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Thursday - May 24, 2007

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## Structure C4 - Initial Goals

- axial trench on east
- remove poorly preserved terraces
- investigate earlier versions - Early phase?
- follow back wall to the west
- look for stairs
- did the building really face south?
- test pits to the south
- was this a prepared surface?

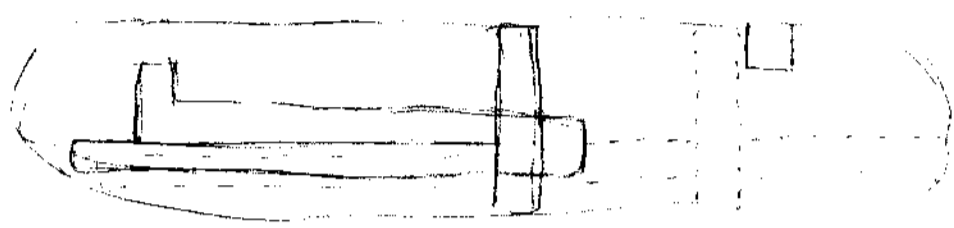
We started out today with Oscar and Mike clearing the structure. The corn has to stay for now but we are lucky that the structure is pretty easily accessible. We have four full weeks of excavation, about a week leaving about a half of a week to wrap up. The team will probably consist of six guys so if we move fast we'll get it all done.

The initial goals focus mainly on figuring out the orientation of the first phase of construction as determined by last season's excavations. If the building faced south onto a plaza it could be another important area yet to be investigated, as was the north plaza. It would also confirm the drastic nature of the remodeling of the site.

If we leave ourselves roughly one week to accomplish each goal that should be enough time - allowing for some flexibility and drawings, final photographs, etc

NA

□ previous  
○ planned



Friday - May 25, 2007

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We are starting to get teams together  
I'm starting off with Francisco, Gilberto  
(both with me last year) and Manuel (??)  
Victor Morales should be coming from  
E.P. today for the work that he did last year  
and took charge when he needed to so  
I asked for him again.

Ellen is going to help me set up the  
first trench using the CAD I have  
some of the steps down but need some  
more practice with it to feel comfortable  
we are going to set the trench on the  
grid using the orientation we got from  
last year (15"). The first trench will be  
an aerial trench running north/south on  
the eastern end of the building. It will  
run just to the east of the most eastern  
large stump on the summit and just to  
the west of a previous unit that only  
revealed a small portion of the northern  
terraces it did not reach the summit.  
Last year's excavations fell to the  
left of this stump and included summit  
clearing on the ~~east~~ western portion  
of this structure.

Change of plans - we are going to lay out  
the trench by hand and then sheet elevations

After a long day of trench laying we may be able to begin. The axial trench is oriented slightly off of what appears to be the axis because the building was aligned a bit differently than we thought. This trench was level out by hand rather than with the L.D.M. - it is not perfect! Hopefully though we will hit the architecture at the right angle. The back slope (south) is actually pretty steep so that didn't make laying this out any easier. We got elevations for all corners - Francisco is good at keeping the net level. I have to remember I probably reshot some of the stakes at the top wasn't sure where we had stopped before lunch. I'm anxious to get Victor and here because these guys seem inexperienced and are making some things overly complicated.

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We started closer to the mound this time, before the ground levels out - now that we know where the walls are.

C2/73/C1 - EU A

This is the first unit at the bottom of the slope on the northern side of Str 04. No soil change and very few ceramics in first 10cm we'll keep artifacts separate for now and continue down to 20cm BGS. May or may not start another lot. They are about half way done with the next 10cm and pulling out more artifacts - I'm closing this one at 10cm BGS. 0-10cm

Soil in situ

Artifacts. Ceramic-6

C2/73/C2 - EU M

This is the first unit at the bottom of the slope on the southern side of Str 04. Tonio - the kid from last year - is back hanging around. Francisco needs a partner, he doesn't know how to distinguish ceramics yet. Very few artifacts, no soil change, continuing down to 20cm BGS. One large rock - tumble - in NW corner

- till open

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02/73/03 - EVA

We are getting more artifacts in this lot - including some pieces of obsidian blades and biface. They reached 20cm quickly. A good amount of ceramics. Closing here  
DGS 10 20cm

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics - 65 biface - 5 obsidian - 2  
Comments: some larger, lighter-colored ceramic pieces may just be rocks, some pieces have incisions

Saturday - May 26, 2007

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We have Victor today! I was happy to see him. We get right to work. Luckily they had already put the tarps up I now have elevations and a sketch of the points taken on last years architecture. Marcello is getting me the maps for Monday he also talked a little about the terraces on the north side that were found in the units to the west - he thinks they may have been higher than the one course terraces preserved based on the height of the summit and the back walls. Also there were no well preserved terrace levels or floors - it seemed to be fill in between the preserved partitions.



CONT: C2/73/02 - EU M

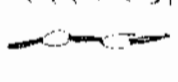
There wasn't much left to do in this but we brought it down to 20

BGS: 0 20 in

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics - 13 beige - 3 obsidian - 1 rhyolite - 1

C2/73/04 - EU A

High artifact content here. We are getting close to where the plaza floor was found in other units. Some medium sized rocks that look like tumble. Ceramics found in place in SE corner - probably close to floor level. Artifacts include decorated pieces and probably some copador. One interesting design looks like it was pinched  ?? We left ceramics and tumble in place for now - maybe we'll wait until we reach the same level in EU B

BGS 20 30

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics - 206 beige - 10 obsidian - 1

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02/73/05 - EU M

No soil change yet and still not very many artifacts. Some tumbled rocks that we will remove soon. In this unit will be another 20cm lot. There is some tumble here. We won't go too much farther because the wall is obviously closer to the summit.

