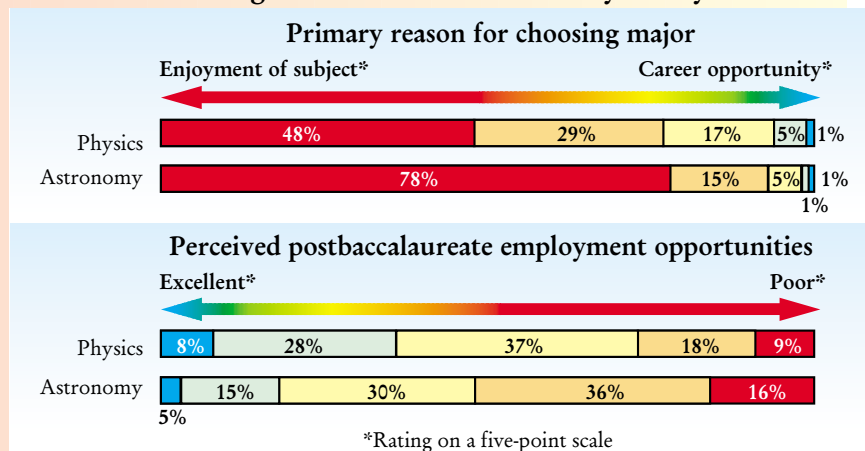


inform prospective students in all fields about individual graduate programs, and to provide feedback to departments and institutions—"and high response rates are crucial." The survey, which is funded by a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, can be filled out from March through May on the Web at <http://survey.nagps.org/>, and the results will be posted on the site this fall.

Bell Labs management. On 17 January, William Brinkman was named vice president of research for Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies, moving up from his previous position as physical sciences research vice president. In his new role, Brinkman will oversee an annual budget of about \$400 million, as well as 1200 researchers in physics, engineering, computing, software development, mathematics, and communications. He has been at Bell Labs since 1966, with a three-year hiatus in the 1980s, when he served as vice president of research at Sandia National Laboratories. Brinkman succeeds Arun Netravali, who became Bell Labs' president last October.

Condensed matter summer school. The Boulder Summer School in Condensed Matter and Materials Physics will hold its inaugural session in Boulder, Colorado, from 3 to 28 July. The summer school was created to give postdocs and advanced graduate students expert training in specific areas of condensed matter or materials science; the first session will focus on the fundamentals and applications of superconductivity. Matthew Fisher (University of California, Santa Barbara), Steve Girvin (University of Indiana), Andy Millis (Rutgers University), and Leo Radzihovsky (University of Colorado) sought funding for the summer school because they felt that condensed matter physics is such a diverse field that no single department has what they call a "critical mass" of faculty members in more than a few narrow subfields of the discipline. The school, which will run for five summers, pending a review after the first three, is designed for about 50 students and 16 lecturers, with a mix of lectures, research, and informal evening seminars. The summer school is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, with additional funding from the University of Colorado, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Lucent Technologies. More information is available at <http://www.indiana.edu/~uscmps>. ■

Bachelor's Degree Production Holds Steady in Physics



In 1998 the number of bachelor's degrees awarded in physics (3821) in the US leveled off after a decade of declining, and the number in astronomy (192) rose by 8%, according to a recent survey by the American Institute of Physics. Degree recipients in both fields chose their majors more for enjoyment than for any immediate career opportunities, although those in physics were more optimistic about their employment options at the bachelor's level than were those in astronomy. More than two-thirds of the respondents said they had participated in research while working toward their degrees (a new topic of inquiry on the annual survey). As in previous years, about half of 1998's physics and astronomy bachelor's degree recipients intended to immediately pursue graduate studies. Substantial proportions of those planning to continue in physics (45%) and astronomy (71%) said they hoped to become college or university professors (proportions that well exceed projections for job openings). The *Physics and Astronomy Senior Report: Class of 1998* contains these and other data and is available free of charge from AIP, Education and Employment Statistics Division, 1 Physics Ellipse, College Park, MD 20740; e-mail stats@aip.org; Web <http://www.aip.org/statistics/trends/undtrends.htm>.

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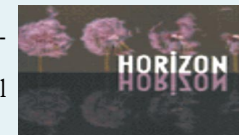
<http://www.dropbears.com/brough/Aopa.htm>

The meteorological phenomenon known as the **Morning Glory** is a huge propagating roll cloud that appears in the spring over the Gulf of Carpentaria in northern Australia. Russell White's Web site contains pictures and descriptions of the cloud, as well as glider pilots' accounts of "surfing" along the cloud. The longest article on the site, "The Morning Glory of the Gulf of Carpentaria," serves as a good introduction to the topic.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/horizon/timelord.shtml>

The possibility of time travel was the subject of a television program originally broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corp in December 1996. Called **The Time Lords**, the program included interviews with many leading theoretical physicists, among them Kip Thorne and John Wheeler. A transcript of the show is available on the BBC's Web site.



<http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/99/09/99091701c.htm>
<http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/99/12/99120301c.htm>

Two items on the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* Career Network Web site are likely to interest you if you're looking for a job. In **CV Doctor**, Mary Heiberger and Julia Miller Vick annotate academic curricula vitae to demonstrate how to present your talents and qualifications effectively. In **From CV to Résumé**, Margaret Newhouse explains how to modify an academic CV when you apply for a job outside academia.

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