

Editorial

First let me apologise for the lateness of this issue. After many years of faithful service, Dr. David Tacon has felt a need to have a break from Parabola and so has retired from the job of editor. As an indication of the amount of work Dr. Tacon has done, it has been hard finding a replacement for him. You will notice that Dr. Broutman has been asked to assist Peter Brown and myself as a second Associate Editor, increasing the editorial "executive" by one person. Many thanks for your, dedication, David.

The effect of Dr. Broutman's appointment will be that we hope to bring you more articles in Applied Mathematics (the area of Mathematics which deals with the way in which mathematics is used in the real world. The article in this issue on strip patterns however should only be regarded as "semi-applied" and so we will be bringing you a more applied article in the next issue.

Another area that I am interested in sharing with you is the use of computers. In this issue, we tell you some useful places for you to visit in the internet if you are fortunate to be plugged into it. We thank the South African magazine for this idea and information.

Last, but by no means least, I would like to publish something *you* have written. If there is something you would like to share with us, why not write an article. (Maybe your Mathematics Teacher could give you some help with it.) If you feel that an article is too daunting, simply write me a letter on your mathematical (or semi-mathematical) interest and I will publish it as a "letter to the editor". If you would like to learn more about some aspect of mathematics, let me know - I will try to commission someone to write an article on it.

Hoping to hear from you,
R. James
Editor