BGS: 20-40

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics - 20 baja - 4 metate - 1

02/73/06 - EU B

Trying to move things along - We will probably make this lot 20cm as I don't expect to see much coming out of it until we get down farther. Next we will open up two excavation units for one lot - less paperwork sounds good to me! And context should be the same. About 40% tumble here. This unit also has a high concentration of ceramics. We may be close to the first terrace - hard to tell until we remove some tumble.

BGS: 0-20

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics - 84 baja - 9 obsid - 2 metate - 2

02/73/07 - EU A

Umberto cleared around the ceramics he found in place and revealed more that seems to fit with that piece. This brought the SE corner down to nearly 40 cm BGS so we are bringing the other corners down to the same level. Still a high concentration of ceramics here. We are going to leave the ceramics in place until we reach the same level in EU B to see if there are more associated with this set.

BGS: 30-40

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics 91 bgn - 2 netate - 1 [1 wheel ceramic]

02/73/08 - EU C + EU D

We opened these two together to take them down to 10 cm. EU C had no artifacts and minimal tumble. EU D had few artifacts and is about 80% tumble. Both had overburden and the soil appears to be the same context outside of architecture on the first or second terrace.

BGS: 0-10

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramic - 4 obsidian - 1

Monday - May 28, 2007

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Thomas is finally here. His workers showed up and caused some confusion among my guys. Now that Pedro is back I have to let one guy go.

My general plan is to find both "floors" to the north and south so that we know approximately at how many cm BGS we can find them. Then, we are moving up and over the structure, revealing the rocks closest to the surface, before going back to take out what is not well preserved. Hopefully we will be able to see everything in profile.

The guys were working once again when we returned for lunch - they are almost done with what I asked them to do!

02/13/09 - EUM

We are looking for the earthen floor found in this area in previous excavations. Once we find it we can follow it in to the wall.

Around 50 cm BGS there is a change in soil along the southern edge of this EU. Seems to be the same compact earthen floor that we remember finding in this level last season. We are now going to remove the few pieces of tumble and bring the whole EU down to this floor level.

BGS 40-50

soil overburden/floor

Artifacts: ceramics 15 baya-2 obsidian-2

02/13/10 - EU E + F

Removing the layer of top soil and cleaning between the revealed rocks. Both EUs about 90% tumble. Nothing preserved at this level. Some large rocks but nothing that appears to have been shaped.

BGS 0-20

soil in situ

Artifacts: ceramics - 24 baya-1 obsidian-1

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02/73/11 - EU G + H

Removing top soil very few ceramics.

100% tumble. Few large rocks.

BGS 0-20

soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics 22

02/73/12 - EU A

We are returning here to remove tumble and get down to the plaza floor. Removing the ceramics in SW corner too. There seem to be fewer artifacts coming out below 40cm BGS we probably passed the most recent floor level. We think we finally hit the floor: around 55cm BGS harder, more compact, fewer artifacts. we will bring this EU down to the same level and move to EU B

BGS 40 55

Soil: humus/floor

Artifacts: ceramics 60 bajn-2 obsidian 1 chert 1

02/73/13 - EU I + J

Removing top soil to reveal tumble.  
100% tumble. Few artifacts. No clear lines.

BGS: 0 20

soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics-24 baja-2 obsidian-1

02/73/14 - EU B

Removing tumble and looking for the same floor as in EU A. After this both teams should be free and we can start doing 2x meter lots to remove the tumble. The most important thing to record is the context of the artifacts so really we are following the floor in EU A to the floor in EU M and hoping they meet up

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02/73/15 - EU K + L

Removing top soil to reveal tumbled 100% dumpy.

Very few artifacts

BGS: 0-20

Soil: humus

Artifacts: ceramics: 22



Tuesday - May 29, 2007

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Today we are removing tumbler. It rained heavily last night so units A, B, L & M are wet - making it harder to get through the soil.

I took photos of all units before removing tumbler but the labels are mixed up

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CONT: 02/73/14 - EUB

Not a lot of tumble here but a lot of soil to remove. Victor is working on this one alone. High concentration of artifacts - including copador and large pieces of bajareye. Inclusions in soil infer that we are still outside of the building but we need to look at elevations from previous excavations. Nothing preserved here if this were a terrace level.

BGS: 25-75

Soil: humus/overburden?

Artifacts: ceramics - 96 baja - 10 obsidian - 5 chert - 1

02/73/16 - EU C + D

In these units we started by removing all the rocks clearly visible, clearing away the dirt, then removing more. There appears to be a fallen line of at least three large rocks between EU C + D. If they slid from above this is high enough to be a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> terrace and what we are pulling out of the southern portion of EU D along with small rocks could be fill.

Still Open

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Wednesday, May 30, 2007

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My whole team is sick, including me, so we are moving slowly today.

The guys continued without me after lunch.

