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For my first day on site, I commenced by creating a square meter at sup-09, 31. Two of the stakes were already placed for me, and I made a servicable square from them on my first try, but I placed the third and fourth stakes in the wrong direction, and so had to redo them. My second square proved slightly uneven; the southwest peg had to be shifted.

In the first ten minutes of digging, we encountered a deposit of carbon about ~~three~~ 3cm below the surface, in the northeast corner of the trench. On directors' orders, the find was recorded, but not kept or dated, as it was "not ancient."

We then found a small lithic at 21cm S, 15W, 5.2cm deep. Not certain of its nature, I bagged it just to be safe.

The soil at the top level was a dark brown with patches of green resembling algae in shade. This is likely because it has ~~it~~ rained heavily in the past two days, and so we'll see how it changes in the next few weeks. Regardless, as we approach the end of the first lot, the soil assumes a paler, more grayish shade. I ~~think~~ think. I've never been good with colors.

We found another lithic, this one of the same nature as the first, though slightly smaller. This one was located at 29cm N, 13cm W, at 8cm deep.

As we near the requisite depth of 10cm, the carbon deposit in the Northeast corner persists. Tom has alluded to it being evidence of a fire, but the vertical range of the deposit — 5cm and counting — seems curious to me.

10:45 — My first ceramic piece! It's small — no bigger than the

9 N  
3 W  
8 D

56 W  
55 N

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Fingernail of my right pinkie, but it's there, it's orange, and it's definitely ceramic!

Tom has informed me that exact provenience isn't necessary, so our next ~~few~~ finds I'll note simply by quadrant.

1. A slightly larger ceramic piece in the SW corner
2. Another lithic piece in the NE quadrant
3. A fairly large (by a small margin too large to enclose in my palm) lithic piece in the SW quadrant
4. A tiny piece of something that I cannot identify - might be ceramic, might be rock. One side looks orange, the other algae-green, and the texture is that of a stone.

Marcello has informed me that there is nothing at all unusual about such a deep stretch of carbon, so it's not particularly exciting when a new carbon vein develops near the center of the square. I suppose that this must have been open field, ~~and~~ bordered by these superstructures <sup>(or walls)</sup> and used for farming... the carbon indicates that it was burned semi-regularly, probably intentionally. That would explain why carbon is at the ~~same~~ same level as so much ceramic material.

Found another sherd and two chunks of bajareque. Tom examined #4 above and determined that it was simply dirt. Two more fragments of pottery - one in the SW, one NE, - appeared in the last half-centimeter or so.

Because one stake turned out to be so much higher than we originally expected, the walls around the SW corner are nearly 14cm deep, but relative to the NE corner, it's all 10cm. In total, we found five ceramic pieces plus ~~two~~ two chunks of bajareque, and six lithics of various sizes, which I don't suspect import of anything.

~~Handwritten notes about carbon and pottery~~

Op	Sub-Op	EU*	Lot	Ceramics	Chert	Obsidian	Bajareque	Bone	Carbon	Elev.	Loc.
02	31	A	1	5	0	0	2	0	N/A	999.82 999.62	between Sts. 110 at 110

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At the end of the first day, my trench ~~was~~ is uniformly 10cm deep based on the altitude of the NE corner. The bottom is ~~not~~ relatively flat, aside from a large rock protruding the surface near the SE corner. Bits of ~~the~~ black carbon dot the surface, and the shade of the soil remains a slightly paler version of the soil on which I stand.

- Impossible & unnecessary to maintain this level of detail in descriptions
- Necessary to mention absolute altitude. ~~the~~
- Be more specific ~~on~~ about the location of the sup-op

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2006-#-04

The second day has commenced with a rain. Water impedes the note-taking, so I'll be briefer today. I arrived on site about fifteen minutes ago (7:30) to find my trench disturbed. The soil had become wet from the rain, partially hiding some of the inclusions that yesterday were visible on the surface. Also, the yellow line had slipped from the NE stake. I was able to replace the line without untying anything.

My two workers are currently building a tarp shelter. Mario has returned, but Pao has been replaced by a man named Dilio.

8:30  
Our first find of the day was what appeared to be a metallic pebble. Ellen identified it as hematite. I bagged it with my lithics. Next we found two pieces of bajareque, followed by a slew of lithics and pottery, none of them sizable.

The stone that was partially exposed at the end of yesterday flaked when I accidentally struck it with my trowel. I bagged the flake, but I'm not sure what to do with the stone yet.

9:00  
That stone flakes into ~~very~~ very thin pieces very easily. I flaked off another piece with my trowel, and while cleaning, I accidentally broke it in half.

Due to the rain and the weight of my workers and myself, the east wall has sunk about four centimeters. Ellen suggested using banana leaves to stand on. This seems to help.

We continue finding small clods and lithics that, for all I know, might be important. They say I'll develop an eye for stones, and I'm sure when that happens, I'll be discarding more, but for now, when in doubt, I bag

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We're also still finding lots of carbon. There's a wellspring of it in the center of the trench. Much of it has a very neat orange stripe through its middle; I don't know what to make of it.

The sherds we're finding are getting bigger. Wonder what that means.

0.00 After finding some more carbon — moist, porous, black — I decided that our little friends with the orange strip running through them were probably not carbon. I bagged them and showed them to Ellen, who informed me that, pretty though they may be, they're a natural formation, not relevant to cultural materials.

We continue to find sherds, and several lithics that I feel certain must be flakes. We also found one that I think ~~was~~ was part of a ~~stone~~ core.

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2006-3-06

Upon our arrival at the site at about 7:30 today, the rain sputtered to a halt for the first time since we left the site yesterday. My subop is even muddier than it was yesterday, which doesn't halt work, but does make it much less comfortable.

Mario and Didio have set up rocks around the trench and then placed banana leaves around it, and now they're digging a neat lot of carts.

The mud discoloration and our blue tarp make accurate color descriptions impossible.

Lot 3 begins, starting in the NE corner and moving clockwise, at absolute elevations of 999.82, 999.81, 999.81, 999.81. This is a slight variation from yesterday, probably because of the rain. We begin...

Lot 3 yielded some of the biggest sherds I've yet seen. The carbon is by now absent and we're pulling far fewer lithics than we have been — is it because there aren't as many rocks, or because my workers and I are ~~to~~ all getting more discerning in our judgments of rocks? We found a couple of sherds from the rim of a copador bowl. All the staff say that El Cafetal had to import their copador from Copan, but I found some hematite in lot 2, so perhaps they're wrong.

The ~~soil~~ in lot 3 is clayey silt, and it doesn't seem to have changed since we began two days ago. Lot 3 went much quicker than lots 1 or 2, I wonder why?

As we begin Lot 4, the soil is uniformly 999.71M high relative to the arbitrary 2,000m point on site.

10:00

ceramics/ 13  
bajareque 2

4  
Lithics

mm

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By the end of the day, Lot 4 hasn't yielded much, but we're only halfway through it. We finished the day with the trench uniformly 35cm deep relative to the NE corner. The surface looks accordingly flat, and if it gets disturbed overnight, I won't know until I measure tomorrow.



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Though it did continue raining last night, it eventually stopped, allowing the ground some time to dry. The area around my trench is still a mucky fortress, but if the dryness persists, tomorrow might be a clearer day.

It appears the site has been disturbed overnight. The NE corner is now 39cm deep, the SE 39cm, the SW 33cm, and the NW 38cm deep. A rock protrudes from the trench's east wall; it doesn't appear to be going anywhere. A couple of specks of orange poke to the surface, likely sherds; these were not visible as we left yesterday.

T.O.O

We continue to find sherds, most of them no bigger than my thumbnail, but we've extended Lot 4 so as to hasten the extraction of a large sherd. It is Capetown, roughly 10cm x 6cm rectangular, and has a rim on it. In clearing the dirt from around it, we made some scrape markings on the surface decorations with our trowels. No other sherds were found in its vicinity.

The rain has let up long enough for us to remove our blue tarp, and down here, the soil is dry enough that I think I can make a color judgment. Chocolate, when left out for too long, ~~then~~ often develops spots the same color as the soil down here. It remains clayey silt.

As we finished Lot 4, its floor was quite uneven — The SW corner is a full 10cm higher than the SE corner — but we'd already passed the 10cm point and extracted all protruding artifacts, so I decided to start a new one. It's possibly worth noting that the last centimeters of Lot 4 yielded a large number of very small (fingernail-sized) sherds. In all, Lot 4 yielded one piece of obsidian, two pieces of chert, one other lithic, ~~one~~ pebble-sized bits of basaltic, and 50 sherds, of which <sup>four</sup> only 15 are any bigger than my thumbnail.

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## Lot 5

Early in Lot 5, we found some carbon. It was a vein from which we extracted many small pieces. Unfortunately, while I was fetching foil, my workers placed the carbon on a banana leaf, so the carbon is probably not useful. I bagged it anyway, but we probably can't date it.

At the day's end, the ~~room~~ wall heights are as follows: SE: 50, NE: 49, NW: 50, SW: 54. The surface is not flat, there is a step where the workers dug around my feet in the SE corner.

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Though it has rained a little since yesterday's work, the pit does not seem to be disturbed. The soil is again wet and our blue tarp is again up, making color distinction difficult. Today, for some or no reason, I'm feeling ~~very~~ very blah. I'm not sick, maybe a little tired. I'm not one to complain, so I'm working through it.

8:00

After clearing out the vernal spot, we measured against the line level for absolute elevation, and I noticed a discrepancy ~~in~~ in my notes and my forms up till now. It turns out that, for some reason, when I started Lot 3, I reset my own elevation, so today, it turned out that I was actually 20cm deeper than I thought.

Something still doesn't add up after my attempts to correct the error. If my math is right, then Lot 5 was 15cm deep, and I'm fairly certain it wasn't. So I know I'm off, but I'm also fairly sure I'm not off by much.

Lot 5 BSG levels are as follows: NE 50cm; NW 50cm; SW 51cm; SE 52cm. That would make their absolute elevations 999.32m, 999.34m, 999.39m, and 999.30m, respectively. Lot 5 yielded 1 piece of baja cogue, 15 ceramic sherds, 1 piece of chert, and 1 pocket of carbon.

