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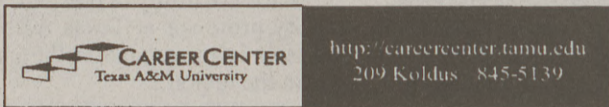
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**MBA program numbers down**

By Justin Pope  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is business school losing its buzz? After a golden era for the MBA degree, new figures show demand for the traditional, two-year master's of business administration program is slumping.

More than three-quarters of programs responding to a recent Graduate Management Admission Council survey reported their applications declined last year. More remarkably, 41 percent reported their applications were down more than 20 percent.

The GMAC, a business schools organization, thinks total applications to business schools were flat or down only slightly. But that figure can be misleading because students can apply to many schools.

A better indication of student interest may be the GMAT, the standardized test for business school admission. As of June 30, 7 percent fewer GMAT tests had been taken compared to last year, and the figure is down more than 25 percent compared to the record year of 2002.

The good news for business schools is that interest in their often more-profitable executive MBA degrees — shorter programs for older students who continue working — is strong. More than half of those programs reported an increase in applications.

Still, two-year MBA programs remain the primary focus of many business schools. Wharton and Harvard may never have to worry about filling classrooms, but other schools that saw MBA programs as a cash cow and rushed to grow them might.

During the 1990s, business schools were hot as many sought training to ride the

Internet wave. They also finished during the bust, as people viewed business school as an agreeable way to see the economic downturn return to the job market with a better credential.

Now, the GMAC says much of the decline is due to the improving economy. Daphne Atkinson, GMAC vice president of industry relations, said interest is returning to historical norms, and people are more likely to be choosing an MBA because it will help because they can't find a job.

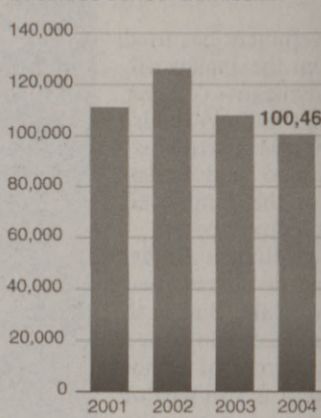
"There was some flow in the pipeline driven by some of our externalities: people leaving for other jobs, a meltdown in the economy," she said.

But there are other challenges. GMAC numbers show a decline in students taking the U.S. test, with a drop from China and India in particular. That reflects a trend where international students are finding better job opportunities in their home countries.

**Interest in MBA degrees declining**

New figures show the demand for the traditional, two-year master's of business administration programs is down.

**Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)**  
Worldwide June figures for standardized testing for business school admission



SOURCE: Graduate Management Admission Council

able alternatives overseas, including America's position as a leader in management education.

"There's no question that over the last decade places like INSEAD (with campuses in France and Singapore), London Business School, ESADE in Spain have become much more part of the places you would consider going to get an MBA," said Jeffrey Pfeffer, a professor at Stanford's Graduate School of Business. Atkinson said a real change is that Chinese and Indian students are finding better job options, and now quality MBA programs in their home countries.

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