CONT. 02/73/16 - EU C+D

It looks like there might be two lines that have slid forward. I took pictures and we are going to close this lot before removing them. First we are removing all the soil in front of the first possible line to the north. EUC consists of mostly soil and the first line. Bag #2 in this lot may be from inside or on top of a possible floor that has been revealed in the southern portion of EU D. There were only small rocks here with this material. Bag #3 is from EUC in front of first line. Bone and carbon 70cm BGS SW corner of EUC. BGS: 10-75cm

Artifacts Bag #1. c-BG b-12 bag #4 <sup>bone</sup> Soil: <sup>carbon</sup>

Bag #2: c-182 b-11 tab-1 chert-3 nut-2 o-5 Bag #3: c-305

02/73/17 - EU E+F

b-18 o-6

Removing tumble and clearing away soil. We found a layer of level rocks at 60 BGS with at least 30 cm of soil beneath them. There is one line of three rocks, one course high, along the edge of EU E+F. It looks like the wall we found at the summit in last year's excavations.

\*Very interesting - we came up along the edge of what maybe a door jamb on the western wall of the pit - 4 courses high and 4 courses thick.

Intricately painted ceramic - red, orange, + black  
BGS: 20-65

Soil:

Artifacts: ~~ceramics not yet 26~~

02/23/18 - EUC+D

Removing soil mostly from EUC we didn't find a layer of rocks or a change in the soil. High concentration of ceramics. No large rocks here. It seems like they must have used soil to fill in between levels. A lot of bajareque - especially large pieces with clear indentations from sticks or branches. There was definitely a bajareque structure on top of this summit. It seems that most of it fell off of the front.

BGS: 75-90

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramic-194 baja-24 obsidian-2

Thursday - May 31, 2007

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I'm trying to make sense of what we found on the north facade. There are so many possibilities.



- It looks like there were at least two terraces on the front but very poorly preserved
- The floor is well preserved and was built before the one course line and the possible jump because it runs underneath both

I'm going to take some pictures. Santiago suggested that the lack of terraces means the building was not ceremonial and neither was the plaza in front of it.

This deer pen is farther to the north on the summit than the others were.

02/73/19 EU K+L

Removing rubble and bringing soil down to floor level 90% rubble with some large rocks. Very few artifacts. INX found what may be a very poorly preserved back wall for the final phase in EU J. We are going to clean it off, take photos, and then see what is behind it. We'll start a new lot for that. Everything coming out of here is from right in front of this possible wall. Taking out the soil in front of what we thought was the wall we found three large rocks line up at BGS. This was much lower than I was expecting but it may have been the face of the back wall. We are digging down in front of this line to see what is there.

BGS: 20-120

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 98  
 baya - 10 obsidian - 3  
 chert - 2 tools - 2 metate - 1

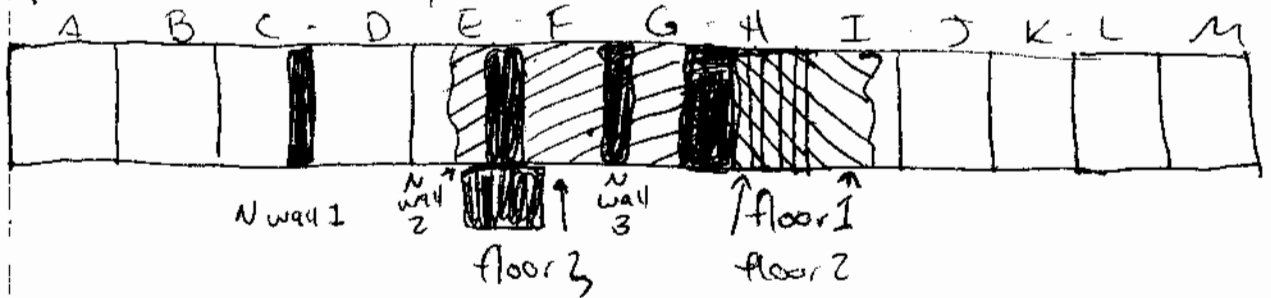
Friday - June 1, 2007

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We are already seeing two phases of construction. The first consisting of the floor that begins in EU E along with the door jamb in EU F. These were both then covered by the floor visible in EU I and the base of the wall visible in EU E. This floor level probably extended to the terrace visible in EU C and a back wall still to be found somewhere in EU J. The floor is only preserved out to EU I because it has a steady base formed by the back wall in the first phase of construction. There is no clear edge to the floors so it is hard to say what happened with them.



The building was expanded to the north and south. The first phase was covered up to the top of the door jambs - forming the new summit and preserving that phase. The last phase is not well preserved and we have probably lost any summit architecture.





02/73/20 - EU I + J

Removing rubble. Possible rough floor level associated with the last phase of construction in EU I. The possible back wall is in EU J, the next lot will contain materials removed from there. I'm hoping there is something better preserved underneath this.

South/Final Phase (Possible) Wall 1

height - 150 width - 30 rock size - 30x40x10  
Rocks at the bottom 15cm high

BGS: 20-120

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 40 baja - 3 obsidian - 4 chert - 1

02/73/21 - EU G + H

We are looking for either floor level - it looks like we passed the one in EU I so we'll see if the one in EU F is preserved here. There is a line of very large rocks along the northern edge of EU G which runs parallel to the line in EU E. There is a large root running through EU H. The floor in EU F was found at BGS (EU G) here. The floor in EU I was found at BGS in EU H. It was not found in EU G.

BGS: 20-60

Soil: floor level

Artifacts: ceramics - 28

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So, today we are working on getting down to the final phase of construction. Though I think in EU E-H we may have passed it in terms of the floor level. Once we reach that point in all units I'll take photos and record measurements, then we can remove everything down to the earlier phase of construction. In this earlier phase we hope to find the well preserved back wall, probably in EU I, and follow it out laterally in search of stairs on the back of this building. Once that trench is laid out we can have one team on that and the other in search of an earlier phase of construction in the axial trench.

