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Three Harmonist ceramic pieces--a plate, cup and cream pitcher will be among archaeological finds to be exhibited in the Library at ISUE in conjunction with Open House on Sunday, October 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ordinarily training in field archaeology is secured on prehistoric Indian sites; however, for the past two summers (ten weeks each in 1975 and 1976) the ISUE Archaeology Summer Field School, under the direction of John Elliott, has been assisting the restoration movement in New Harmony by providing basic research data available only through excavation.

The three sites dug over the past two summers consisted of the remnant foundations, cellars, and wells of former buildings erected by the Harmonists--two family dwelling sites and the Harmonist shoe factory (later remodeled by David Dale Owen and used as his second geological laboratory). The latter is being excavated with the intention of preserving it as a permanent outdoor archaeological exhibit. The ISUE Field School will be working with Historic New Harmony, Inc. for several years.

On site archaeologists, in addition to Mr. Elliott, were Robert Henn and Gilbert Apfelstadt.

Exhibited with the three Harmonist ceramic pieces, just inside the library entrance to the left, will be a leather pouch of gunpowder and numerous photographs.

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Other displays being coordinated by ISUE
Archivist, Josephine Elliott, will include the Peckinpaugh Family Papers and a music exhibit.

Items displayed with the Peckinpaugh Emmick Papers will include Civil War correspondence between William Henry Peckinpaugh and Mary (Molly) Emmick, who later became his wife, as well as a "linen letter" written in 1890 from Nicholas Peckinpaugh, one of the Acting Governors of the Alaska Territory, to his family. In the music exhibit will be sheet music from the 1900-1913 era, along with magazines, books, and other memorabilia.

Other popular features of the ISUE Open House are the Sunday Buffet, performances by the Mid-America Singers and guided tours of the campus.