Lot 6

Lot 6 was profoundly uneventful. Compared to previous lots, there were nearly no cultural finds, save for a prismatic obsidian blade in pretty bad condition and, towards the end, what appeared to be an obsidian flake or a piece of unworked obsidian. The BSG levels were: NE 60cm; NW 60cm; SW 62cm; SE 61cm. The absolute levels were: 999.22m, 999.24m, 999.29m, 999.18m.

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Lot 6 yielded, in total, three potentially important lithics plus 2 pieces of obsidian; 2 chunks of barajegre, and 15 ceramic sherds, most of them small enough to slip between my ~~five~~ fingers when I was counting them.

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The rain has recommenced with a vengeance. My trench looks like a rice paddy — expect brief notes. I forgot to take end of ~~day~~ day measurements last Friday, but at the start of today, the trench's depths are, NE: 61cm NW: 63cm SW: 63cm, SE: 65cm. We begin...

8:00

Aside from three small sherds, we've found a white chalky substance. I'm not sure what it was, but it crumbled in my hand, so probably wasn't worth bagging.

At ~~the~~ the end of lot 7, the soil remains clayey ~~at~~ silt, and it remains too wet to assign it a color. The absolute elevations are as follows: NE 999.09, NW 999.15, SW 999.18, SE 999.12. Some rather large rocks are poking out from the surface near the SE corner; they might indicate a floor. One of them appears to be a hunk of unworked chert, which discourages me from thinking ~~that~~ these rocks are architecturally significant.

Last week, Ellen & Marcello informed me — and I failed to note, for some reason — that my workers and I had dug straight through a subtle soil change without noticing it. It ~~was~~ coincided with the down-facing side of a particularly large rock, indicating it was probably the floor, which I thought strange because it was only 40cm BGS, where some of my peers have dug much deeper and have yet to find a floor. This and the relative dearth of cultural objects — only eight small ~~shards~~ sherds and a piece of Bajareque from lot 7 — lead me to believe that the ~~an~~ area I am excavating was a late expansion zone. We'll see what these surface rocks import...

## Lot 8

I was called upon to set up trenches on Str. 8 for

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nearly the entirety of Lot 8. My workers presented me upon my return with 13 sherds, 4 pieces of bajareque, three pieces of obsidian (one flake, one worn-down blade, and one very large blade), and one other lithic that I think is chert, though I'm not sure. NE 80 BGS, SE 80 BGS, SW 78 BGS, NW 81 BGS. The surface of the trench is accordingly flat, save for the tips of four rocks jutting out like icebergs along the south wall.

My workers inform me that in my absence, the soil has changed. By my assessment, it's still clayey silt, but the color does appear to have lightened. That may also be a factor of its wetness. I don't know.

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A little dry weather can do wonders for a bog like mine, but we've still a long way to go in this trench. It's not as mucky in the trench's immediate vicinity, but I still hope every day here is my last. Happy Valentine's Day.

The levels appear to have changed slightly since yesterday, which is probably a factor of mis-measuring yesterday or today, since it ~~is~~ hasn't rained since 11:00 AM or so yesterday and our tar was up anyway.

Regardless, today, the levels are as follows: NE: 80cm BGS, NW: 80cm BGS, SE: 79cm BGS, SW: 77cm BGS.

8:40

Ellen and Marcello have informed me that the crumbly white substance I've been finding is Toba. It's far too fragile to bag, but it has been appearing infrequently for the last couple of lots. I've also been finding the occasional pigment stone, though this is the first lot I've seen fit to bag any.

This trench has been yielding progressively fewer ceramics as we descend — this lot revealed only three small sherds — but, strangely, more obsidian, though in increasingly desperate little shards. We found four shards, but nothing I would call a blade. I also bagged two pigment stones.

The soil in this lot remains clayey silt of a slightly lighter brown than the surface soil (coffee with cream), but it feels like the amount of small rocky inclusion has increased.

We ended Lot 9 with the following elevations: NW: 998.96; NE: 998.92; SW: 998.99; SE: 998.92.

Lot 10 revealed more obsidian flakes, an ever-increasing inclusion rate, and, surprisingly, a new vein of sherds towards its bottom. We're seeing a cluster of rocks that indicate another level change at the bottom here; it might even be a stopping point, but the sudden influx of sherds makes me uncertain. Could it be the real floor?

Another Floor? Cori, Tom, Ellen, and Marcello have all offered opinions regarding whether or not my increase both in large rocks ~~removed~~ to be removed from the site and in small inclusions (the rate is so high now that it's difficult to get a decent texture evaluation - though I think it's still clayey silt) indicates the ancient presence of a river beneath our feet, whether or not this river ran through the site before and/or during the occupation, and how it might relate to John's strange clay site virtually devoid of changes or cultural material.

We're going to do another 5cm lot to decide how to proceed.

It's also worth noting that I've been incorrectly determining absolute elevations by subtracting BGS level from its corresponding corner, rather than the corner I've been using as my reference point. Lots 3, 4, and 5 already had problems, but now even all the others have issues. All the NE & SE corners' measurements should be accurate, but all the NW ones are 2cm too high, and all the SW are 7cm too high. I'll correct this next time I input data into the network.

Lot 10, by its end, gave us 15 sherds, 3 obsidian flakes, and one other interesting lithic, a white pigment stone.

Lot 11

Right before ending the day, we found something that made up our minds. It's a fairly large sherd, fairly well preserved, from a bowl. It contains a complete foot.

End of day measurements are: NE: 102cm BGS, NW: 102cm BGS, SW: 106cm BGS, SE: 104cm BGS.



We arrived on site today at about 7:20, and at last! this dry season is starting to live up to its name! Solid ground under my feet, at last! The BGS levels are 105cm on the south wall, and 103cm on the North wall. It appears to have evened out slightly since yesterday... either that or we measured wrong.

We're continuing what should have been a 5cm lot because significant preclassic pottery was found far below what we thought was floor level.

8:45 Lot 11 yielded some more sherds, but nothing so interesting as that foot from yesterday. My workers keep crying soil change, but the only change I can see is an increase in inclusions, and it's too wet to get a good color reading anyway.

BGS levels at the end of Lot 11 are: SE: 115cm, NE: 112cm, NW: 113cm, SW: 110cm. In absolute elevation, that's SE 998.67, NE: 998.70, NW: 998.69, SW: 998.72. The soil remains clayey silt, but it's getting very difficult to say for certain because there's more rock than soil in it now.

## Lot 12

We started ~~Lot~~ Lot 12 with a new worker: ~~Misael~~ Misael is the most experienced worker at PAREP, and he breezed through the lot very quickly and deftly. Sadly, all he found were two small sherds and two lithics. We ended the lot with the following BGS levels: NW: 122cm, NE: 124cm, SE: 123cm, SW: 126cm. In absolute elevation, this would be: NW: 998.60, NE: 998.58, SE: 998.57, SW: 998.56. I don't know whether to proceed.

## Lot 13

The only cultural object in Lot 13 was a sherd that appeared to have something like a handle nub on it, likely

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~~from~~  
from near the rim. There were also two pigment stones. We finished the lot — and I think this pit — at the following elevations: NW: 998.52, NE: 998.48, SE: 998.48, SW: 998.48. The soil might be either clayey silt or sandy silt (the inclusions have made it too difficult to tell).

Some final notes on ~~sub-op 31~~ sub-op 31.

This was my first archaeological project ever, and I hope that excuses any breaches in procedure I've made, or anything I may have done wrong. Throughout, I used as a datum point the pit's north-east corner, which is at an absolute elevation of 999.82m. We dug down in mostly 10cm lots with the intent of investigating what would be found ~~at~~ at an area ~~to~~ which, upon testing, yielded moderate phosphate levels. My pit is roughly between the central structure 10 and the enormous structure 01.

The first two lots yielded a large amount of carbon which was noted but not bagged due to recency. In the third lot I misrecorded a measurement in my notes, and the mistake went unnoticed for 40cm of digging, whereupon I corrected it to the best of my ability, though probably not to perfect ~~precision~~ precision. The pit was 1m x 2m.

We dug straight through the first soil change at approx. 40cm BGS and didn't even notice until much later. This was likely a later floor, and contained numerous bits of Late Classic pottery and bajareque. For a stretch of 30cm or so, ~~a~~ very little was found until another floor emerged, at approx. 70cm BGS on the south end of the pit, and sloping down to just over 100cm BGS on the north end (see drawing). This layer yielded a small cache of preclassic (probably ~~the~~ Late Preclassic) pottery, including one complete foot, I think from a bowl. Towards the bottom of the pit, we also found an increasing amount of very worn down or unworked obsidian. We ended the pit at 140cm BGS — lot 13 — because ~~we~~ we were finding fewer and fewer cultural objects (lot 13 only yielded one) and the directors said that they'd seen all they needed to see.

① The change in soil towards the bottom of my pit — the dramatic increase in inclusions, the change in types of objects found — might indicate an alluvial deposit, so perhaps the river ran through

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my current position between periods of occupation dropping off  
late Preclassic sherds and obsidian flakes along the way. Or  
perhaps I just found two floors of occupation, and no river  
was involved? I suspect that the real conclusions will depend  
on what they find out about structures ~~01~~ 01 and 10.

Today I begin work on structure 08, a ~~very~~ tall ranged structure on the edge of the main plaza. In general, ranged structures tend to be residential, but the size of 08 piques our curiosity; might this be, I joked to Tom, a Maya condominium? I'll be working on the east side, ascending the building's slope in a westward direction. My ~~new~~ trench runs along the ~~new~~ length of the building; Cori has the trench perpendicular to mine, which spans the (shorter) width. Its bearing is about  $109^\circ$  facing east (away from the building).

## Lot 1

It rained this morning, so we have a tarp up, making color identification difficult. The soil is straight up silt, sans adulterations... well, aside from the grass and such that one finds in topsoil. It also contains two small bits of carbon which I note here, but did not bag, because they're too recent. The Southeast corner is occupied by a large woody root. Digging through the silt and various tubers, we also found two modern but thoroughly corroded nails. ~~These~~ These, too, I declined to bag because they're too modern, but they are worth noting here.

