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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.

The size of the individual issues will vary with the amount of material available; we will not wait for additional materials. We have been able to arrange at little extra expense to issue the *News* in a new and attractive format with which, we believe, all of our readers will be pleased.

Possibility of a formal journal. The Advisory Board has been polled for opinion on the advisability of starting a formal scientific journal. Any other member is also welcome to comment pro and con on this matter. At any rate with the initiation of the *Abstracts* in 1970 a formal journal if found desirable could not be started before 1971.

New address. Please note that general correspondence with the RRF can now be sent to:

Raptor Research Foundation, Inc.
c/o Biology Department
University of South Dakota
Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

We are grateful to the Biology Department for providing space at no cost. With the aid of our new part time Executive Secretary we hope to set up a routine of answering or forwarding correspondence in a week or ten days of receipt.

Errata. In the last issue (3(3):62) the causative organism of *frounce* was given incorrectly; the spelling should be *T. gallinae*.

Breeding Project Information Exchange. B.P.I.E. No. 11 was issued July 26, 1969. Donald V. Hunter, Jr., requested information on obtaining a potential mate for his female Goshawk which has built a nest. He also requested as Chairman of the Breeding Committee for summaries from cooperators and included a list of points as guidelines.

It was originally conceived that the B.P.I.E. would contain more informal material than the *News* and thus be a means of long distance discussion. The participants have not chosen to use it in this way, and most of the material could as well have been in the *News*. We have thus decided to end the series with No. 11 and in the future incorporate the material in the *News*.

A number of you have requested back numbers of B.P.I.E. and are still awaiting some issues that were exhausted. As soon as we get caught up with the *News* additional copies will be prepared.

Lost members. We have had letters returned from several recent mailings and thus do not know how to reach the following:

Michael Farrell	Mark Mahoney
R. Fridre	William F. Sanders
Richard J. Gordon	Joseph S. Simonyi
Leonard T. Larsen	Carey Smith
Francis J. Lynch	Robert J. Todd
Mrs. W. Barrett McDonnell	