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News about *Notices* Website

At its meeting in January 2006, the AMS Council decided to abolish the requirement that users who want to access *Notices* articles must log on to the AMS website. The *Notices* is available on the Web free of charge to AMS members and nonmembers alike thanks to the support of dues-paying AMS members.

The search function on the *Notices* website was recently upgraded through the use of the Google search function. Users who previously found it difficult to locate *Notices* materials using the search function will find a significant improvement.

Questions and comments about the *Notices* may be directed to notices@ams.org.

—Allyn Jackson

AMS Presidents: A Timeline

The AMS has posted on its website a timeline that presents biographical information about AMS presidents. The roster of AMS presidents includes some of the most outstanding and influential mathematicians in North America, so the timeline provides an interesting view of the history of mathematics in North America. AMS presidents have played a key role in leading the Society in its publications, meetings, professional visibility, and support for research. Starting with the very first president, John H. van Amringe, who served from 1888 until 1890, the timeline includes biographies of such individuals as Oswald Veblen, G. D. Birkhoff, Marston Morse, John von Neumann, Oscar Zariski, Saunders Mac Lane, Julia Robinson, and Michael Artin, as well as the current president, James Arthur.

AMS Presidents: A Timeline is available at <http://www.ams.org/ams/amspresidents.html>.

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Early Career Profile Network

The AMS recruits and supports a network of mathematical sciences departments that systematically provide job profiles of their recent bachelor's-level alumni. This network is called the Early Career Profile Network. Participating departments place alumni profiles on their individual departmental websites, and the AMS links to the profiles from the AMS Early Career Profile webpage. The project was initiated with partial support from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation under the auspices of the Sloan Career Cornerstone Series.

Many undergraduates have only a vague idea about the utility of a major in the mathematical sciences. Even experienced counselors are sometimes hard-pressed to provide specific details to inquiring students, and the information that is provided tends to be anecdotal and incomplete. And yet, most faculty know that a student with a major in the mathematical sciences has excellent opportunities in business, government, and further education in virtually any field. In general, departments haven't collected the supporting evidence, the information about what jobs their graduates enter when they first leave the university or college.

Career profiles are a valuable source of information for prospective mathematical sciences majors. The goal of the Early Career Profile Network is to collect relevant and timely information about career opportunities for undergraduate mathematical sciences majors that can be broadly disseminated to high school and college students. This network is a straightforward and efficient way to continue the flow of timely career information needed by students, counselors, teachers, and faculty.

The URL for the Early Career Profile Network is <http://www.ams.org/early-careers/>. College math departments wishing to become involved in posting profiles of their recent graduates should contact Ellen Maycock, AMS associate executive director, at ejm@ams.org.

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