Of slightly more cultural significance were two small sherds. One is almost completely black, but has a clearly flat face. The other is bright orange. In short, nothing unusual yet. Lot 1 ended at BGS levels, NW: 12cm, NE: 11cm, SW: 12cm, SE: 14cm. Our EDM broke.



## Lot 2

This Lot ran down to the following BGS levels: NW: 25cm, NE: 25cm, SW: 21cm, SE: 20cm. In it, we found several large rocks, more beetles and tubers, and some cultural objects — namely — three chunks of

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bajareque, thirty-two sherds of various sizes from small to medium, and one small flake (maybe blade) of obsidian. The soil here is silty clay, and it might also have been silty clay in Lot 1, even though I at first identified it as plain silt. No floor yet, though some of the rocks sticking out of the corners are looking like they'll be hard to move or measure around.

### Lot 3

No new complications in Lot 3, though rocks in both corners of the west side make it difficult to measure precisely. The final (approximate) AGS levels were: NW: 24m, NE: 29cm, SW: 18, SE: 23cm. In this lot, I found two possible stone flakes or blades, ~~two~~ twelve pieces of bajareque, and sixty-seven ceramic sherds, some of them on the larger side of medium. Quite a haul for one lot, ~~which~~ which might be explained by Ellen's hypothesis that the two stones in the corners of the west side are actually tumble from Structure D9. So I'm getting trash from two structures. It should be noted that, included in the sixty-seven sherds, there are two pairs that would have been a whole sherd each had I not inadvertently broken them while ~~try~~ trying to clean them.

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It's been relatively sunny since we left the field yesterday, so my area is dry. The soil that we're excavating for Lot 4 is a light brown ~~soil~~ (coffee with cream) silty clay. Lot 4 ~~yielded~~ yielded 11 pieces of bajareque, three obsidian flakes, one other interesting stone, and no fewer than 108 sherds, many of which were very large, including a continuous quarter-circle from the rim of a very large vessel, and two other sherds that fit together nicely and look like they might be from the same vessel. I put the larger and more interesting-looking sherds in a separate bag.

Still, however, no floor.

We ended Lot 4 at BGS levels of NW: 35cm, NE: 36, SW: 31cm, SE: 35cm.

### Lot 05

Lot 05 yielded one obsidian flake, 15 pieces of bajareque, and 106 ceramic sherds - including one fairly large rim segment - before ending early due to a distinct soil change. It got lighter, vaguely yellowish, and ~~became~~ turned from silty clay into clayey silt. On Ellen's advice, we're now starting a new excavation unit. EU A is now at NW: 39cm, NE: 39cm, SW: 35cm, SE: 39cm BGS.

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## Lot 06

Lot 06 yielded nothing but one flake of obsidian. At its end, its BGS levels were as follows: NW: 10cm, NE: 15cm, SW: 10cm, SE: 11cm. Its soil was silty clay (or maybe just silt; I'm still quite unsure), and medium brown in color. Likely for the next lot we'll dig down to the tumble, then ~~of~~. The lot after that will extend down to the floor.

## Lot 07

The only way I knew we had reached the level of tumble in this lot was when we reached ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> same level as the rock we encountered in the SW corner of E.U. A. I decided to keep digging without changing lots, so it's a bit surprising that this lot yielded a total of 84 ceramic pieces and one piece of bajareque. That's just over one-third the amount of cultural material found in the same range of elevations in E.U. A, and far less bajareque ~~than~~ than I expected. I think that the increase in cultural objects in E.U. A might be a result of proximity to two different structures — A is just as close to str. 09 as it is to 08, but Kate, who is excavating an aerial trench on 09, says that there isn't much bajareque associated with her structure.

For the majority of Lot 07, I was wandering



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the site, visiting my peers, and so when I returned, there was a large pile of sherds for me to count. It's possible that as I sped through these, I miscounted some bajareque as sherds.

It doesn't matter too much, though, none of the bajareque is that big.

We ended Lot 07 at the same floor we ended E.U. A, and with the following BGS levels: NW: 30, NE: 34, SW: 29, SE: 33. The soil was silty clay, and it's quite possible I've missed other details because starting right after lunch today, I suffered a mild but irritating hydration-related headache.

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(Lot 08)

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The rain seems to have decided to give us an extended break by now, and I say good riddance, ~~although~~ although now it is stiflingly hot, and shade has become a valuable resource.

I didn't ~~so~~ sleep well last night — despite going to bed early — on account of a raucous crowd of revelers on my back porch. As a consequence, if my productivity or focus seem on the decline today, we know why.

We start the day with Lot 08, the first lot in excavation unit C. Its soil is silty clay, and it has thus far (8:00) yielded no cultural objects.

At its end, Lot 8 was at the following BGS levels: NW: 14cm, NE: 11cm, SW: 14cm, SE: 11cm. It ~~also~~ yielded no cultural objects, although towards its end we revealed a row of flat stones ~~at~~ halfway into the west wall of the excavation unit (sharing a border with D). These stones are either ~~a~~ a basal wall (though it seems we're a bit too high to be finding a wall) or the edge of ~~the~~ the pavement in ~~the~~ front of structure 8. ~~Towards~~ Towards figuring out what these stones are, we will proceed to start E.V. D and see if there are ~~other~~ other rocks beyond the ones we've just found.

## Lot 09

(8:45)

The tops of a few rocks are poking out at the top;

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I've instructed Didio to scrape the dirt off while, for now, leaving the rocks. Other than that, this lot contains two small sherds and a bit of carbon, the latter of which was not bagged because I accidentally touched it with my hands, there ~~was~~ probably wasn't enough to date anyway.

We cleared out soil around the rocks in Lot 09, I took a photo, and we're now ready to move on. In clearing out the dirt, we found two more sherds, bringing the total up to 4, and one interesting lithic - too small to be pavement or tumble, flat on one side, rough on the other. The final BGS levels were: NW: 20cm, NE: 10cm, SW: 23cm, ~~NE~~ SE: 10cm. It should be noted that at this point the surface elevation at the west side of the unit is much higher as we ascend the building's mound.

### Lot 10.

Lot 10 yielded ~~four~~<sup>three</sup> sherds and one piece of bajareque. Before the rocks stopped us from digging farther. The BGS levels were as follows: NW: 20cm, NE: 20cm, SW: 46cm, SE: 20cm. The NW corner was difficult to measure because that's where the rocks are densest. I took a photo and decided to go back E. V. C, probably all the way ~~down~~ to the soil change, since the tumble seems to start at the edge of

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D. Convenient.

Lot 11

We found a little bit of carbon, which I again touched, but no matter, it was probably too high and not enough anyway. We also found and removed another large tumble rock. It was on its own in the middle of the lot, so I decided to note it and remove it without taking a photo.

Misael accidentally pulled out a stake when his hoe pulled down one of my horizontal lines. Trying to fix this resulted in a chain reaction which took out two more stakes.

We spent the next ten minutes fixing that.

In all, Lot 11 ended fairly neatly, with the following BGS levels at the soil change: NW: 39cm, NE: 30cm, SW: 31cm, SE: 21cm. It yielded 29 sherds, including one with a clear scratched-on pattern. There are a couple of tumble rocks, but nothing significant yet - certainly no floor or wall. We're switching back to unit D first thing in the morning.

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Lot 12

We're starting to remove the rocks that now compose the top layer of EVD, then we'll dig till we hit more. I don't expect we'll get far. We're far enough in that I'm fairly sure by now there's no pavement on my side.

Of course, as Marcello kindly points out, there are two flat rocks peeking out to the surface of E.U. C, and my workers haven't quite dug to the soil change. And so now, after uncovering and photographing yet another layer of tumble in D, we're moving back to C. Lot 12 ended at approximate BGS levels of NW: 20cm, NE: 30cm, SW: 55cm, SE: 40cm, though rocks in ~~all~~ all four corners made measuring difficult.

lot 12 gave us two sherds, one piece of bajareque,  
and one pigment stone. Its soil ~~was~~ was again  
~~the same~~ silty clay.

Lot 13

This lot reveals a surprising ~~amount~~ number of sherds, many of which are fairly large. In total, there were 101 sherds in this fairly short lot. The ending ABS levels were: NW: 49cm, NE: 40cm, SW: 45cm, SE: 40cm.

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The large yield of sherds down to the soil change in lot 13 is curious, and it makes me wonder if perhaps there are more cultural objects to be found below my current level, maybe over that floor we're seeking. But, since we encountered that soil change that we're pretty sure was the floor during Maya occupation, Tom and I decided that the best course of action would be to start E.V. E next ~~and~~ which would then enable us to continue with D until we find an apron or a wall.

### Lot 14

Lot 14 yielded two sherds and revealed a solid lot of tumble, which I photographed. Underneath the tumble, there's a gap - no rock, no air. Definitely tumble. I think we'll do another lot in E to get some of these rocks out of the way, then move back to D.

### Lot 15

Lot 15 didn't get very far before we stopped at another layer of tumble. There were three ceramic sherds and two pieces of obsidian. I took a photo and measured the BGS levels, which were NW: 40cm, NE: 30cm, SW: 15cm, SE: 35cm. Now, as planned, back to E.V. D.

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## Lot 16

Today we commence (about 7.30) with lot 16, ~~which~~ during which we'll remove more tumble from E.U. D ~~and~~ in search of a wall. At 9.00, ~~the~~ the El Paraíso crew will be here to see what's going on at this site, and at 13.30, I'll be leaving early to see what's going on at El Paraíso. We begin...

Lot 16 yielded 56 ceramic sherds, 3 pieces of bajareque, 2 obsidian blades, and one piece of chert, probably unworked, but what do I know?

Underneath all that soil and rock was, believe it or not, more soil and rock. A new layer of tumble that, rather than occupying the whole excavation unit, ~~now~~ now only occupies the west half. In excavating this lot, I think some of our digging bled over into E.U. E. The lot ended with the following BGS levels: NW: 55cm, NE: 48cm, SW: 60cm, SE: 43cm.

