

**Peabody Museum Fall Excavations and New Course Offering  
(A1130: Archaeology of Harvard Yard)**

Archaeological material informs gaps in the written record, and each artifact assumes a great significance in teaching us about the everyday lives of past peoples. As such, archaeological data recovered from Harvard Yard provide a richer and more nuanced view of the 17<sup>th</sup>- through 19<sup>th</sup>-century lives of students and faculty living in Harvard Yard. Harvard Yard includes not only the Old College, which was the oldest university building in the country, but also the Harvard Indian College. Established in 1653 as a place to educate Native students within Harvard, the Indian College recently commemorated its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In Fall 2005, staff of the Peabody Museum in cooperation with the Archaeology Wing will be conducting archaeological excavations outside Massachusetts and Matthews Hall. These excavations will be run as a course (A1130: Archaeology of Harvard Yard), in which students will work with Peabody Museum staff to excavate as well as process and analyze historical artifacts. Excavations will be taking place on Monday afternoons from late September through early November. All are welcome to stop by!