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The first things many readers are wondering is "why is this coming so late since the last issue?" The answers to this are both official and personal. Much of this has been to do with the long anticipated Tolkien Centenary *Proceedings* issue of *Mythlore* and with precious time expended by your editor in fighting what he calls "The Second Battle of Bywater Fields."

First, at this point we hope to send out the Tolkien Conference *Proceedings* as the next issue of *Mythlore*. I realize false hopes have been raised in the past, which I do not wish repeat. I am merely reporting what is expected to happen based on knowledge at this point. If all goes to plan, the *Proceedings* should appear in the mail before the end of the year.

1994 was a year of dreams come true. I became a homeowner for the first time, moving into a large spacious townhome, with a backyard that had potential. The totally empty space has been transformed into a refreshing Japanese garden. The trouble came from certain neighbors in the complex who stubbornly refused to stop parking illegally in the Fire lane. The main protagonist has been something like a cross between Lobelia, Saruman and Gyro Gearloose. The Fire Department, Traffic Commission and City Council became involved. There were many meetings, and finally safety and justice prevailed, but it took *unflagging* attention to prevent injustice to prevail. I had tied up all my savings to make this purchase possible, and was fighting to insure that I had the right to exit my own garage, as well as to protect myself and my neighbors in case of a fire.

After a hiatus while he moved to New Mexico, Paul Nolan Hyde is back in the new position of Submissions Editor. I heartily thank the several other people who also volunteered, as well as our previous Submissions Editor, Frank Medlar.

I am pleased with the material we have in this issue. There are two quite different ones on Tolkien by John Houghton and Arden Smith. C.M. Adderly brings us a landmark paper on Charles Williams, and Douglas Loney and Joe Christopher share different insights on C.S. Lewis. Amanda Serrano, Darci Hill, and Joe Simmons bring their research and insights in three different articles.

The Reviews and Inklings Bibliography make interesting reading, and my personal thanks goes to Nancy-Lou Patterson, Joe Christopher and Wayne Hammond for the excellent work they continue to do.

I hope you like some of the graphic enhancements, such as the gargoyles and a typeface for the pages headers that matches the title of the journal. The latter was quite difficult to find, and we are glad to be able to add it to the visual presence of *Mythlore*.

There are a number of excellent articles prepared for forthcoming issues, which are expected to appear on a more regular schedule.

Please make your plans to attend the 27th Mythopoeic Conference to be held in Bolder, Colorado. See page 66.

—Glen GoodKnight