fact. But incidents like the above increasingly raise the question of whether growing violence in society may force British police to join the gun-carriers.

Brixton, where the armed robber eluded capture, is a once prosperous area that in recent years has become a crime-ridden slum. To carry or not to carry guns in Brixton is an emotional and daily question. There are no easy answers.

"I would hate to carry a gun," said police constable Bob Milton, one of a two-man squad car team patrolling in Brixton. "But I have to admit

there are times when patrolling in the squad car it would be better to have a gun on board."

"I think you need a gun in the cars," agreed teammate Ron Toye. "If the criminals you're dealing with are armed, it's only rational you should have proper protection against them."

At the moment, police have access to guns, but they are for emergencies and must be signed for. Local police can call on special permanently armed metropolitan London squads, operating out of Scotland Yard.

A recent evening's patrol in Brixton was typical except for the presence of a reporter in the squad car. During the eight-hour shift, a gun was called for only in the incident with the armed robber.

In the evening's other incidents — breaking down a door to rescue an overdose victim; trying to locate an unlicensed driver; answering the

alarm from a girl who was accused on the steps of her apartment — no gun was necessary.

The question boils down to a cop's chances of getting shot while heightened or lessened if he is armed?

"Don't you think if you come a situation where the other person knows you're carrying a gun, it will be more likely to shoot you than if you were unarmed?" asked Milton, who has been on the Brixton force for 1 1/2 years.

"No," said Toye, a 13-year Brixton veteran. "You're not talking about nice guys who would think something like that. If they've got a gun, they'll use it. They don't care if the cop is armed or not."

Neither man wanted to carry a gun on foot patrol.

"You see, if you start that whole thing will just escalate," Milton said. "England is lucky in not having the number of guns that the United States does. For example, we want to keep that way."

Last July Scotland Yard reported violent crime figures for 17 divisions, which includes Brixton, four other communities south of the Thames, showing a rise of 45 percent in three years — to 2,035 in 1977.

Walking around Brixton, it is to imagine it as the prosperous shopping center and bedroom community for the West End theatre district it was when Ronald Woodman came to the area in 1953.

"There was a market here and good quality shops people would come to from far away. The bus and rail strikes ended all that. The businesses went broke and that was the beginning of the slide," said the 57-year-old who joined the police after 16 years with the Royal Navy.

Brixton's fleeing population has room for an influx of unemployed youths and immigrants unfamiliar with British law. Racial problems certainly exist.

Woodman, as a "home beat" officer, patrols his square mile on a tired old bicycle, speaking to many of the 20,000 inhabitants. "It's possible in an approximation of a village situation," as he put it.

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