We shot in points for N Wall 1, 2, 3, and Floor I. That is everything in the final phase except the back wall which we haven't found yet.

	Final Phase	EU	Height	Width	Rock Size	Orientation
North	Terrace 1	C	25	30	10x35x35	
	Wall 1	E	20	20	20x20x20	
	Wall 2	G	40	30	20x30x50	
Summit	Floor 1	G-I	-	200	20x15x5	
South	Wall 3	?	?	>	?	

	Second Phase?	EU	Height	Width	Rock Size
Summit	Floor 2	H-O	-	300	10x10x2

	Earlier Phase	EU	Height	Width	
North	Floor 3	E-H	-	250	20x25x5
Summit	Back Wall 1	H			
South	Floor 4				

02/73/22 - EU C + D

We are removing N Wall 1, then the soil leading back to floor 3. The artifacts here will be mostly from within the final phase of construction their association with earlier phases is unknown here.

There were at least three courses



of this terrace preserved.

Now we are cutting through the soil behind the terrace

Still open  
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02/73/23 - EU G + H

We are bringing both of these units down to the floor level found in EU E-G, associated with an earlier phase of construction. It's found the reason the floor is not preserved in EU H - It looks like the back wall of the earlier phase runs along the edge of EU G + H. We are taking some rocks out to follow it down.

BGS: 20

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 10 baja - 1

Saturday - June 2, 2007

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It is looking like we found the back wall on the earlier phase of construction in EU H. The well preserved floor from EU E, associated with the door jamb to the west of the trench, ends here. There are at least four large rocks in a line where this ends. In the southern half of EU H and all of EU I we see two different floor levels. ~~At~~ At the SW corner of EU H, the first floor is 35 cm BGS and consists of large, uneven rocks. The second floor is 55 cm BGS here and consists of smaller, neatly placed rocks like the floor in EU E-G but seems to be at a higher level, constructed differently, and behind the back wall. The first wall was the one I originally placed in the final version, which seems to fit particularly well with Terrace 1 and N wall ~~1~~ because of how they "float" on a layer of soil, and are made of large ~~irregular~~<sup>on</sup> shaped rocks. This suggests that the second floor in EU H may have been associated with a phase of construction in between the well preserved first phase and the final phase. I'm not sure where N Wall 3 fits in - maybe the middle phase because it runs along the southern edge of the door jamb and doesn't have the same loose construction as N wall ~~1~~ ~~1~~. Information about the back of the structure during later phases might help to

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clear up the relationship between the later phases of construction but unfortunately the entire south facade has been very poorly preserved.

How did the door jambs work together on such a limited amount of space in the earliest version?

02/73/24 - EU I + J

We think the back wall was very poorly preserved and we cut through it. We continued removing rocks only to find what looks like tumble or loosely laid fill. Floor 4 found here, removing all tumble down to the floor and in to the north towards Back wall 1.

Still open

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02/73/25 - EU H

Following the back wall of the earliest phase of construction. We hit the ledge at 100 cm BGS or 45 cm below the top of the wall. We'll follow this wall out to the west.

BGS: 40-55

Soil:

Artifacts - ceramics - 17 bajra - 2

Monday - June 4, 2007

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Cleaning at the end of the day Saturday revealed a stone floor in EU J. The profile suggests it may have actually been two or more courses high - possibly a low terrace.

This was not revealed in other excavations. The construction style resembles that of the floor and back wall in the earliest phase of construction - medium sized rocks, well placed, with large rocks forming the edges of the floor. It extends from the northern edge of EU K and will be followed in towards the wall in EU H. It is at 30cm BGS in EU K and 150cm BGS in EU J

We are expanding from EU H to the west. We only laid out two to see how the wall looks here and if the orientation changes at all.

With a floor like this to the south there has to be stairs here somewhere. There must have been a lot of activity too. Low concentration of artifacts



02/73/26 - EU F + G

We removed North Wall 2, brought the soil down to Floor 3.

Then we removed North Wall 3, brought the soil down to the same level.

Floor 3 continues from EU E to Back Wall 1 in EU H. N Wall 3 marked the southern edge of the door jamb.

BGS. ~~45-65~~ 45-65

Soil

Artifacts: ceramics - 9

CONT: 02/73/22 - EU C + D

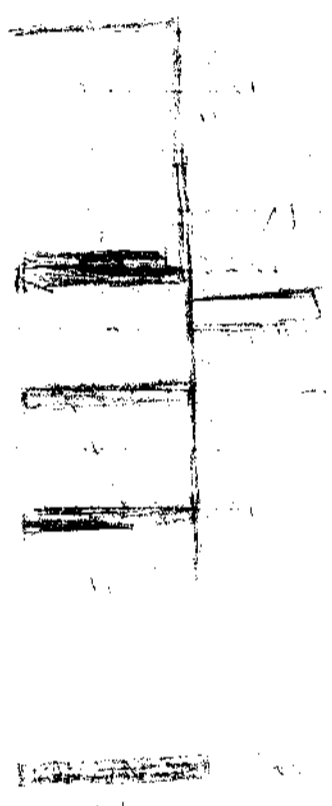
This was finished up on Saturday. All of the soil was removed down to floor level up until the floor level, Floor 3, in EU E.

There is a layer of soil, cm thick, between the level of the plaza floor and Floor 3. Bone and carbon found 70cm BGS with high concentration of ceramic throughout.

