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Status of the News. The *Raptor Research News* is designed as an informal information exchange. Contributions are edited but are not usually submitted for refereeing as in formal scientific journals of record. Some of the items submitted are progress reports or expressions of ideas to stimulate discussion. Thus citations of contents of the *News* should be avoided unless approval is received from the author.

At a number of the meetings this fall the status of the *News* was discussed and a number of people commented that they did not send in materials because of the absence of a statement such as that given above. With its inclusion the editors are expecting to receive a number of such contributions.

Plans for 1970. We know many of you have been disappointed in the late appearance of the *News*. This last issue of 1969 we have again allowed to be quite late as a part of reorganization to make sure that the 1970 issues will be on schedule. Processing has begun and the first issue should be out in early February. Also involved in the delay in this issue is the extensive report on the Cornell conference which will be mailed out with this issue if that causes no delay or shortly afterward.

Renewals now due. Renewal notices have gone out to all members. The minimum contribution requested has been raised to \$3.00 to help defray greater office expenses and the change from quarterly to bimonthly *News*. However, we suspect that most of our members will be interested in the *Raptor Research Abstracts* which will begin a monthly schedule hopefully in April; a minimum contribution of \$5.00 is necessary to receive both the *News* and the *Abstracts*. Further information on the *Abstracts* will appear in the January-February *News*. As we have said before, these minimum amounts barely cover expenses; larger contributions can extend our activities and are especially appreciated.

News to be bimonthly. Our new schedule includes plans to issue the News on or close to the first of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Material will be prepared as received but announcements and short notes will not usually be included unless received by the 15th of the preceding month.