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# IN THIS ISSUE

As a forerunner of the 1992 Tolkien Centennial, this issue is rich with Tolkien-related articles. There are four papers on the man whose hundredth birthday we are going to celebrate, each from a different perspective. Jonathon Langford's article outlines the development of the coming-of-age theme in *The Lord of the Rings*, especially on how it is summed up in the Scouring of the Shire. Elizabeth Arthur brings a controversial and strongly argued article on Gollum as Hero of *The Lord of the Rings*. Sarah Beach surveys the heroines of *The Silmarillion*, and Chris Seeman gives us a comparison of Tolkien and Joseph Campbell. The artists also share their comments on their art.

The theme of the last Mythopoeic Conference was related both to Campbell and the Hero as Female. From this conference we also have a paper on how Campbell has been treated in various articles by Carolee Grebe. Terri Frontgia gives us a well argued paper on the Female Hero from a contemporary perspective. Bruce Byfield, who has contributed before, gives us a paper on Diana Paxson's *The White Raven*.

Nancy-Lou Patterson, who has recovered from a serious illness, gives us a paper on aspects of Time in Narnia that have not been covered before.

From the Antipodes, otherwise known as Australia, Kath Filmer has written a probing article on *The Neverending Story* by Michael Ende.

We are happy to see Alexei Kondratiev continue with his column "Tales Newly Told." Paul Nolan Hyde will continue with his in the next issue.

