

Publisher's Note

Our vigilant readers will note in this issue some differences in the appearance of the papers compared with those in past issues. The reason for the changes is that increasing standardization in the typesetting of our journals will make it easier for our typesetter to prepare first proofs. As a result proofs will be prepared more quickly and with a lower error rate since special rules for each journal need no longer be taken into account.

We have also decided to follow the principal recommendations in the ACS Style Guide (A Manual for Authors and Editors, edited by Janet S. Dodd, American Chemical Society, Washington, DC, 1986), particularly with regard to nomenclature and abbreviations. An exception is the format for book and journal references where we shall continue to use the Elsevier house style. The ACS Style Guide is a basic reference source for many authors, and by adopting it we expect to receive manuscripts in a more uniform style and make the work of manuscript preparation somewhat easier for authors.

We trust that the above changes will meet with the approval of the readers of our journal.