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The Newsletter has received inquiries from students (some telephoned, some not) about thesis topics in African-American archaeology. One of these letters is included below. Often students interested in African-American archaeology have few contacts in the "community". After the SHA workshop this year, it became clear that the "community" had lots of good ideas about what needs to be done in the field and what students should be doing, but often had no students with whom to work. In this and future issues of the Newsletter, requests for thesis topics and requests for students looking for thesis topics will be presented as an ongoing service. If you are a student or know a student searching for a thesis topic, or if you have a problem that could be addressed by concerted thesis research, please send your request to the Newsletter along with your address and telephonenumber.

To the Editor:

I am a first year, graduate student in the archaeology program at Ball State University. I also subscribe to the newsletter, AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY [smart move, son. ed.]. My department chairman informed me that I need to be looking into possible summer fieldwork for my Master's thesis.

I would like to focus in the area of African-American archaeology. So, I am writing you asking for advice. I would appreciate it if you could put me in contact with anyone searching for graduate students to help with fieldwork. Even if you are not aware of anyone, it would still be helpful if you could pass along to me possible research topics applicable to a thesis.

I will gladly furnish a resume, references, and any additional information if asked. I am sure you have a hectic schedule, so any response would be greatly appreciated [polite, too. ed.]. Good luck with future research, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you

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For those of you that have already received calls or letters from Bill, I probably should have warned you, sorry. I hope someone was able to help him out.