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A-AA has been in existence for some years now, and those of you who have been long-term subscribers have seen it through a number of changes in editor, content, style, and appearance. In many way these changes have been in response to changes in the content and social context of our field as it has matured. Another change is in the works, which we hope will help the newsletter to be even better tool for researchers. Starting with the Spring 1999 issue we will begin a regular column, under my editorship, entitled Progression: Advances in African American Archaeology.

This semi-annual column will attempt to map the changing theoretical, methodological, social, and political terrain that researchers in this field must navigate. As column editor, I hope to receive contributions drawn from ongoing research-particularly research that is attempting to establish new directions in this area of inquiry. These new directions can be "purely" archaeological, or have to do with issues more social and political than technical. Reports on significant community work will be as welcome in this forum as reports which detail theoretical and methodological challenges. I will also occasionally solicit pieces, so suggestions about work that would be of interest to subscribers will also be appreciated. The content of the column will include both information and commentary, and will, I hope, include as much of both from our subscribers as from me.