BGS: 90-125

Soil

Artifacts: ceramics - 375 bone - 73 obsidian - 7  
chert - 3 unknown - 3 carbon - 1 bone - 1



N↓

02/73/27 - EU N+O

Following Back wall 1 to the west. Removing top soil. We stopped here after uncovering West wall 2 and the floor level that goes along with it in EU N. EU O has at least two different floor levels (Floor 1 + 2 continued) and possibly flat laid fill. We need to take points and pictures before continuing.

Bers: 0-85cm

Soil:

Artifacts - ceramics - 48 bja - 1

02/73/28 - EU H

Removing Floors 1 + 2 to continue down to the base of Back wall 1. There is a rock of toba near the base of the back wall that we passed through - we're taking it out. Not really toba! Few artifacts coming out of here. Soil change at Back wall 1 is found at

Bers: 55-200

Soil:

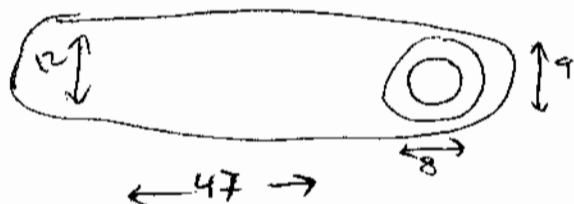
Artifacts: ceramics - 59 bja - 1 toba - 1 chert - 3  
obsidian - 1

Umberto cleared away some dirt on the west wall of EU G to reveal either more of the wall present in EU E + F or another door jamb that was connected. It appears now that what I originally thought was a door jamb on the northern side of the summit is a wall - extended from this door jamb to the south.

In EU N there was a rock that lined up north/south with the doorjamb. This rock continued the line out beyond Back Wall I. It was either associated with the last phase of construction or the one right before that. It seems to continue westward through EU N + O with at least three other large rocks in the line.

Farther to the south this wall continues about 150 cm. At the corner where EU N and EU I meet there is a rock that appears to have been sculpted.

Ellen says it was natural but probably selected for this unique feature.



First there was the floor on the summit. A door jamb - the same as those discovered in earlier excavations - was built in from the southern edge of the platform. This platform had a ledge and then dropped down to the stone floor. In the second phase they filled up to the top of the door jamb going north on the same floor. To the south they extended the floor, covering the back wall - it is unclear if this wall dropped down in one wall or if there was a terrace here. On top of the previous back wall, to the south of the door jamb, there may have been an open space between a more southern wall and the jamb that was later filled in with the material found in EU N. But, there is also a very large root that runs through this space that might have caused the rocks to fall like they did.

Tuesday - June 5, 2007

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We just opened another unit south of N and west of G. This should help to understand the relationship between the walls running along the western edge of the trench.

It is becoming clearer where we passed through the back wall in the later version. This new wall to the west runs to the edge of EU I and it looks ~~like~~ like the wall went down from the end of this wall.

We opened two more units, following Back Wall 1 to the west. Tomorrow we need to remove the large roots in this area.

Tomorrow we need to shoot points on: Floor 3, Floor 4, Back wall 1, Door jamb 1, West wall 1 and West wall 2. <sup>+ Trench corners</sup>  
Then we can remove West wall 2 and the floor level (Floor 1+2) associated with it in EU N, O, Q, + R.

Kenya is coming to work with us tomorrow so I need to get papers together.

02/73/29 - EU P+S

We uncovered the southern edge of the door jamb. There is a corner here and the jamb continues to the west. ~~The rest of the wall running to the south was added on. Because of the type of construction and the fact that there are two small rocks in between the wall in EU II and the most southern part in EU I,~~ it looks like they were built at different times. It appears that the space in EU II was open at one point though it is hard to say because there is a very large root running just south of the door jamb. There is no corner or other wall surface that would suggest that the walls in EU N and EU I were built at different times. The floor surface from EU I was found at 60 on B65 in EU O and removed to continue down to Back wall. We opened up another unit to the west - continuing to the tree. The door jamb continues here up to ground surface  
BGS: 0-85

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 25 bajs - 1 obsidian - 2 tools - 2

CONT: 02/73/24 EU I + J

We removed on large rock that must have formed part of the base of Back wall 2

The rock floor ends at the northern edge of EU J.

BGS: 120-200

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 94    baja - 3    tuba - 4    shell - 4  
obsidian - 1    sandstone - 1

02/73/30 - EU Q + R

Following Back Wall 1 to the west - we actually dug here last year so we should get through this quickly. SW corner of EU Q at 20 cm BGS - ceramic with etching - sent to the lab 6/6/07. There seems to be a wall here running N/S in EU R - two large rocks in line with one large one underneath them. There is also a break in the floor directly in front of this.

BGS: 0-90

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 26



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Wednesday - June 6, 2007

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Kids from the school should be coming out today and Kenya comes at 1:30pm. I'm not sure what I'm going to do because I don't really have workers to give up. If we could get test pits going that might work. We have to get permission to clear. I think I'll have them take notes and I'll do ~~off~~ forms.

	Final version	EU	Height	Width	Rock Size
Summit	West wall 2	H-I H-N	45	120 <sup>N</sup> / 80 <sup>W</sup>	45x15x15

	Earlier phase	EU	Height	Width	Rock Size
Summit	West wall 1	E-G	70	170	30x15
	Door Jamb 1	G G-S	70	60 <sup>N</sup> / 200 <sup>W</sup>	10x30x20

Thursday - June 7, 2007

2007-30-42

We shot in points for the architecture revealed so far which includes the earliest and latest phases. We also shot in trench corners for the additions to the east.

