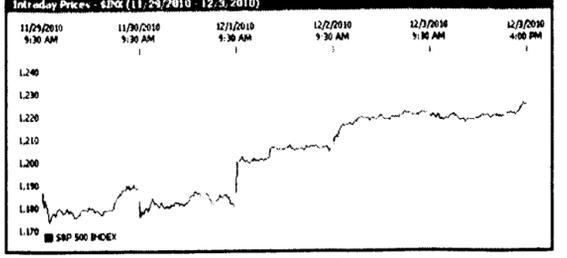
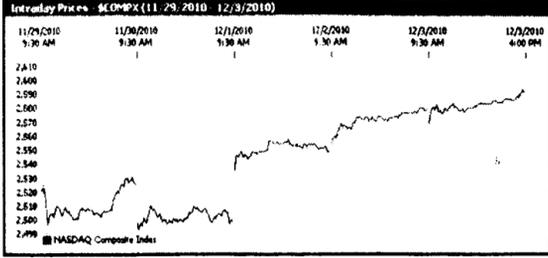
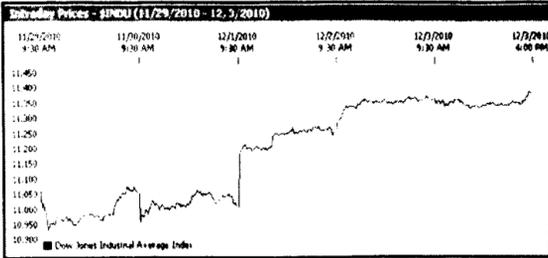


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MBA program ranked high by Princeton Review

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Penn State Behrend has emerged as one of the top tier MBA program's in the nation. Behrend is in league with schools such as Harvard, Stanford, Ohio State, and many more.

This rank is no surprise for the school, considering the school of Business is accredited through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools

of Business.

Only fifteen percent of schools hold this accreditation world wide. Our MBA program has also been ranked in Princeton Review and U.S. World News and Report magazines respectively.

For most entrants the program consists of a fall, spring, and summer semester. This allows graduates to finish the program in as quickly as one year.

The director of the pro-

gram, Alfred Warner, illustrated some of the perks of receiving an MBA from Behrend versus University Park's business school, Smeal.

"You cannot easily compare the programs because they are too different perhaps," Warner said.

"Some advantages you might see however are the length of the program and class size. There are usually no more than thirty five students to a class. This really gives us a chance to assess the student's performance. We may be able to give better feedback than a larger MBA program."

Behrend MBA students are split between students who have just received their degrees and those who have been working in the professional world for some time.

"This allows for a great balance," Warner said. "This leads to great class discus-

sions and different insight.

In addition, Penn State emphasizes excellence in both research and teaching for the faculty, so students get the best of both worlds.

"The level of commitment by the faculty here is tremendous."

Behrend's program has also done a fantastic job at helping their students acquire jobs throughout the nation.

Recent graduates have received significant jobs in Connecticut, New York, Texas, North Carolina, Indiana, Georgia, and even the Ukraine! Some of the companies they are part of include IBM, National City, General Electric, and PNC.

Andrew Watters, the associate director of academic and career planning services, does a great deal to help students down the right path.

"I think it's very important for students pursuing an

MBA to continue to use career planning services, and to add more value to their resumes while in graduate school," Waters said.

What may hold some back from pursuing an MBA after undergraduate study is the GMAT exam. GMAT stands for the graduate management admissions test, and is required for most business graduate programs.

For those of you who do not know, the GMAT is a general aptitude assessment and is a requirement to be eligible for MBA study.

The test is supposed to measure a correlation between results and success in the program.

Ann Burbles, Admissions Counselor for the MBA program, helped clear up some confusion about the exam.