## Lot 17

I was away from the ~~excavation~~ trench, during the site, for the entirety of the excavation of Lot 17. My workers found 51 sherds, two ~~obsidian~~ obsidian blades, a pigment stone, and a piece of bajareque. Its final levels were difficult to measure because in the center of the unit, we've hit

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the soil floor, but the edges are still cluttered with rocks. My best gresses are: NW: 75cm, NE: 59cm, ~~NW~~: 75cm, SE: 45cm. Those are quite rough estimates. I took a photo of the tumble as it sits, but I don't think we'll be removing any more of these rocks. Next I'm moving on to continue E.U. E; hopefully there's a floor under all that rubble.

Also, Didio found some carbon - but touched it with his hands almost immediately, so we can't use it. It is a fairly large piece - the size of a peanut still in its shell - and it was right on top of the floor. Damn.



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I arrived on the field today armed with 30 elevations associated with my trench. I then spent a full hour matching them to their respective corners. Now that I've done that, we're ready to excavate Lot 18, in which we will continue to remove tumble from Excavation Unit E.

### Lot 18

Once the top layer of rocks was gone, we almost immediately found a sherd, then nothing else for a while. That sherd proved to be the only cultural object in the lot, after which we cleared out all the dirt and I took a photo. There will probably only be one or two lots more in E.U. E before I find a wall or more or. The final elevations (for at last we have them!) of Lot 18 were as follows: NW: 999.9m, NE: 999m, SW: 999.95m, SE: 999.07m.

### Lot 19

Lot 19 yielded a surprising amount of toba (small pieces, varnished, and still wet) along with 4 sherds and one piece of bajareque. Its soil was (again) clayey silt. Its final elevation was NW: 999.72, NE: 999, SW: 999.2, SE: ~~999.27~~. The next lot will probably take EU E to the floor. No wall yet.

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Lot 20

SW: 80, SE: 139, NW: 53, NE: 110

105 ceramics, 4 bajareque, 2 chert, 1 pigment stone

I was away from my trench helping Cori set up another trench on the north side of the structure for the entirety of Lot 20, during which my workers dug down to ~~666 levels of~~ elevations of: NW: 999.78, NE: 998.63, SW: 999.45, SE: 998.51. ~~Now~~

~~Now~~ They also found 105 sherds, 4 pieces of bajareque, 2 pieces of chert, and a pigment stone. The soil was clayey silt of a pale grayish brown. Tomorrow we move on to E.U. F.


Upon arriving at the site about 7:25, I had some leftover paperwork to do — indeed, ~~the~~ most of the notes from yesterday's Lot 20 were filled out not five minutes ago today. Anyway, Excavation Unit E refused, disappointingly, to reveal a wall, so we move today up one unit to F.

## Lot 21. (E.U. F)

Frustrated with our continuing failure to find a wall, we dug straight through several layers of tumble in F until some strange patterns revealed themselves. On the one hand, the large air pockets with neither soil nor rock indicate that we're still digging through ~~the~~ tumble. But on the other hand, many of the rocks we've ~~found~~ uncovered seem to be neatly stacked in a way that simply doesn't happen with tumble. Ellen and Marcello came by to look at it, and puzzled over it for ten minutes or so. Que extraño! To shed some light on the mystery, Marcello suggests we remove some of the rocks at the front of this pattern, and perhaps digging a bit more under them. This entails moving back to E.U. E, and it is what we'll do. Using the NW corner as a reference point, the elevations came out as follows: NW: 1000.77, NE: 998.81, SW: 1000.63, SE: 998.54. The soil was clayey silt, and as far as SGS, the east and west sides of the unit vary greatly, so while the western side is only 0-30cm, the eastern side is 0-175cm. The lot yielded 35 sherds, 2 obsidian blades, 14 pieces of bajareque, and, surprisingly, a ~~whole~~ whole 28 bits of faba. I don't think any of them were worked, but the presence of so much of the stuff makes me wonder. We also found one green stone, ground to a rounded end, and broken off something bigger.

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## Lot 22

The return to E.V. E was surprisingly profitable. I think we're still very puzzled about the funnel pattern in E.V. F, we now have a whole bunch more cultural objects: 71 sherds, 3 obsidian flakes, 4 nodules of chert, 7 chunks of bajareque, and - why not? - one more bit of toba. We only excavated in the western half of the unit, so the elevation in the eastern half ~~still~~ hasn't changed, but the final elevations for the western half are: NW: 999.08, SW: 999.25. The soil was again clayey silt. Also it should be noted that I was away from the trench for all of Lot 22, helping Cori set up her trench on the north side.

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Alright, I'll be honest. As we start out today, I've no idea how to proceed. My workers are clearing out the grass over Sub-op S1, which I set up yesterday, as I take these opening notes. So. Until the directors get here to help me out, I'll be working on my new Sub-op.

### 02-S1-01 (E.U. A)

Sub-op S1 starts with its E.U. A adjacent to that of Sub-op 46. ~~S1's~~ S1's A's south wall is the same as 46's A's north wall. Sub-op S1 continues north and bisects the ranged Str09 near its western wall. We hope to continue finding the high density of cultural objects from 46-A as we maneuver from Str08 to Str09. S1-A isn't starting very promisingly, but then again, neither did 46-A. The soil is straight clay, which makes it quite difficult to dig through, and roots and tubers make a hard job harder.

Using the SE corner as a locus, we measured the final elevations of Lot 01 as: NW: 8m BGS, NE: 10m BGS, SW: 999.2m SE: 999.2m. I don't have the exact starting elevations for all my points yet. Now we move back to 02-46. Lot 01 yielded 7 ceramic sherds and 3 pieces of baia regue.

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02-46-23 (E.V. G)

We removed a top layer of stones and unearthed 20 sherds, one piece of toba, one piece of barajue, and another green stone. Then I realized that my workers had left a couple of stones and the dirt underneath them in the northwest corner. This dirt contained ~~50 more sherds~~ five more sherds, making the ~~total~~ total 25.

NW: 45cm, NE: 48cm, SW: ~~50~~ 50, SE: 70cm. This makes the final elevations of Lot 23 as follows: ~~NW: 1001.19, NE: 1000.57, SW: 1001.17, SE: 1000.27.~~ NW: 1001.19, NE: 1000.57, SW: 1001.17,

SE: 1000.27. On mandate from Ellen and Marcello, for my next lot, we're extending E.V. E outward to the south, so we can better view the unusual tumble pattern. I'm calling the new E.V. P, because if I follow the original line, the top unit is O.

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02-46-24 (E.V. P)

Although I'm unsure which rocks in excavation unit P are significant and which can be removed, we are proceeding, and I choose to err on the side of caution. There continue to be cavities ~~in the rocks between~~ between the rocks. The lot yielded no real answers before the rocks proved impossible to remove without causing an avalanche. It did, however, yield 11 sherds, 3 pieces of bajareque and 3 pigment stones. Its soil is silty clay. Using the SW corner as a reference point, the corners are: NW: 65cm BSW, NE: 100cm BSW, SW: 45cm BGS, SE: 89cm BSW. I only have exact elevations for the two northern corners, and they are both now stakeless.

We now proceed to E.V. Q to facilitate the removal of some of the higher rocks. I must be cautious, however, stark patterns are impossible to see from above.

Before we could proceed, Ellen & Marcella arrived on the site and informed me of their new hypothesis on my interesting 'fumble pattern': it's a corner. To prove it, we're extending the new wing further south along what should be the western wall. This means that Sub-Op SI is completely out of alignment, as is my existing trench 46. Because SI has already been started, we're going to finish its E.V. A out by making it level with our supposed occupational floor, and then we'll move to elsewhere in the site. This means that there will be no Excavation Units H through O. So the next two lots are to be excavated simultaneously: lot 02-46-25 and lot 02-SI-02.

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We dug down to the soil change, finding numerous cultural objects along the way and came upon a row of stones, probably tumble. 113 sherds, 25 pieces of baja regle, 7 chunks of toba, three obsidian sherds. SE: 40cm, SW: 38cm, NW: 34cm, NE: 32cm. This is probably the end of this Sub-op.

02-46-25 (E.U. 2)

Not much to say about this lot. Misa excavated the whole ~~lot~~ thing himself, and found no cultural objects. He dug as far as he could without moving anything below the top layer of rocks. The soil was again clayey silt, fairly dark brown. Again, I have no elevations, so the BGS levels are as follows: NW: 33cm, NE: 13cm, SW: 30cm, SE: 20cm. We now proceed to remove more tumble.



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02-46-26 & 02-46-27 (P & Q, respectively)

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~~For~~ For what is likely to be my last day on Structure 08, we commence again with two lots at once, lot 26 occupies ~~the~~ E.V. P, and Lot 27 is in E.V. Q. Lot 26 yielded five sherds and some carbon, which for once we were able to bag. Lot 27 yielded six sherds and a bit of bajareque. Unfortunately, rocks in the corners of 26 made it very difficult to measure, even from BGS. ~~Lot 26~~ By exact measurements, Lot 26 didn't get any deeper than lot 24 before it. Lot 27 ended at the following BGS levels: NW: 40cm, NE: 30cm, SW: 35cm, SE: 40cm. Both lots contained clayey silt.

02-46-28, 29, 30 (P, Q, and R)

Doing two lots at once worked well enough that now I'm trying three. E.V. R, which Didio is excavating solo, is located adjacent to A, on the other side of Sub-op S1, which I think is now closed. E.V. R is a casual experiment - I wonder if the Str 09 well Kate found extends this far? It probably doesn't, but it's easy enough to check - since I'm here - that we're going for it.

Meanwhile, Misa and Rigo are working together on Lots 28 and 29, in units P and Q, respectively.

P & Q were frustrating in the caution with which I had to remove rocks, but in the end, it paid off,

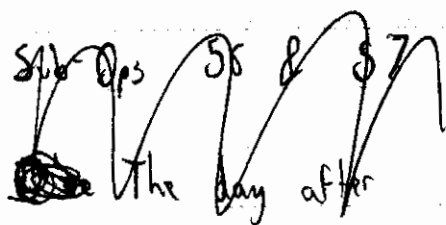
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as Ellen & Marcello inspected it and decided there wasn't much else we could do. I took about 6 photos and then removed ~~a~~ two more stones and took 2 more photos of Lot 29.

