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## Editorial Matters

Welcome to the beginning of the 25th calendar year of *Locus*. There are a surprising number of you who have been with us from the beginning. It's going to be a long celebration, because our actual 25th anniversary won't come until our 26th calendar year - April 1993. We also intend to have our final blowout at the 1993 Worldcon here in San Francisco.

Because of holiday gridlock, this issue will not appear until early January. December is an almost impossible month for the magazine, because of holidays, printer closings, vacation, and exhaustion. It's also like doing two issues at once, because we have the end-of-the-year billing, contracts, tax records, etc. The February issue, with our 1991 summary figures, is also a biggie, and will probably not be ready until early February.

We're still looking for permanent full-time help,

but I must apologize to those who have sent resumés or expressed interest and have not been answered yet. I've been too far behind in other things to follow through. Besides, I'm still not sure what I want. The very success of *Locus* has caused problems: the editorial load is about double what it was five years ago; the production segment has gotten much harder since we're producing more pages, using more photos, and doing more layout, thanks to sophisticated desktop publishing. It was much easier when we just ran everything out in columns and pasted it up. But the part of the magazine which has grown most and cuts most into editorial and production time, is the business/financial end. The paperwork and computer time needed to process subscriptions, bookstore payments, tax records, ad payments, billing,

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