Door Jamb I was built onto going west and continues from EU P, underneath the tree up to ground surface and into EU V. It is \_\_\_\_\_ cm high at its highest point with a ledge of \_\_\_\_\_ cm beneath it.

There seems to be a late phase wall running north/south in EU R or the western part of EU Q. There also seems to be a break in the wall attached to Door Jamb I in EU V.

We hit old excavations marked by a tarp they ran up to the end of the east door jamb previously exposed which is now visible in the NE corner of EU U.

02/73/31 - EU T+U

We reached the old excavation here. There is a tarp covering up the wall where it was previously revealed. There are a lot of artifacts coming out especially large pieces of bajareque. There is a layer of rocky fill near the base of BWI that continues up to WW3 and out to the west. We must be in fill from the back platform.

BGS: 0-195

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 495 obsidian - 13 chert - 2  
baja - 54 toba - 2 metate - 1 bone - 1

02/73/32 - EU V

This unit was opened to better understand the connection between Back Wall I and the east door jamb from last season. There is a floor level at 80cm BGS. This ~~seems to be higher than Floor 3 (which connects with the top of BWI) because~~ appears to be the same level as Floor 3 - runs to the edge of BWI and underneath east door jamb. There is no clear corner opposite of the east door jamb.

BGS: 0-80

Soil

Artifacts: ceramics - 101 bajareque - 25 chert - 1

Friday - June 8, 2007

2007-30-44

We are only working ~~until~~ until 11 am today. In units N, O, and Q we are taking everything out in front of Back Wall 1. I really want to see the north/south west wall 3 in EUR.

02/73/33 - EU N+O

Removing West wall 7, Floor 1, Floor 2,  
in front of Back wall 1 They removed  
a very large rock from EU O. (25 x 60 x 25)  
There are some chunks of carbon coming  
out. Actually, there appears to be a level  
of carbon at 160 cm BGS - perhaps ceremonial?  
It does line up with the base of WW3.

BGS: 0-200

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 145 obsidian - 3  
baja - 5 fobq - 2 carbon - 1

02/73/34 - EU O

We are investigating the line that runs  
north/south here - it was call West wall  
3 when we shot points. The farther down  
we go it looks like what we shot in was  
fill on top of a well preserved line at  
100 cm BGS. These may be the back  
steps we were looking for especially  
considering that the east door jamb  
is just to the NE of this line. ~~Including~~  
~~the door jamb at the SE corner this~~ This wall  
does not step down here - not stairs. Carbon  
layer continues at 160 cm BGS

BGS: 0-190 Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 186 obsidian - 4 baja - 30 metal - 3

Monday - June 11, 2007

2007-30-46

We are going back to EU T+U to clear up the parts that were not excavated last season. We are also continuing down in front of BW 1 "l." are follow the line called West Wall 3 down to see what it looks like - it may be back steps!

The further down we get the better and more similar to the style of BW I it looks. We'll continue down here and expand out to the south once we reach floor level.

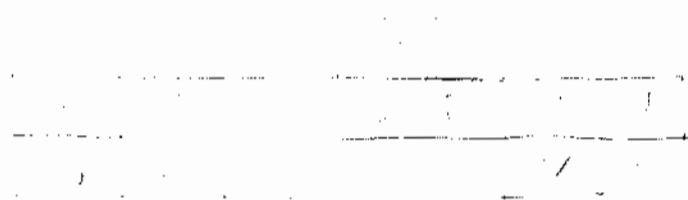
Ellen was saying we might have been thinking all wrong about this building. Door Jamb one does not have a clear break on the south side where it extends out the the east. Though there appears to be a break with West Wall 1 maybe this was all built together. We'll clean up the wall later on and see if we can tell.

This wall underneath the tree will be called South Wall 1 for now - it was shot in as an extension of door Jamb 1. It is preserved up to 7 courses underneath the tree - it runs for 4 meters - including the door jamb.



We still have lots open from last week. It is taking awhile to get through the soil in front of BWI but as long as we get most of this done by Friday we should be fine, then we can do some test pits to the south. I'm not sure how we are going to lay those out yet but I guess it depends on the stairs.

We are following out the line in EUQ.



2007-30-48



Tuesday - June 12, 2007

2007-36-49

Today we should be able to close up some large lots and see a little more of the possible back stairs. We are not seeing any steps down in EU Q - could it just be a wall? Also I hope to lay out more units to the west and cut through the old excavations pretty quickly - maybe something the students could work on.

There is a layer of carbon at 150 cm BGS that is visible now in EU Q-0. This is at the same level as the bottom of west wall 3 we need to get a good sample.

2007-30-50

02/73/35 - EU W+Y

We are following the line in EU Q out to the south. There is a large break in the wall about 90 cm in on the west side of this unit - there was a large root here that appears to have pushed the rocks apart. It does look like it goes down - that it was steps. Or, maybe not, this is not well preserved and it is hard to tell! This wall does not step down - maybe it was part of a platform or fill bin wall.

BGS: 0-180

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics-37 tobacco-1 nutshells-1

02/73/36 - EU X

We are uncovering the east door jamb so that we can take out the tarp. E Door Jamb from last year's excavation was revealed, meaning most of the material was from back fill.

BGS: 0-80

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics-65 obsidian-1 bone-5

Wednesday - June 13, 2007

2007-30-51

We are opening up another unit to follow the possible back stairs farther out to the south. They are not as well preserved here as I had hoped.