Here's the problem. Most of the rocks we removed were in the center of the Lots. Therefore, the corner elevations appear unchanged. BGS levels for Lot 28 are: NW: 70cm, NE: 110cm, SW: 45cm, SE: 90cm. BGS levels for Lot 29 ~~are~~ are 40cm in all four corners. Lot 28 yielded 4 sherds and some baja regue. Lot 29 yielded 7 sherds and some toba.

Meanwhile, Lot 30 over in unit R went straight down to the soil change in one lot, yielding 176 sherds, 20 pieces of baja regue, and 6 obsidian blades, mostly in good shape, and its soil was clayey silt.



Some final notes on sub-op 46:

It turned out that my first-ever architectural trench was badly placed, — probably because we assumed Structure 08 was at a different angle than it turned out to be, which it may well have been, had El Cafetal been a Maya site — before we could gather any useful information from it. Of course, the building's orientation is not what we thought it was, which is in itself an important discovery, but I didn't get to continue up to the top of the building.

Overall, it was something of a disheartening experience, searching for a wall, for some articulated tumble, for a floor, for anything, especially with Cori excavating her perpendicular trench on the same structure and finding a cobblestone floor, a nice, neat staircase, a couple of obvious walls, and even towards the end, a plaster floor!

Not enough about what I didn't find. In the early excavation units (and in Sub-op 51, which only contained two lots) I found a high density of cultural objects, usually over 100 per ten centimeters of excavation. I wish we'd been able to ~~continue~~ continue 51, finding more cultural objects and maybe learn something about the relationships between structures 08 and 09. As I continued west, I found fewer cultural objects, ~~but~~ but a nice puzzle: a stack of articulated tumble in the middle of E.U. E. We followed the tumble south, creating a branch away from the trench, with excavation units P and Q.

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We determined that it was probably a wall, and that the initial stack I found was probably a corner. There are numerous photographs and I've spent the last two weeks (not including Spring Break) making drawings of the north wall of the trench and of the articulated tumble along the west wall of the expansion. Later researchers interested in Structure 98 will probably be better served by Cori's excavations in sub-op 47.

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## Sub-Ops 56 &amp; 57

These two trenches both run perpendicular to Kate's axial trench through Str. 09. My intention is to follow the walls east and see how far they extend, as well as whether ~~the~~ Str. 09 connects with the structure Wileya was working on is her trench roughly parallel to Kate's.

## 57-01 (E.U. A)

Lot 01 in Sub-op 57 was finished first, probably because my only experienced worker Misael is on it. What looked like a wall in Kate's trench ended immediately at the start of my trench, so we dug to a layer of tumble, with which I'm not sure what to do, and decided to move on to E.U. B until Ellen & Marcello return.

57-01 yielded 33 ceramics, some of them medium-sized, and ~~4~~ 4 pieces of bajareque. I'll probably have exact elevations by tomorrow, but I don't have them yet, so I took BGS levels, NW: 24cm, NE: 10cm, SW: 0, SE: 2cm. The SW corner is 0 because of tumble in the corner that I didn't want to remove yet. By the chart, the soil is clayey silt, but even wet, it feels much looser and lighter.

## 56-01 E.U. A

quarter of 56-01 is occupied by a pesky tree. to chop some of it out just to lay the line, but under the earth the tree sprawls of the unit, making digging there impossible.

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It even broke Jose's machete. Anyway, the soil in the unit was clayey silt, and pretty much devoid of rocks, so I'm classifying it as humus/sediment. We dug to about 30 cm BGS, and I arbitrarily decided to change lots when we found some pottery that looked like a different style.

The final BGS levels were: NW: 34cm, NE: 0cm, SW: 24cm, SE: 30cm. The current surface is exactly even with the top of Kate's one-course wall. The lot contained 83 ceramic pieces, 13 chunks of baja reave, and 2 flakes of obsidian. There was also a little carbon, but we didn't bag it because it was too high and not enough.

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The day's notes immediately prior to today's are those of Thursday, March 23. On Friday, we waited out a rainstorm and got to the field an hour late only to see the storm resume once we got there, we left the field at 10:30 that day to data enter. We didn't finish any lots that day.

Today is relatively dry... it's not currently raining, but is ~~is~~ overcast and the ground is muddy. No one reprimanded me for ~~for~~ forgetting a hat today. Cori forgot to charge her ipod last night, so for the first time in months, we are serenaded only by cicadas today.

02-56-02 E.U.A

We found ~~the~~ not one, but two veins of carbon in quick succession in 56-02, on opposite sides of the E.U. (and opposite sides of the wall). They were both fairly large collections of disarticulated chunks, but none so small as to be unusable. Both were about 50cm BGS, and it should also be noted that these veins of carbon were probably either caused or interfered with by that pesky tree taking up a quarter of this E.U.

We also found something that I thought was metal until Marcello came over and diagnosed it as rock, whereupon ~~Marcello~~ stopped looking for the burrow.

I'm finding that scraping mud off my boots with a trowel serves a dual purpose of killing time and ~~making~~ making it easier to walk.

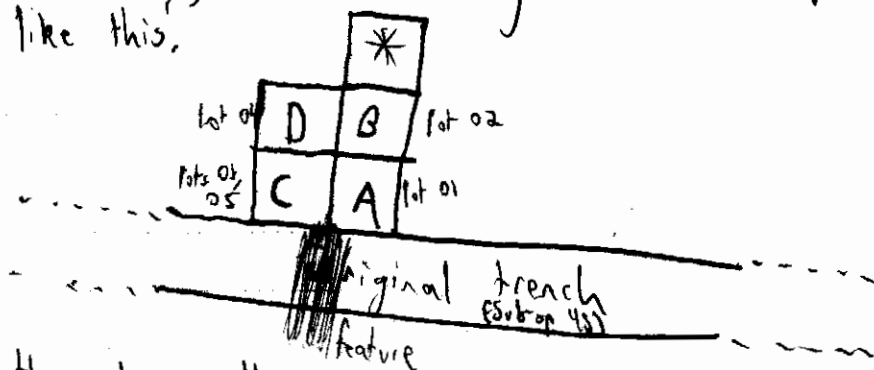
This lot contains three sets of sherds that easily fit into one large sherd. I put these sets into one smaller bag each and counted each ~~the~~ bag as one sherd. That said, there were 136 sherds in this lot. There were also 24 chunks of baiaque, two veins of carbon, two instances of chert (one black and worked, the other bone-white and unworked),

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and two chunks of tsba, only one of which I bagged.  
NW: 55cm BGS, NE: 0 BGS, SW: 56cm BGS, SE: 60cm BGS.

Because the two men excavating sub op 56 were both brand new to the project, I spent all my time there while Misael and Jose quietly finished lot after lot over in 57. According to quickly-scribbled lot forms, 57-02 contained 32 sherds, and 57-03 contained 15 sherds. I have no recollection of turning these sherds into the lab, and nobody on site knows where they are. I'll ask Cassandra, but I think we might have some permanently missing sherds. Worrisome. I've already filled out the lot forms with the BGS levels of 57-02 and 57-03. 57-04, in E.U. D, is still open, but we've opened up 57-05 back in E.U. C, to dig to the floor, before finishing 04. Sub-op 57 now looks like this:



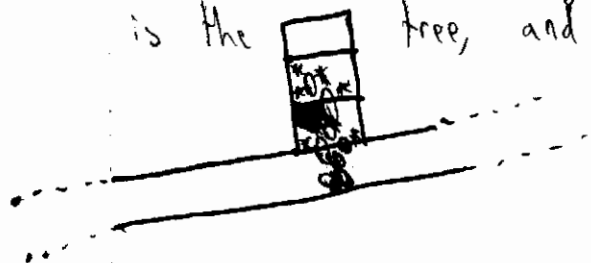
We finished the day with 56-05, 57-04, and 57-05 all still open.



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Today we arrived on site and almost immediately got to work. Within the first half hour, Salva and Oscar found another cache of carbon in S6-03, making it the third from that lot. I'm sure it's because of the tree in the way. The circles in the following rough sketch are rocks, the black space is the tree, and the asterisks are carbon. Obviously, not to scale.



Meanwhile, Misael and Jose found a large prismatic blade at S7-05. Ixtapeque.

At about the same time, we found three connecting pieces of a large matate board in S6, and something all my workers think is a molar. Marcello confirmed the molar. Then Ellen saw a piece of Toba shaped neatly into a rectangular prism from S7-05 and remarked that she'd never seen anything like it. Some vital statistics:

02-S7-05 (E.U. C)

Field Count: 86 ceramic sherds, 1 toba, 2 matate, 2 bajareque, 2 obsidian. ~~BGS levels: NW: 33cm, NE: 39cm, SW: 50cm, SE: 51cm.~~

BGS levels: NW: 33cm, NE: 39cm, SW: 50cm, SE: 51cm.

02-S6-03 (E.U. B)

Field Count: 186 sherds, 17 bajareque, 10 obsidian, 4 carbon, 4 chert, 3 matate. BGS levels: NW: 65cm, NE: 57cm, SW: 53cm, SE: 50cm.

Unfortunately, something weird happens to Str09's southernmost wall (have to remember to get those notes from Kate) seems to shift to the north starting in E.U. B. I think the tree pushed the rocks there out of the way and as we venture farther out, the original trajectory will reassert itself. We're starting unit C to

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Misael  
Misael, Miguel, Tilo  
& Jose  
Misael, Jose,  
Salva, & Oscar

test my hypothesis.

03-55-04 (E.U. C)

Once again, we dug straight to the ~~very~~ bottom — i.e. the surface on which our wall sits — and, to my dismay, the wall continues its displaced path! ~~We had to stop here.~~ This means that the wall only barely ~~is~~ pokes out from the north wall of the trench. We'll continue following it, moving one unit to the north if we have to.

Lot 04 contained 190 sherds, 11 obsidian, 10 bajareque, 11 chert, and one monete piece, probably a fit with the three from lot 03. Its BGS levels were NW: 70cm, NE: 66cm, SW: 52cm, SE: 59cm. Its soil was clay, and I noticed that it was a lighter, more yellowy, brown than what we've been finding in E.U.s A and B.

