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When the disputes over desegregation and cross-city busing make their way into the nation's newspapers each fall, the emphasis is placed on the
country's public high schools. With the civil strife experienced in Boston and Louisville, the concern about integration at the junior high and high school level is obviously justified. But the results from recent studies indicate that the rhetoric devoted to the problems faced by secondary schools may cloud the most pressing issue - desegregation of the nation's elementary schools.
Two California researchers claim that the key to improved achievement
scores in black students is the initiation scores in black students is the initiation of a racial integration program at
the first or second grade level. Drs. Robert L. Crain and Rita E. Mahard of the Rand Corporation say that according to their study, the segregation of races in the lower grade levels is educationally unsound.
Crain and Mahard examined the results of 73 studies of black
achievement scores in cities of varying sizes, finding the "majority of the studies (indicated) positive achievement gains for black students in the first or second year of segregation." In contrast, those students first integrated in the third or fourth grade showed a lower percentage of improved achievement. Those blacks who were first affected by integration in their
high schools showed the lowest percentage of improvement. high schools showed the lowest percentage of improvement.
Another sienificant finding in Crain and Mahard's analysis was that
higher achievement levels were found in systems where integration was mandatory.
These findings lead to several important conclusions. First, desegregation is an educationally sound idea, but in order to achieve its maximum effectiveness, it must be implemented at the first or second grade level. Integration at this early an age not only prepares the student culturally and
socially for an integrated world, but clearly benefits the black student's socially for an integrated world,
educational opportunities as well.
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ctually affords an atmosphere in which a higher level of a chievement may be obtained. Since Crain and Mahard found that whites in the same study did not decrease in their level of achievement, it can be concluded that integration has no negative impact on their general educational level. Finally, in a state whose university system ranks among the highest in the nation, while its primary schools rate with some of the lowest, something is wrong. In light of Crain and Mahard's findings, North Carolina should firs take steps to insure that integration begins at the beginning of a student's education. This should be done on a statewide basis, despite the reproach of evidence that the Rand Corp has presented. If we are ever to achieve the opportunity of truly equal education for all, we must beginat the beginning. only then can the emerging student mold himself into a continually learning

Tippers out-gain smugglers? Smugging cigarettes, has long been a profitable enterprise. Thousands low-tax states like North Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky each year. The revenue lost to states is an estimated $\$ 400$ million annually - a heavy hunk that has prompted many governments to
In response to the problem, Gov. Jim Hunt has
of Investigation and the Attorney General's office the State Bureau enforcement efforts.
Despite the gravity of gubernatorial urgings, intergovernmental squabbles and lost revenues, there is still some humor to be found. After all a recent advertisement in the Raleigh News \& Observer has show
cigarette smuggling can be profitable for more than the smuggler.
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The ad, placed by Milt Lopus, Pennsylvania revenue secretary, offered reward for information leading to the successful confiscation of cigarettes illegally transported into Pennsylvania
"'ll pay 50 cents a carton," the ad read. In addition, the advertisemen confidential and no questions would be asked.
Perhaps to illustrate that Pennsylvania means business, the ad continued elaborating on the profit to be gained.
"If you advise us of a van load of 5,000 cartons of cigarettes....and if w
confiscate the cigarettes, at 50 cents a carton, we would pay you $\$ 2,500.00$ onfiscate the cigarettes, at 50 cents a carton, we would
At those rates, smuggling might be more profitable for the informer than or the smuggler himself.
And if you don't believe that - a tractor trailer load could be worth
The Daily Tar Heel
letters to the editor
Law student warns ticket scalping is illegal


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