There are burnt ceramics coming out of the carbon level in EU N, O, + Q. Could this be part of a termination ceremony? It seems more like there was a floor level here - associated with the back stairs - based on the amount of ceramics here and their positioning.

We're going to try to close up some long running lots today! Most of the material coming out of EU N, O, Q and now T + U are in the same context - the thick clayey soil layer in front of BWT and beneath Floor J + Z of the final phase. Where did all the soil for this fill come from?

We need to expand to the west to cut through the old excavation and take the tarp out. We'll wait until the students get here to show them how to lay out units.

Thursday - June 14, 2007

2007-30-52

We need to remove the fill on top of West wall 3 (back stairs) in EU R. We should open up EU 2 to remove the tumble there as well to see what is going on with this possible stairs/wall.

The carbon level from in front of BW1 continues to the south along the side of WW3/stairs at its base. There is burnt bajareque, ceramics, and earth. You can see the layer in profile.

This WW3/stairs extension could have served different purpose - a platform, a fill bin wall, extension... we'll have to reveal more to see. The corner of it was found in EU Y - it continues to the west. This corner lies on a (at least) one course wall that runs to the east and appears to be the base of the back wall/2nd terrace on the final version - like we found in the original axd trench. (Originally called Floor 4.)

02/73/37 - EU AA + AB

Continuing to follow BW1. We are cutting through last seasons excavations here. We're going to bag EU AB separately because it is not backfill like EU AA and there is a very high concentration of artifacts here, including a large pile of metate - was it all natural? We're going down to the rocky layer and closing this lot.

BGS: 0-2 & 5

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 709 chert - 2 obsidian - 6  
baja - 72 other - 2

02/73/38 - EU AC + AD

Following Floor 3 out to the west, next to E Deer Jump Floor 3 continues here, well preserved. Portions of this were revealed last year. There is a large tree in the NW corner that was partially removed last year.

BGS: 0-55

Soil:

Artifacts:

02/73/39 - EU R

We are removing fill on top of WW3/Back stairs to see how thick the wall is here. I thought there was a line close to ground surface but it was probably just flat laid fill. This EU is where WW3 and BW1 meet. There is a well preserved floor just above the level of the ledge - shot in as Floor 5.

BGS: 50-100

Soil:

Artifacts: none

02/73/40 - EU A2 + 2

We are expanding out to the south to get to the SE corner of WW3 and follow it out to the west - hopefully figuring out its purpose in the process. The floor level from EU R continues here but is not as well preserved. The southern edge and corner is completely collapsed.

BGS: 0-105

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics-19 obsidian-2 baji-3



2007-30-59

~~02/73/41 - EUAG + AH~~

02/73/41 - EUAG + AH

Following Floor 3/BW1 out to the west.

There is a large stump here. already partially mutilated from last year's trench.

Our northern wall is a little farther north than last year by the way it looks (where the stump is cut) and of course it extends farther to the south to give us more room to get to the base of BW1 along the length of the structure.

BGS: 0-75

Soil:

Artifacts. ceramic - 119    chert - 2    obsidian - 2  
baja - 4

Friday - June 15, 2007

2007-35-56

We are working on WW3/Back stairs  
Still - trying to come down on it and  
follow the corner out to the west.

The preservation of the earliest phase  
is amazing! We now have uncovered  
11 meters of this wall that is nearly  
2 meters high in all units - with  
architecture on the summit too!

Monday - June 18, 2007

2007-30-58

Some of our tarps were stolen over the weekend but nothing was damaged. Victor is working on following out WWS.

It is looking like there was a floor level here that connected to the ledge on BWS. We'll have to reveal more to determine if this was just a wall or part of a platform. It is strange that it would only be preserved in this area if it were a platform. It could be one ~~row~~ wall of a fill bin but it is so nicely constructed and there is a floor level associated with the base of it so it worked as part of the phase in use at least for some time.

\* Talked to Cassie + Ellen:

- Early Classic is important because of all of the political changes that were taking place in the region - closer connection with Copan began as well as the use of incised more Honduran styles.

- This building is Mayan in the way in which it uses stone - less reliance on perishable structures

- Construction technique is similar to that of St 02. It resembles St 07, 08, etc in earlier forms but the stones used are more often cobbles than carefully shaped. The cobbles here are lightly shaped and not fit as closely together.

We are going to stop half way down the back wall - rocky fill above a clay layer in the next few excavation units and open new lots. This should give us uncontaminated fill from the final version. I need to get a list of the context of important lots for Cassie.

Change of plans for the axial trench as well - BW1 is too well preserved to cut through. Instead we are going to continue about a meter into the north facade platform (EUF) We want to make sure we get some fill from the earliest version because this is where Cassie had see Early Classic before.

Drawing at the different phases there could have been five → Next page

We need to open more EUs on the south side to follow W3 out to the west - actually the corner is blown out so we will probably follow the edge of the back wall on the final phase (Floor 3) because that line is better preserved. How much can we really get done in four days? Maybe Thomas can do probes behind St104?

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Tuesday - June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007

2007-36-69

The thick layer of jumbled rocks we are finding in EU T, U, AA + AB is not present on the other side of west wall 3 in EU N, O, + Q. I think that WW3 was built as the east wall of a fill bin that was filled to the level currently visible in EU R. This falls at the top of the rocky layer. Then Back wall 2 was built to fill in behind it with soil.

We'll start test pits to the south as soon as Erlend is done with his workers.

