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## Fewer grad students coming to U.S., UA

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The number of foreign graduate students attending the UA has been decreasing, following a national trend that could break America's reputation as the world's leader in higher education.

A 2004 survey conducted by the Council of Graduate Schools shows the number of foreign graduate students attending American institutions has decreased by 6 percent in the last year.

Maria Velez, associate dean of the graduate college, said although she does not have exact figures for this year, the UA's numbers are following a similar trend, falling 6 to 10 percent during the last three years.

"This affects us seriously," Velez said. "We could lose a source of outstanding graduate students, the best their countries have to offer."

Velez said tightened security in the United States and increased educational competition worldwide could be significant factors deterring international students from studying here.

Richard Kroc, vice president of enrollment research and operations, said if the numbers continue to drop, departments that heavily rely on foreign graduate research students, such as engineering, business and science, could suffer.

"It could really affect us," said Gail Burd, associate dean of the College of Science. "The number of students nationwide (in the College of Science) is not enough to pick up the slack of international students no longer studying in the U.S."

According to the 2001-2002 UA Factbook

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## Medical school students may split with GPSC, join ASUA

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Medical student and former ASUA president Doug Hartz and GPSC president Jani Radebaugh listen to a question yesterday at the Arizona Health Sciences Center during a forum debating whether the School of Medicine should remain in GPSC.

Students from the College of Medicine threatened to split from the Graduate and Professional Student Council during a forum yesterday, citing a lack of medical student representation in GPSC.

Doug Hartz, former ASUA president and member of the Medical Student Government, said the priorities of GPSC are not in tune with students in the College of Medicine and said a proposed separation from GPSC would better serve the needs of medical students.

"I don't believe they advocate issues that are relevant to us," Hartz said during an open forum with representatives from GPSC and the College of Medicine last night.

GPSC is the representative body for graduate, law and medical students. The organization offers travel grants and club funding, holds events such as the Student Showcase, and lobbies on issues regarding graduate student housing, campus health care and childcare.

Hartz claimed medical students do not get proper representation in the council and said the College of Medicine representative has never been elected, but has either volunteered for the position uncontested or been appointed by GPSC.

"We have not had an elected representative since the inception of the organization," Hartz said.

However, Jani Radebaugh, GPSC College of Science representative and former president of the council, said if a candidate runs for a representative position uncontested, as was the case with the College of Medicine last year, the election is still legitimate.

Radebaugh also said sufficient notice was given to medical students about the vacant position, including notifying the Medical Student Government president and sending out a 3D Memo.

"We want everyone who is interested to apply to GPSC," Radebaugh said.

At the forum, representatives from GPSC and the College of Medicine debated whether or not the college departing from GPSC would be a beneficial change.

Chandan Kundavaram, president of Medical

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## High price of ink irks students

### Students absorb printing costs as UA budgets shrink

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UA budget cuts have reduced department funds for distribution of class materials, and students say it's affecting their pocket-books.

Some students say printing syllabi, class notes and homework assignments off the Internet is wasting their ink supply and said their academic departments should pay the costs of the paper being printed for their classes.

William Dixon, political science department head, said budget cuts have affected the way professors distribute materials in

political science classes.

Dixon said the political science department tries to accommodate students' needs by distributing as many materials as it can in classes, but many times professors choose to post materials on the Web because they think it is more convenient for students.

"We try and support our students the best we can," he said.

But some students believe the support isn't there and say printing class materials on their own isn't convenient or cost effective.

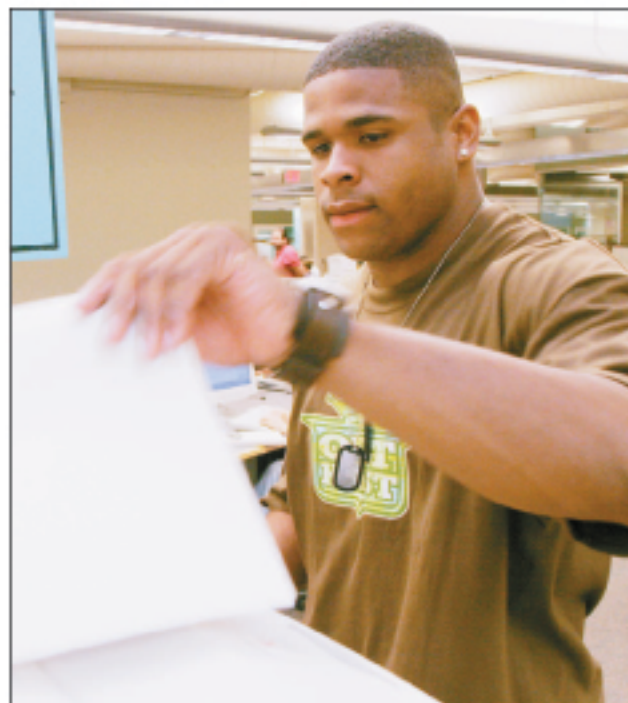
Matt Laskin, an anthropology junior, said he thinks the administration or academic departments can find ways to make the \$1,000

tuition increase pay for printing of class materials.

"We pay tuition, buy books and sit through class taking notes. Why can't a professor just take a small amount of responsibility to have materials arranged for their students?" Laskin said. "All these materials cost money to print out and money is tight enough as it is for a student."

Rachel Lepold, a journalism junior, agreed and said it would save her a lot of time and said she would be more organized if her professors distributed class materials during lecture rather than posting it online.

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Communication junior Brent Nash prints out an assignment in the Manuel T. Pacheco Integrated Learning Center last week. Some students feel university budget cuts are causing them to spend more on ink and paper for printing syllabi and course materials.  
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