02-57-04 (E.U. D)

Although we started lot 04 ~~at~~ at the beginning of yesterday, we only just finished it at the end of today because of Marcello's recommendation that we leave it open while moving on to 05, thus making the numbering awkward. At any rate, Misael wisely preserved a row of stones at floor level that look likely to be the beginning of a wall. It occupies most of the SE corner, so I measured BGS from on top of it. Speaking of which: NW: 38cm, NE: 39cm, SW: 50cm, SE: 44cm. Lot 04 yielded 104 sherds, 7 bajareque, 2 chert, and 5 obsidian, after which the day ended.

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02-57-06 EU A After a scramble back at the house over a shortage of clean water, we arrived at the field about 7:30-7:40ish. My first order of business was to start Misael and Landa on 02-57-06, back in E.U. A. I pointed out which rocks could be removed and set them to work. Before long, they'd found some rodent teeth.

I can't figure out why there are so many dogs hanging around my trench today.

02-56-05 (E.U. D)

From lot 5, we removed a large porous rock that we thought was matate, but it's a bit too thick. It's also too heavy for its porous texture; we think it might be ferrous. We also found a large piece from a matate board, from which Salva broke off a chip while removing it.

Final elevations - NW: 999.0, NE: 999.03, SW: 999.02, SE: 999.03.

Reference corner: NE. N: 75.29 E: 8.67

Soil: Clay

Field Count: 142 sherds, 11 bajareque, 1 obsidian, 3 chert, 1 matate, 2 possibly ferrous lithic.

Moving on to the enormous rock in E.U. E next.

02-57-06 (E.U. A)

From Lot 06, we wound up removing very little. A top layer of tumble, under which was a second, possibly articulated layer, which we left alone. Final Elevations: NW: 999.28, NE: 999.3, SW: SE: 1000. Reference corner: SE - N: 82.89, E: 5.47.

~~Final Elevations:~~

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02-57-07 (EU. B)

This was only half a lot. Ellen drew a line in the dirt and told us to only excavate up to it. Therefore, the southern half of this lot was not excavated.

Field count: 67 ceramics, 4 bajareque, 2 obsidian, 2 chert.

NW: 999.17, NE: 999.25

Reference corner: SE.— N: 82.89, E: 5.47

Started 02-56-06 (EU E) and 02-57-08 (EU E), but left them both open

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Experience has seen me far less prolix on rainy days, and today should be no exception. After all, we've just finished break and I'm only just starting today's notes. Salva and Oscar have just finished 02-56-06. NW: 999.02, NE: 999.03 SW: 999.05, SE: 999.06. Reference corner: NW.

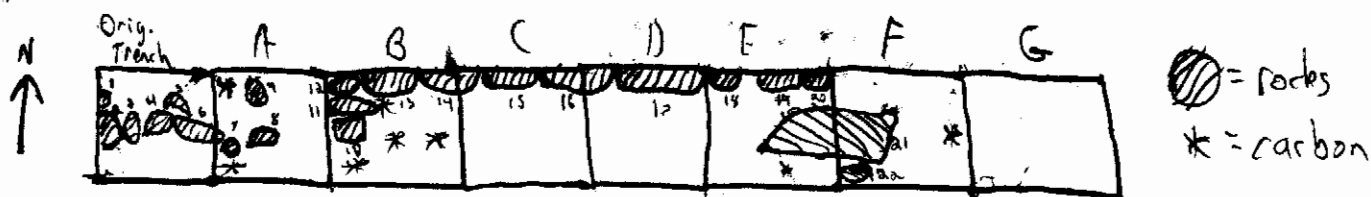
Field counts: 125 ceramics, 7 bajareque, 5 obsidian, 4 chert.  
Soil type: Clay. We also found a huge chunk of carbon at 211cm BGS.

02-56-07 (EU A)

We chopped out the tree in unit A and excavated the soil beneath it, hoping to get a look at what the wall does under there—why does it divert like that? The whole process took about half an hour, yielding 4 sherds (including part of a handle), one bajareque, and about half a matate grinding piece. We got the NE corner down to 999.25 (using the SE as a fence corner) and the others were unchanged.

02-57-08 (EU E)

Not much. NW: 999.01; NE: 998.95, SW: 999.1, SE: 999.1.  
Soil: Clayey silt. Field count: 58 ceramics, 8 bajareque, 2 obsidian, and 2 naturally-occurring matate rocks. Moving on to EU F.



02-56-08 (EU F)

Above is a sketch of sub-op 56 so far. I'm not sure

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why the wall turns as it does, but I think I see a clear corner. As to the huge rock in EVs E and F... (21) still a mystery. I'm pretty sure that there was a long-term floor at about 25cm BGS, where we found two blocks of carbon and rock 22.

I think the absolute elevations of the undersides of the rocks that make up NABOKOV (which, having been at last granted permission to name this offshoot, I'm calling it) are rising as it stretches to the east. My eventual drawing will probably show this more clearly, but I'm reasonably certain NABOKOV was built on a slope.

02-57-09 (E.U. F)

Field Count: 9 sherds, 2 obsidian.

This unit is over the possible fallen wall formation, so we only got to dig in about half the lot. At the end of the day, Misael suddenly found a large sherd under the cobble floor, which I broke trying to extract quickly. Then two more sherds appeared as I tried to get under the first one... There is a cache under the cobble floor. We'll probably start in on it tomorrow.

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Although I'd like to get a photo of the cobble floor and then tear it up to get at what's underneath, I must wait for Ellen & Marcello to get a look at what we've found, so in the meantime, we're excavating in E.U. G, which borders F on the east. Meanwhile, Silvia & Oscar continue their excavations in the far more straightforward S6. Donno ~~what~~ what that huge rock is, but at least there's a wall.

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Ellen & Marcello decided that, since further investigation would require us to destroy a feature (the floor), we should at least uncover more of the floor before we tear it apart.

Q2-S6-08 (EU F)

Field count: 120 ceramics, 7 bajareque, 6 obsidian, 2 chert.

~~NW 999.05~~ NW 999.05, NE: 999.06, SW: 999.05, SE: 999.1

Soil type: silty clay. Reference corner: NE: 175.24, E: 9.65

The very large rock ends about 22m-25m S6S and, though it appears to be sitting on top of two smaller rocks whose bottoms match the apparent floor upon which rests NAODKAI, there's actually a layer of dirt between our enormous rock

c)2-S6-09 (EU G)

Field count: 154 ceramics, 9 bajareque, 1 obsidian, 6 chert.

NW: 999.07, NE: 997.09, SW: 999.08, SE: 999.07. Reference: NW: 175.24, E: 9.65. Soil type: silty clay.

The most remarkable sherd in this lot ~~was~~ had an embossed decoration, probably a handle nub or ornamental bit, that resembles a ~~snout~~ snout.

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We finished laying out the Sub-Op 86 trench, and found, to my relief, that it leads straight to the wall in Wileyda's trench.

02-S7-10 (EU G)



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Field count: 67 ceramics, 2 bataveque, 4 obsidian, 1 chert.

NW: 999.14, NE: 999.15, SW: 999.85, SE: 999.67

Starting elevations: NW: 999.75 (approx.), NE: 999.75, SW: 999.99, SE: 999.90.

They dug to the floor in roughly half the trench, dug to the tumble in the other half. This took all day, for which I had to chastize Misael, and nothing very interesting was found. Maybe I'm just overly impatient to get to the good stuff.



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I've been meaning to go back over all my notes and renumber them continuously, but the effort it would require grows with each day I put it off, and I'm not sure it would be worth it.

I had a headache last night; this morning I have a stomachache. Maybe by tonight it will have escaped through my toes. The dogs, at least, have finally found their amusement elsewhere; I don't see them anywhere on the site today.

Tomorrow - or possibly as late as Wednesday - Salva and Oscar will be returned to Rocky's service, so I've been granted a fifth worker today... so to speak, Oscar is now gone. So while Salva is working on S6-10 in E.U. H, Veto is excavating S6-11 in E.U. I. Meanwhile, Misael and Cardavende are working on uncovering more of the floor in S7-11, E.U. H.

Ellen & Marcello have pointed out that Sub-Op S6 cracks about halfway through - conveniently, right where they're digging. If they weren't digging there, I'd fix it, but as it is, I think the most I can do is note it here.

02-S7-11 (E.U. H)

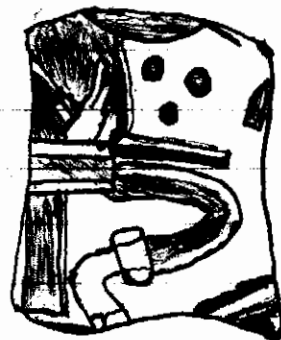
We dug to the floor; nothing out of the ordinary, 33 sherds, 3 basareave.

Starting elevations: NW: 999.61, NE: 999.59, SW: 999.75, SE: 999.75.

Final: NW: 999.14, NE: 999.15, SW: 999.24, SE: 999.16. Reference

corner: NW. N: 84.65 E: 7.75.

Meanwhile, back in S6-10, we found four very nice pieces of thick copador with very well-preserved decoration. They don't link, but they're probably from the same vessel. Here's a sketch of the most intricate one.



a little point  
at red  
end

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02-56-10 (EU H)

Field Count: 160 ceramics (bag 1), 7 ceramics (bag 2), 13 bajareque,  
 14 obsidian, 3 chert.

Finals: ~~115.06~~ NW: 999.06, NE: 999.08, SW: 999.07, SE: 999.07.

Reference Corner: NW. N: 75.17 E: 10.66.

Soil Type:

02-57-12 (EU I)

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Final Elevations: NW: 999.2, NE: 999.23, SW: 999.2, SE: 999.23.  
 RC: SE - N: 83.38, E: 9.60

Field count: 19 sherds, 2 bajareque, 2 obsidian, 3 toba.  
 Nothing unusual.

02-57-13 (E.U. J)

Field Count: ~~62~~ ceramics, 5 bajareque, 4 chert, 3 toba.  
 Final Elevations: NW: 999.27, NE: 999.11, SW: 999.2, SE: 999.23.

