EDITORIAL

Did you notice our new format? I hope you like it!

This is a time of new beginnings for Parabola as we hand over our publishing to AMT Publishing. I wish to thank the Australian Mathematics Trust for taking over this rôle. From now on, Parabola will be published twice a year in this new format, with more articles per issue including profiles of famous mathematicians.

To celebrate our new beginning, we have decided to feature, as our famous mathematician, Professor George Szekeres who started the magazine in 1964 and has encouraged its production ever since. The story of his life can be found in the first article and in the second article you will find an account of a problem which has concerned George for some time.

As well as the tribute to Professor Szekeres and our usual selection of mathematical problems, this issue brings you an articles on the application of Mathematics to transmission of messages and the melting of Tim Tams, and an article on a famous mathematical problem which has challenged mathematicians for a century.

From a personal point of view, I take this opportunity to announce that, as from the next issue, I will be quitting as editor of Parabola. Although it has at times been hard work, I have enjoyed making it possible for Secondary Students to see that Mathematics is more than just formulas. I acknowledge my debt to those who have assisted me on the Editorial Board, especially Peter Brown and Bruce Henry who have been Associate Editors for several years now and wish the new editor all the best in continuing what I believe to be an important resource for Secondary Schools.

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