This issue of *Watchbird* magazine is the beginning of a new change for this avicultural publication. We will be striving to publish articles on those avian species that are of interest to the beginner aviculturist as well as those aviculturists who want information on a more “challenging” species.

The *Watchbird* will begin with this issue to change its format to gradually include those species of exotic birds that are often considered as “bread-and-butter” or “domesticated” species. Examples include budgies, cockatiels and lovebirds; Zebra and Society Finches, Australian finches and canaries; common Australian parakeets (*Neophema*, Red-rumps and rosellas); common doves and pigeons and other more common parrots and parakeets as Ring-necked and other common *Psittacula* parakeets, conures and lories. We shall also include articles on related subjects including handfeeding techniques, showing birds and useful preventative and how-to articles.

We invite all aviculturists to share their reproductive techniques of these “common” species with others in this magazine. A guideline for article contents is available for prospective authors. Please send your articles and/or requests for article guidelines to the *Watchbird* Editors, P.O. Box 56218, Phoenix, AZ 85079-6218.

Please do not feel we are making a complete format change. The majority of each *Watchbird* magazine will include a standard fare of large parrot and zoo articles, exotic finch species and softbill articles, endangered species and conservation efforts and the other articles and information for which *Watchbird* magazine is noted.

We will continue to print special issues concentrating on certain subjects or types of birds. The next three special issues are: Doves and Mixed Species Flights (Feb/Mar 1994), Conures, Brotogeris and Parrotlets (June/July 1994) and Setting Up Aviaries for Budgies, Cockatiels and Lovebirds (Oct/Nov 1994). Editorial copy deadlines can be found at the very end of each issue of *Watchbird* magazine for those who wish to contribute.

We certainly encourage your input and hope you will receive benefit from articles on the more “common” avian species.