02-56-11 (EU I)

Field count: 82 ceramics, 14 bajareque, 2 obsidian, 3 natate.  
 (2 bags)

NW: 999.56

Final elevations: NW: 999.08, NE: 999, SW: 999.06, SE: 999.1

Soil Type: Silty Clay

02-57-14 (EU K)

NW: 999.72

Final Elevations: NW: 999.1, NE: 999.13, SW: 999.22, SE: 999.22.  
 RC: SW. N: 83.3, E: 10.52 (10.52)

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02-57-14 (EU K) (cont'd.)

Field count: 38 ceramics, 2 bajareque, 1 serpentine (?), 2 question marks.

At the end of the day, over in Sub Op 56, Salva successfully identified and unearthed a sculpted toba head without damaging it. The figure is an old man with a broken nose and flame eyebrows. Ellen & Marcello identified the figure as possibly God N, a travel deity, which would mesh well with their theory that this building was a site entrance. They ~~are~~ are working on the additional theory that the head was either stolen from or donated by El Paraíso.  
Exciting stuff.

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In the excitement from Rocky's return, Salva & Oscar have been delegated away from me. Additionally, Misael no longer wants to work with Landaverde, so my team have been entirely reconfigured. ~~Landaverde~~ Landaverde is working with Vito in S6, while Misa is excavating with the new guy, whose name is Jesús, in S7. Interestingly, Jesús speaks passable English.

02-S6-12 (EU J)

BGS levels: NW: 47m, NE: 40m, SW: 42m, SE: 40m

Field counts: 135 ceramics, 11 bajareque, 6 obsidian, 3 chert,  
1 toba, 2 matate.

Soil type: Silty Clay

Nothing particularly interesting after the toba head in this lot.

~~02-S7-15 (EU L)~~

02-S6-13 (EU K)

Field count: 60 sherds, 3 bajareque, 2 obsidian, 2 toba,  
2 matate.

BGS levels: NW: 25m, NE: 25m, SW: 22m, SE: 22m.

Soil type: Silty Clay

02-S7-15 (EU L)

Final elevations: NW: 999.17, NE: 999.17, SW: 999.2, SE: 999.18

Field count: 102 ceramics, 8 bajareque, 1 obsidian, 1 toba, and a bag of bone.

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EU 56-K saw NABOKOV completely taper out, so we're looking for the corner, first in EU L, which is adjacent to EU J, then in EU M, which is adjacent to EU I.

92-56-14 (EU-L)

About twenty centimeters down, Veto probed with a chaining pin and determined that we'd found all the rocks we were gonna find. The rocks that do poke up to the surface may or may not be a corner, so we're going to set up and excavate EUM next. Field count: 14 ceramics, 4 bajareque, 2 obsidian.

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BGS levels: NW: 18cm, NE: 18cm, SW: 18, SE: 14cm.

Soil type: Silty Clay

02-36-15 (EU M)

We fully expected to find a corner in this lot,

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but nothing revealed itself but more disorganized rocks. Ellen says that logically, the tumble should have fallen away from the building, but I see no evidence of an occupation-era north-south slope, so tumble could easily fall towards the building in this case, given that the building is so far away. I think the stuff we're finding is tumble. Anyway.

Field Count: 34 ceramics, 6 bajareque, 3 obsidian.

BGS levels: NW: 24cm, NE: 21cm, SW: 17cm, SE: 25cm.

Soil type: Silty clay.

02-57-16 (EU M)

Excavation unit M sees our trench return to following the wall that was demoted to potential wall. It looks like it's improving as we head east. Unfortunately, a sizable tree awaits us in the next unit, promising to just mess everything up real good. For now, though, it looks like this may very well be a wall after all.

Field Count: 83 ceramics, 3 bajareque, 1 chert.

02-56-16 (EU N)

Field count: 33 ceramics, 1 bajareque, 2 obsidian, and some carbon.

~~Final elevations: NW: 999.45, NE: 999.2, SW: 999.68, SE: 999.66~~  
~~RC: SE, N, E~~

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## 02-57-17 (EU N)

The tree didn't actually mess things up as badly as I thought it ~~would~~ would. There's hope that a decently-articulated wall might lie under the dirt of E.U. O.

Field count: 122 ceramics, 4 bajareque, 2 obsidian, 1 chert

Final Elevations: NW: 999.24, NE: 999.24, SW: 999.73, SE: 999.89

Soil: Clayey silt

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## 02-56-17 (EU O)

Though we didn't find anything important, not funble, Veto caught the change from topsoil to sediment, so I'm closing the lot.

Field count: 36 ceramics, 3 bajareque, 3 obsidian, 2 chert, 1 mil.

365 levels: NW: 22cm, NE: 21cm, SW: 17cm, SE: 13cm

## 02-57-18 (EU O)

Probably from pressure from the large root that snakes along the top of the tumble in this unit, the wall in E.U. O is ~~is~~ in fact more badly tumbled than it's been in previous units, but even so it looks like something Marcello probably wouldn't have any qualms about calling a wall. The rock's surfaces are flatter and their faces are oriented properly, so even though the tumble extends all the way to the end of the unit — fully thirty-five centimeters farther north than any other section of wall yet — I still think it's getting better.

Field count: 62 ceramics, 2 bajareque, 2 obsidian, 4 chert, 2 toba

Final Elevations: ~~999.36~~ NW: 999.36, NE: 999.44, SW: 999.72, SE: 999.65

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02-S6-18 (EU O)

Field count: 100 ceramics, 11 bajareque, 4 obsidian

BGS level: NW: 43cm, NE: 42cm, SW: 37cm, SE: 35.

Soil type:

Still no trace of NABOKOV's turned corner, but

we're going to follow this line until it ~~meets~~ Sub-op

57. At least we're finding some cultural objects.

02-S6-19 (EU P)

Field count: 73 ceramics, 3 bajareque, 4 obsidian, 5 chert,  
2 matate, 2 pigment stone.

Final Elevations: NW: 999.15, NE: 999.11, SW: 999.11, SE: 999.23

Soil type: Silty Clay

Still can't figure out what's up with the discrepancy  
between and NABOKOV. Investigating with  
EU R one unit to the west.

02-S7-19 (EU P)

Field count: 134 ceramics, 6 bajareque, 3 chert.

Finals: NW: 999.45, NE: 999.2, SW: 999.68, SE: 999.66.

RC: SE. N: E:



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The lots that were still open as of our arrival on site this morning were: 02-57-20 Q, 02-56-20 Q, and 02-56-21 R. As my workers finish their respective lots, I busy myself with laying

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A	B	F	G	M	N	O	P	S	T

out what remains of the trenches, extending S7 out, giving 56 two more units until it meets S7, and two more on the other side of Sub sp 45 to follow BLUE MOONS in the other direction.

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02-57-20 (EU Q)

Dug to the floor. Field count: 143c, 10b, 5g, 2p. 1 carbon.  
Finds: NW: 999.21, NE: 999.22, SW: 999.21, SE: 999.2  
RC: SE. N. E.

02-56-20 (EU Q)

Still no wall. Field count: 173c, 10b, 13g, 2 note  
BGS: NW: 48cm, NE: 40cm, SW: 45cm, SE: 40cm.

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02-57-21 (EU R)

Field count: 168cc, 22b, 4o, 2p,  
BGS levels: NW.

02-56-21 (EU R)

Field Count: ~~288cc~~ 288cc, 30b, 11o, 5p, 1t, PCarbon  
BGS: NW: 63cm, NE: 70cm, SW: 52cm, SE: 52cm.  
Soil type: Clay

02-57-22 (EU S)

Field Count: 122cc, 17b, 3o, 4p.

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02-56-23 (EU T)

Field count: 174c, 20b, 12o, 1 carbon sample

BGS levels: NW: 52cm, NE: 50cm, SW: 54cm, SE: 46cm

Soil: Silty Clay

02-56-24 (EU U)

Field Count: 202c, 8b, 6o, 3p, 2m, 1 carbon sample.

BGS levels: NW: 38cm, NE: 46cm, SW: 29cm, SE: 46cm.

Soil: Silty Clay

Kate's wall BLUE MOONS continues as expected.

02-57-23 (EU T)

Our possible wall in this unit finally turns into something definite—surprisingly, a set of steps! Already RED BALLOONS/PINK HEARTS is extending beyond where NABOKOV ended, and as it extends even with the second leg of sup-op 56, it becomes evident that this step/wall outstrips Str09's southern wall, so I'm quite curious what's going on with these walls... they seem to have little to do with each other.

Field Count: 285c, 34b, 4o, 4p.

BGS: NW: 15cm, NE: 15cm, SW: 30cm, SE: 22cm.

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02-56-30 (EU AA)

We dug until we found a wall that appears to run along the same track as NABOKOV! Going to follow it west, then east.

Field count: ~~86c~~<sup>207c</sup>, 22b, 4o, 3p

BGS levels: NW: 28m, NE: 20cm, SW: 42m, SE: 48m.

02-56-31 (EU AB)

Following RED BALLOONS/PINK HEARTS ~~as~~ as it turns a corner. Lot still open at end of day. FE: 200c, 34b, 5o, 5p.

02-57-26 (EU W)

Field Count: 86c, 14b, 4o, ~~1p~~

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After work yesterday, upon the behest that I give my two stairs separate, but related names, I decided on JOYCE and BECKETT. "Most literature is about something; Finnegans Wake is itself that thing." ~ Beckett.

We got started early and earnest today, by about 7:45, when most days we would barely have begun, if at all, I had already set stakes into two new EUs, and Constantino & Miguel had found a human phalange in 56 AB. Marcello informs me that a grad student working at El Coyote found a wall that opens up into a stairway at the site's entrance, not too dissimilar to my structure, whereupon the grad student found a series of human burials. I'm not too terribly optimistic, but I'll keep my eyes peeled nonetheless.

02-56-31 (EU AB)

RED BALLOONS / PINK HEARTS does appear to turn a corner, so we're following that, logically. Nothing too Earth-shattering after that Fingerbone. Continuing to the south.

Field Count: ~~301c~~ 301c, 41b, 9o, 5p, 1 bone.

