

15 medical schools to give up funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifteen American medical schools have given up more than \$10 million in federal funds rather than let the government dictate how many American students they must accept from foreign medical schools.

The remaining 108 medical schools in the country will share about \$84.1 million in federal grants — about \$1,500 per student — under the Health Professions Educational Assistance Act.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has told 78 of the participating schools to reserve places next year for 564 American students who will be transferring in from abroad.

The 30 schools that weren't told to reserve space were exempted because they already have enrolled enough U.S. citizens from foreign medical schools to meet the requirements of the amendment. The amendment slipped through Congress without debate last year and

was attached to the medical education aid law.

The amendment requires participating medical schools to accept their fair share of U.S. citizens who have completed two years in a foreign medical school, passed the standard examination known as the National Boards and who want to complete their medical education in the United States.

In filling these spots, the schools are prohibited from considering a student's academic qualifications or place of residence, which sparked outrage in many medical schools and defiance by the 15.

The medical schools that have refused to participate in the program include Stanford University, five campuses of the University of California, Yale, Duke, Northwestern, Chicago, Johns Hopkins, Baylor, Case Western Reserve and the universities of Illinois and Indiana.

Fewer viewers fire ire

NEW YORK (AP) — A.C. Nielsen Co. ratings show that fewer people are watching television this year, sparking a controversy that pits the advertising industry against the three major networks because of the money at stake.

"We're concerned," ABC Vice President George Keramidas commented Tuesday in a remark typical of the networks. "It's kind of a wait-and-see thing. Right now we're just very cautious about it."

What's causing the concern is a decline since last year in the figure of the Homes Using Television — HUT — of 8 percent during daytime and nearly 3 percent at night. This can have a direct impact on revenue.

Just as magazines guarantee their circulation, networks base the cost of a commercial minute on an estimated audience. If the size declines, advertisers won't pay as much for a minute.

"If we continue to see a decline in the long term, then this could have the effect of reduced advertising expenditures for TV," said Michael Drexler, senior vice president of Doyle Dane Bernbach advertising agency. "But this is not going to happen overnight."

The networks say they are waiting for the results in about two weeks of the November "sweeps," in which 100,000 households nationally keep diaries that measure the audiences of local stations. Through their Committee on National Television Audience Measurement,

Tucker says firing engineered

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former Commonwealth Secretary C. DeLores Tucker said Wednesday the fact that criminal charges wouldn't be filed against her reaffirmed her belief that a "power-hungry gang" surrounding Gov. Shapp engineered her dismissal from state office.

The state closed its case against Mrs. Tucker after Dauphin County District Attorney, Leroy Zimmerman said Tuesday that he saw no basis for prosecuting Mrs. Tucker for using state employees to write speeches that earned her \$65,000.

Gov. Shapp fired Mrs. Tucker in September for her actions.

In an interview Wednesday with Philadelphia radio station WHAT, Mrs. Tucker said she was fired because a gang surrounding Shapp "has long opposed me for my leadership in advancing the cause of women, minorities, the youth and the poor."

"They could not control me so they sought to remove me to silence me and to finally try to discredit me, not only here in Pennsylvania but across the country," she said.

Mrs. Tucker, however, has never said who she thought wanted her out of office.

"What bothers me now is if there is anyone in the administration that has the independence and

freedom to speak out. Who is in the Shapp administration to speak out for the blacks, the minorities, and women and the poor? I was the only one who spoke out and that's why I'm not there," she said.

Attorney General Robert Kane, whose department investigated Mrs. Tucker's activities, said Zimmerman's announcement marked the end of the Tucker case.

Mrs. Tucker was the country's highest ranking black woman in a state position at the time she was fired. As commonwealth secretary she was in charge of state election procedures.

Cable TV viewers 'talk back' to programs

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — When the Henry Eckhart Family didn't like the rock show they were watching on television recently, they pushed a button attached to a computer in their living room. So many other viewers did the same that the emcee signed the program off the air.

Starting Thursday, cable television subscribers all over Columbus will be able to talk back to their TV sets — voting shows off the air, answering quiz questions, bidding in auctions and even second-guessing coaches in sporting events.

The Eckharts were among 200 families

who tested the computer device called QUBE, which was designed by Warner Communications Corp., whose largest cable outlet is the 100,000-home Columbus market.

For a \$19.95 installation fee and \$10.95 a month, subscribers can get cable service plus the black computer box attached to an 18-button console. The buttons let viewers choose channels and make responses to the shows.

Officials will not discuss subscriber numbers, but before the advent of QUBE, Warner Cable claimed 26,500 subscribers.

Claudine Eckhart recalled the night

she, her husband and their children, Anne, 9, and Robert, 8, were watching one of the 30 cable channels that had "a rock show on, playing records."

"They asked the audience whether they should continue the show or cut it off," she said. "We didn't like it and voted 'no.' The emcee said 'The majority rules. Thank you and good night.' And the show signed off. Our vote counted."

Susie Russell, who took part in the test with her husband John, said they especially enjoyed the quiz show and would "compete to see who got the most questions right."

"One night he would have the console,

the next night I would get it. One night, he was out and I took a sports quiz. I didn't get one right," she said.

Mrs. Russell said she also took part in an auction, "but I only bid once before I chickened out."

"They would show an article and ask how many people would bid \$5 for it. Then the bidding agent went up until there was only one person left," she said.

Like other cable systems, QUBE's 30 channels include some that offer nothing but stock market listings, consumer information or programs for pre-school children.

Coffee organization requests Ugandan trade policy

NEW YORK (UPI) — The National Coffee Association Wednesday called for a national policy on trade with Uganda to ease public pressure on the domestic coffee industry.

Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif., Tuesday accused America's major roasters of supporting "the racist regime and Hitlerian policies" of

Ugandan President Idi Amin by continuing to import coffee from the East African nation.

The association which represents the domestic coffee industry, adopted a resolution saying violations of human rights under Amin "are abhorrent and morally repugnant" and "have caused

public pressures on members to desist from purchases of Ugandan coffee."

Association directors said "it is appropriate for the United States government to formulate a policy with respect to purchases of Ugandan coffee which would avoid any such charges and apply to all domestic participants in the coffee trade."

The association urged the Carter administration and Congress to implement a national policy "concerning trade by private and commercial interests in the United States with entities in Uganda."

Dornan and Rep. Donald Pease, D-Ohio, are co-sponsors of a House resolution calling for a trade boycott.

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