

Grade school yes, junior high no

# Is integration the best?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — This city's black and white grade school pupils seem to learn better in integrated classes, a federal study indicates. But the study finds that when black students reach junior high they seem to benefit more from the presence of a black majority.

School Supt. Matthew W. Costanzo said he was astounded by the results. "It certainly flies in the face of some of the other studies that have stressed the need for integration," he said.

The two-year study was done by the Federal Reserve Bank, cooperating with the school district. The district's 282 schools have 288,000 pupils, 61 per cent black. About half the schools are integrated to some degree, the others virtually all-white or all-black.

The state Human Relations Commission has directed school officials to seek total integration, but the Board of Education has said massive busing would be needed and it doesn't have the money.

Dr. John R. Coleman, president of Haverford College and board chairman of the Philadelphia Fed-

eral Reserve Bank, said the report "challenges some rather precious notions and attacks some sacred cows . . . It has the potential to shake up the entire educational establishment."

The study measured how and why pupils improve by looking at growth in standardized test scores of reading and mathematics skills. It classified students according to race, parental income, school size and training of their teachers.

It found that after elementary school, both black and white students seem to benefit slightly as the number of blacks increases — but only up to 50 per cent.

"After 50 per cent, however, blacks experience significant learning growth as the proportion of blacks in the school increases. Yet, although non-blacks gain in integrated schools up to half-black, they seem to experience some learning declines when they attend schools that are more than half-black . . ."

The report did not endorse segregation for either blacks or whites, however, stressing that "it is essen-

tial to recognize that the junior high school characterized by more black students is also the one with fewer high-achieving and more low-achieving students."

The study also found that extra education of teachers doesn't necessarily improve pupil achievement, but achievement does seem to improve with the quality of the college a teacher attended.

## FCC says 'nix' to media combo in same market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission Tuesday barred any future purchase by newspaper owners of radio or television stations serving the same market.

It also ordered such existing combinations in 16 cities broken up. The FCC said it studied all newspaper-broadcast cross-ownership situations and ordered the breakups "only in extreme situations where there appeared to be a monopoly on the expression of views on issues of public concern."

But the FCC decided not to require any breakup of existing TV-radio combinations. The rule will remain that there can be no sale involving both TV and radio stations in the same market.

The commission took no action at this time on cross-ownership involving cable TV systems.

The FCC said its major concern about newspaper-broadcasting combinations was diversity of ownership as a means of enhancing diversity in program service to the public and viewpoints presented to the public.

"It was unrealistic to expect true diversity from a commonly owned station-newspaper combination," the FCC decision said. "The divergency of their viewpoints cannot be expected to be the same as if they were antagonistically run."

The FCC said radio-newspaper combinations must be divested by Jan. 1, 1980, if the only general circulation daily newspaper in a community and the only radio station or stations placing a city-grade signal over the entire community in daytime hours are under the same ownership.

Divestiture of existing newspaper-TV combinations will be required by Jan. 1, 1980, if the only general circulation newspaper in a community and the only TV station placing a city-grade signal over the entire community are under common ownership.

# Campus briefs

## Backpackers truck

The Outdoor Recreation Committee is planning a backpacking trip to Pedernales Falls State Park on the weekend of February 1 and 2.

The cost of the trip will be four dollars, which includes food for three meals, registration fee, and admission into the park. Trip leader John Morlock has placed a twelve-member limit on the number of people going, so sign up early.

If you are interested in going, sign up at the Student Programs desk in the MSC and come to the information meeting Thursday, January 30 in room 308 in the Rudder Tower at 7:30 p.m.

## Stargazers meet

An informal amateur astronomers group will hold a "Star Party" Friday, weather permitting. The session is planned for 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Ron Schorn, south of College Station.

A&M students in Schorn's physics classes will join the sky-watching with regulars of the Central Texas Astronomical Society. Anyone is welcome.

Directions to the meeting site can be obtained by calling 823-5519 or 846-4172.

Observers plan to turn their telescopes on deep-sky objects along with Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn stretched eastward across the evening sky.

## Bridge contest

Bridge players interested in competing in the 27th Annual Intercollegiate Bridge Championships are invited to register today at the MSC.

The tournament is sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League, the Association of College Unions-International and College Marketing and Research Corporation. Local winners and runners-up will go on to compete in the regional contest. Regional champs receive expense-paid trips to the national competition in Miami Beach in April.

National winners are awarded the Charles H. Goren traveling trophy for one year, and their schools receive a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from the tournament sponsors.

## Bomb scare threat made; 1,000 evacuated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bomb threat Tuesday forced evacuation of the New Executive Office Building a block from the White House, officials said.

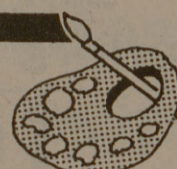
The brick building houses a number of federal agencies directly responsible to the White House. About 1,100 persons were evacuated for about 45 minutes.

Richard Q. Vawter, spokesman for the General Services Administration, said a message found scrawled on a stall in a first-floor men's room Tuesday morning reported a bomb planted in "someone's office" was set to explode at 2:45 p.m. EST.

A search was conducted throughout the day and when 2:45 approached, the building was evacuated as a precautionary measure, Vawter said.

Parts of the Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Energy Administration are housed in the building.

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