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AMATEUR CONTRIBUTIONS . . . From the hour of its inception, it has been the policy of this journal to serve the needs of students in the field of American archaeology, whether their status be that of general students or specialists, professionals or amateurs. With this purpose prominently present at the front of its collective mind, the Editorial Staff has sought to include in copy for each issue, in so far as possible, *matter of sufficient variety to interest the variety of students represented in the Society.* The extent of its success or failure is best known to the readers.

Since it was conceded that many of the interests of the more general students could best be served by articles prepared by such students themselves, and since it was foreseen that few among this large and important element of our readers would contribute major articles, your editor announced that the "Correspondence" division was open for short articles submitted by non-specialist, non-professional students. There appeared to be an immediate, enthusiastic response to this invitation.

However, it now appears that the professionals and other specialists are threatening to take over the "Correspondence" division and make it their own. After all, your editor can only publish matter that is submitted to him. If contributions suitable for this division come preponderantly from the specialists, the editor is helpless to maintain a balance favorable to the general student.

The problem is in your hands, fellow students, rather than in the willing but impotent ones of your editor, who wonders how the challenge will be met. Please remember this angle to the problem when you are tempted to be adversely critical of the subject matter in the journal in relation to your interests.

NEWS ITEMS . . . We hope that you have noticed the "Notes and News" division of the journal. In its pages there is always room for items covering local meetings and other gatherings of archaeological import. Send us the news and we will publish it.