I'm trying to figure out where the back wall - Kim - from last year fits in here - It was nicely preserved but to a low height. We are not seeing anything like that here. Could it have been the back face on this platform?

- ① Back Wall 1 was built, including the ledge, and the top of the ledge was extended to the north to create Floor 3. Lightly shaped cobble stones were used. The door jambs were probably built during this phase on top of Floor 3 and ~~are~~ a short distance from the top of the ledge - on the south facade of the building.
- ② The most eastern and western door jambs revealed to date were included in walls that added to the summit architecture a great deal and divided up the space. The two central door jambs were left open - only with shorter distances in between them and the new walls. This still left doors open off the back with no known stairs.
- ③ West Wall 3 was added running north/south off of BW1. The top of the wall came to about the level of the ledge but the base of the wall was higher than that of BW1, so these were not built together. On top of the floor layer at the base of the wall was a carbon layer. It appears that there may have been another wall farther to the west that would be the opposite side of this fill bin - once full the platform here would have extended from the ledge of BW1 about 2.5 meters. It is possible that there were stairs off of the platform.

④ Extended from the southern edge of this platform Back wall 2 (Floor 4) was built running east/west. Behind it was filled in with soil all the way to BW1. This was taken up to a new floor level extended from BW1-called Floor 2 ~~West wall 2 was added to form the edge of Floor 2~~

⑤ Floor 1 was created above Floor 2 and extending from the edge of Floor 3. The edge of Floor 1 is called West wall 2 and this forms Back terrace 1. The top of Back wall 2 and the level associated with that forms Back terrace 2.



02/73/42 - EU AY + AX

Following the corner of WW3 and BW2 to the ~~west~~. Very poor preservation. Everything here looks to have slid to the south off of the back of this platform.

BGS: 0-105

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics -6 chert-1

02/73/43 - EU AE + AF

There appears to be a possible line of a very final phase of construction. It is at nearly ground surface and sits on top of soil up to the level of the top of W Door Jamb. It runs east/west and is made of unshaped stone. There even seems to be part of a floor level coming from underneath it and extending out to the south. It is 70cm south of W Door Jamb - extends 40cm farther east, runs for 160cm, one course high (25cm) and rests on 30cm of soil above Floor 1. The Floor 6 extends 70cm to the south and runs for 110cm e/w. Modal rock size is 25x20x3.

BGS:

Soil:

Artifacts

\* Move

Wednesday - June 20, 2007

2007-30-69

Excavation units AA + AB are being taken down to the base of BW1, beneath the rocky layer to give Cassie some uncontaminated fill from later versions. But thinking about this - this layer might actually be much earlier - a floor associated with BW1 on top of which they built the back platform. Better to stop at the first soil change in the next two EUS and continue down to the rocky layer.

We've opened up two test pits to the south of ST04. We went about 10 meters out from the south facade at the east end and at the center.

02/80/01 - EVA

This is a test pit ~~to~~ the south of St04. It is approximately 10 meters south of the most southern part of the axial trench of 02/73 - excavation unit M.

BGS: 0-50

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramic - 10 chert - 1

02/81/01 - EVA

This is a test pit to the south of St04. It is approximately 10 meters south of the center of St04.

BGS: 0-100

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramic - 12 chert - 21

2007-30-66

02/82/01 - EUA

This is a test pit to the south of  
St104. It is approximately 10 meters  
south of the western end of St104.

BGS: 0-50

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramic - 2 - heat - 1

Thursday - June 21, 2007

2007-30-67

We are running out of time here and  
I am desperate to figure out this  
south extension.

02/73/44 - EU AI + AJ

See page 63 for description that was placed in - wrong EU.

BGS: C-120

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 319 ob - 6 chert - 9  
 baji - 24 metal - 1 sandstone - 1

02/73/45 - EU AK + AL

Following Floor 3 out to the west.  
 Material here is back fill.

BGS: O-75

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 13 ob - 2

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Friday - June 22, 2007

2007-30-70

Twelve guys working today - moving really fast to try to get this done.

West wall 5 was found just south of the most western door jamb. This means the back platform ran from EUR - EVAW, out to BW2. It was the base for Floor 5 which is close to the same level as the ledge on BW1



02/73/46 - AM + AN

West wall 5 - the other side of the back platform was found here. It is well preserved but could not be completely uncovered in the time left this season. It does give us general dimensions on the back platform in this phase.

BGS: 0-130

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 96 ob - 2 baja - 7

02/73/47 - AO + AP

Uncovering the most western door jamb and wall from last season. It is very close to ground surface but very poorly preserved.

BGS: 0-75

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 12

02/73/48 - AW

Investigating to the south of BW2. Nothing preserved here. Bone found just below BW2 - actually in EUY.

BGS: 0-100

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics - 24 ob - 2 chert - 1 baja - 3

2007-30-72

02/73/49 - EU 4U

Following Bu 2 to the west. This position was uncovered last year. Well preserved here

BGS: 0-110

Soil:

Artifacts: none

02/73/50 - EU AE + AF

Second lot in this EU to be sure all material is from fill of back platform.

BGS: 90-123

Soil:

Artifacts: ceramics & chert - 1 beige - 3

- ① BW2, L1, F5, F3
- ② DJ1, DJE, DJW, DJ?
- ③ WW1, WW4
- ④ WW3, WW5
- ⑤ F2, BW2(F4)
- ⑥ F1, NW3, NW2, WW2
- ⑦ SW1, F6, SW2

