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This will be short because of the Editorial and the article on Cosmology. If it seems I am monopolizing too much of the issue, it just worked out that way. In fact I want to encourage you readers to become even more involved in several ways. If you feel you can't submit an article, art work, or report, then try a letter of comment

on what you liked or didn't like about the zine. Another way you fans, enthusiasts, devotees, admirers (you pick the term that fits) of Tolkien, Lewis, Williams, fantasy, and myth, can help is to encourage other such folk you know to subscribe. Mythlore needs a larger number of subscribers to (1) make it more monetarily stable, and (2) to be able to go to all offset printing, which would improve the readability (no more mimeograph) and would allow for greater freedom in lay out design and technical handsomeness. I regret to report that the first issue of Mythlore is out of print. Please don't ask for it when you send in your subscription. The second issue is going fast; I expect all copies to be gone in a month or so.

The Mythopoeic Society would like to officially apologise to the Society of Creative Anachronism for stating that there would be a demonstration of medieval weaponry put on by the Long Beach Branch of that said Society at the Elvish New Year picnic we had last March 22. There was a small group of medievalists in Long Beach who hoped to become established and then join SCA. They asked to be included on the program of activities. The announcement was printed up before I learned that the group failed to materialize, and indeed that in fact it never was part of SCA. We regret that misleading information was given out, and plead the SCA's indulgence for this honest mistake.

I have received several letters that have gone something like this: "Dear Elrond, After reading of the picnics, the several branches of the Society meeting monthly, and Mythlore, I certainly envy you people in California. Back here in Hometown, Indiana, nothing ever seems to happen...." Well perhaps the large population is a factor in our success, but two years ago none of these activities existed. Do not think California is a magical place where it is easier to get things going; it is not. If you want to see a similar type group in your area, you need to dig in and work, and keep at it. Don't be discouraged if the first attempt doesn't yield instant results. We know many people have read Tolkien and Lewis. There should be some of them in your area, so use all possible means of communication to let them know of your endeavor. Much labor, money, and time will be spent with no direct result, but keep on because there will turn up unexpected surprises and rewards and joys, not directly anticipated.

The article "On Myth" by Gracia-Fay Ellwood in the last issue, is part of a longer essay entitled "Everything is Alive" which in turn comprises half of a book called Good News From Middle Earth, which will be published by William B. Eerdmans Co. hopefully later this year.