"There is a verbal, quantitative, and writing section. Usually four hours is set aside

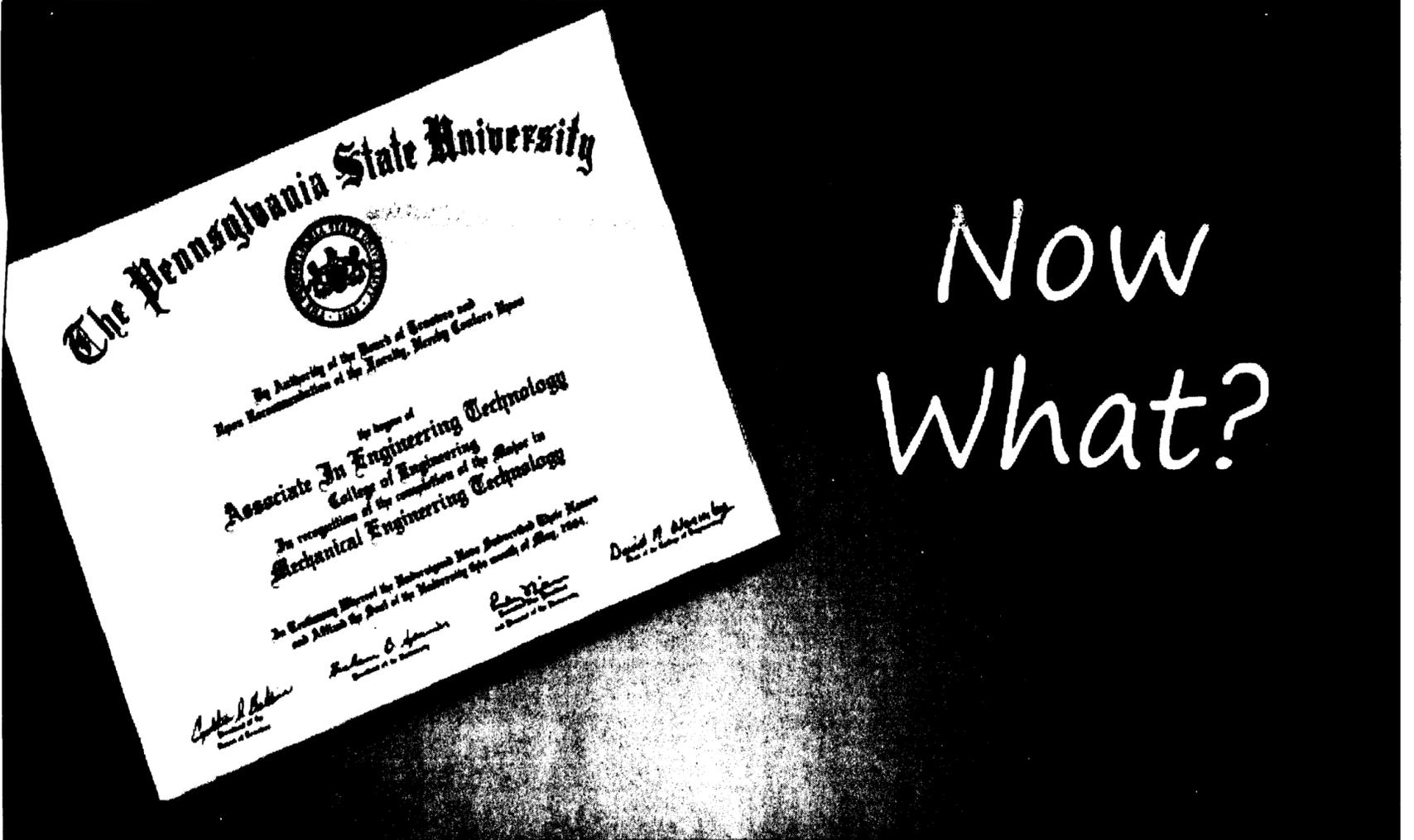
to administer the test via computer.

Both the math and quantitative sections take seventy five minutes each and there are two essays administered, each is designated a half an hour a piece.

The GMAT is based on grade point average so; there is stronger pressure on those who graduated with a lower grade point average. Behrend's minimum required score is four hundred fifty and the average score is around five hundred thirty."

Ann also proctors a coaching session for prospective GMAT test takers. Behrend's high performing MBA program is only continuing to improve.

It may be well in the favor to continue further study at Penn State Behrend and receive the MBA degree.



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Students must be able to communicate effectively in English and have strong math skills.

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