BGS levels: NW: 22cm, NE: 45cm\*, SW: 0, SE: 48cm.

Soil: Silty Clay

02-57-27 (EU X)

Field count: 120c, 15b, 4o, 2 carbon sample.

BGS: NW: 16cm, NE: 26cm, SW: 29cm, SE: 32cm.

Soil: Silty Clay

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02-56-32 (AC)

BGS levels: NW: 23cm, NE: 19cm, SW: 18cm, SE: 24cm.

Field Count: 140c, 9b, 6o, 2p, 1m, 6(?)

02-56-33 (EU AD)

Field count: 140c, 14b, 12o, 9p.

BGS: NW: 43cm, ~~NE: 44cm~~ NE: 44cm, SW: 32cm, SE: 30cm\*

Soil: Silty Clay.

02-56-34 (EU AE)

Field count: 140c, 12b, 4o, 3p, 1m

BGS: NW: 20cm, NE: 30cm, SW: 30cm, SE: 28cm.

Soil: Clay

The new wall that seems to run along the same path as NABOKOV actually meets up with the strange disorganized configuration of rocks from Sub-Op S1. EU AE is very irregularly shaped where it meets S.O. S1.

02-57-28 (EU Y)

Field count: ~~140c, 18b, 10o~~

125c, 21b, 10o, 4p.

BGS: NW: 30cm, NE: 34cm, SW: 40cm, SE: 42cm.

Soil: Silty Clay

The floor appears to dip 25cm from the east edge of this lot.

02-56-<sup>38</sup>~~34~~ (EU AF)

Field count: ~~200c~~ 200c, 30b, ~~10o~~ 8p.

BGS: NW: 17cm, NE: 52cm, SW: 10cm, SE: 45cm.

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02-S6-~~38~~ (EU AF, cont'd)

I thought I was following where Kate's wall turned a corner, but the more we follow it, the more uncomfortable it feels calling it a wall. We're starting to think that JORCE & BECKETT start farther west than we'd originally assumed, so we're going to pull out some stones from that wall. Once again, we think we've missed Str09's east wall by one meter or less.

02-S7-29 (EU Z)

I instructed Misael to finish this lot quickly, and he complied, digging in fast-forward. We found what appears to be the ~~the~~ west edge of the stairs; we'll investigate further tomorrow.

Field count: 110c, 136, 20, 3p.

BGS: NW: 30cm, NE: 30cm, SW: 32cm, SE: 29cm.

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Back in the beginning of our fieldwork, half days seemed like so long - we had so much time every day I didn't know what to do with it. But today I worry that we won't be able to get anything finished before noon. The Landaverdes will finish lot 56-35 in AG shortly, and I don't think they'll be able to do another lot start to finish before lunch, so what do I do with them?

02-56-35 (EU AG)

This potentially wall-like feature continues towards Sub-op 45. What is it? Soil: Clay.

Field Count: 19Sc, 4b, 6o, 3p, 1 carbon sample.  
BGS:

It's always a tough decision to destroy a feature, but in order to figure out just how far west JORCE and BECKETT head before merging with STROG's north wall, we need to pull off layers of ~~the~~ potentially articulated tumble. We're starting with 57-31 in EU 2.

02-57-31 (EU 2)

To my surprise, we found the stairs continue through 2, though Marcella disagrees, and doesn't think that what we've found is a stairway, but I think it looks identical to the formation that defines BECKETT & JORCE.

Field Count: 26 c; 4b, 3o, 1p, 1 carbon sample.

BGS:

Soil: Silty Clay



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Q2-S7-30 (EU AA)

There's a ~~gap~~ gap of about 40cm in the floor here. Field Count: ~~184c~~, 184c, 16b, 15o, 4p, 1t.

Many of the cultural objects from this lot were found in that hole.

BGS levels:

Soil: Silty clay

Q2-S6-36 (EU AH)

Field count: 24bc, 4b, 16o, 8p, 2 carbon sample, 2m, 1t.

BGS:

Soil: Silty clay

Q2-S6-37 (EU AI)

Field Count: 450c, 30b, 5t, ~~184c~~, 7p.

BGS: NW: 50cm, NE: 50cm, SW: 45cm, SE: 45cm.

Soil: Silty clay

Q2-S7-32 (EU S)

Field Count: 73c, ~~4b~~, 1o, 2p, 1 carbon sample

BGS:

Soil: Silty clay

Q2-S7-33 (EU AB)

Field Count: 177c, 19b, 10o, 4p, 3t. (2 bags)

BGS:

Soil: Silty clay

57-34 (A)  
56-38 (AF)  
56-31 (AJ)

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We return after a somewhat dull Semana Santa to the realization that I'll only be able to continue my excavations for a few more days, at least before obligations like final notes and final writeups take over.

02-57-34 (E.V. P)

Field count: 49 ceramics, 7 bajareque, 3 obsidian, 2 carbon sample.

BGS: NW & ~~NE~~ unchanged. SW: 58cm. SE: 63cm

Soil type: Silty clay

Marcello's new theory is that these steps continue all the way down, that there is no wall here. The steps would then lead up to an earthen platform on which would sit a bajareque structure. So we're uncovering stairs all the way down, one unit at a time.

02-56-38 (EV AF)

Field count: 133c, 9b, 5o, 1p, 1 carbon sample,

BGS: NW: 46cm, NE: 56cm, SW: 47cm, SE: 60cm.

Soil: Silty clay.

Nothing.

02-56-40 (AB)

Field count: 127c, 4o,

BGS:

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02-56-39 (EU AJ)

Field Count: 320c, 11b, 10o, 13p, 2t, 2m.

BGS: ~~20~~ NW: 43cm, NE: 52cm, SW: 45cm, SE: 52cm\*

There were no rocks whatsoever underneath EU AJ, which gives us a more or less complete view of this earthen platform.

It seems that in the nick of time, things are starting to make sense about this structure.



02-57-35 (EU AC)

Field Count: 88c, 2b, 2o.

BGS: NW: 21cm NE: 23cm SW: 20cm SE: 15cm

We're just trying to find the edge of the floor with this ~~line~~ line of units, which extends west ~~from~~ from the northern end of sub-op 45. There was floor under this lot.

02-57-36 (EU AD)

Field count: 38c, 2o.

BGS: NW: 16cm, NE: 20cm, SW: 14cm, SE: 23cm

Floor.

02-57-37 (EU ~~AD~~ O)

Field Count: 13c, 2b.

BGS: NW: 65cm, NE, SW, & SE unchanged.

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02-S1-37 (EU 0, cont'd)

I think Misael misunderstood some instructions, because he removed several rocks from BECKETT and dug beneath them.

02-S1-38 (EU N)

Field Count: 37c, 1b, 1o, 1t.

~~36c, 1b, 1o, 1t.~~

GPS: NW & NE unchanged, SW: 40cm, SE: 44cm

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This morning I woke up and managed to drag myself out of bed at 5:30 so that I could take a much-needed shower, but when I turned the knob, no water came out. Despondent, I returned to bed, and when I awoke again, about forty ~~minutes~~ minutes later, wet footprints lined the hallway. At breakfast, two of the girls had wet hair. Sometimes I feel like this country is out to get me.

Suffice to say, I'm in nothing resembling a good mood this morning. I just had an argument with Ellen about the structure. In my two remaining days of digging, I've been charged with finding either this structure's SW or NE corners, and I just don't think we have the time. Of course I'll try, but I'm not optimistic about it.

We also butted heads regarding ~~the~~ the presence of a floor towards the south side, she thinks it wraps around, while I think that would be structurally pointless. So what are the Landaverdes excavating around TWIN? Who knows?

Q2-57-39 (EU AF)

Field count: 23c, 2m

BGS: NW: 18cm, NE: 16cm, SW: 20cm, SE: 19cm.

Floor continues.

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02-57-40 (EU AG)

Field Count: 6c, 2p.

BGS: NW: 15cm, NE: 13cm, SW: 19cm, SE: 18cm.

Floor continues.

02-57-41 & 42 (EU, M & G)

Field count: 106c, 6b, 3o, 3p, 2 bone sets

Misael & Jesus got a little overzealous, removing the rocks from over the steps in two consecutive lots, without separating the sherds. There ~~is some~~ has been some kind of change in the steps somewhere along the line, probably between units O & N, and we plan on investigating it. Meanwhile, lots 41 and 42 both revealed bits of bone, probably deer bone or the like.

41 BGS: NW: NE: SW: SE:

42 BGS: NW: NE: SW: SE:

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Field count: 235c, 13b, 5o, 8p, 4t,

BGS: NW: 33cm, NE: 43cm, SW: 21cm, SE: 33cm,

No evidence to prove me wrong... yet. That feature ends in the ~~southern~~ north half of this lot, effectively proving it's not a floor.

Modified field count (bay 2): 253c.

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02-57-43 (EU AE)

Field count: 32c, 1 carbon sample

~~BGS: NW: 30cm, NE: 24cm, SW: 44cm, SE: 32cm~~  
~~Soil: Silty Clay~~  
BGS: NW: 17cm, NE: 18cm, SW: 21cm, SE: 17cm.

02-57-44 (EU AH)

Field count: 148c, 13b, 10o, 4p, 2 carbon sample

BGS:

Soil:

This lot finally links sub-op 57 with Wileyda's sub-op 44.

02-57-45 (EU AJ)

Field count: 20c, 2b, 1 carbon sample

BGS: NW: 16cm, NE: 15cm, SW: 17cm, SE: 18cm

Soil: Silty Clay.

02-57-46 (M)

02-57-47 (B)

02-56-42 (J)

2006-Apr-24

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I got sick and skipped last Wednesday, during which time Rocky (Excavator 33) took over the excavations over Str 09. Then the whole group went to Copán for a four-day weekend, during which time it rained in El Cafetal. Unfortunately, I've neglected Rocky's notes, so I don't know what lot number or Excavation unit this is. So I'm going to describe its position and skip up to lot #79.

02-56-70 (EU AM)

From the extension to the west of Sub-Op 45, we set out a trench to the north. This is the third unit in that trench. Vets removed tumble from the structure, looking for a wall — and found a floor! At least, we think it's a floor. We're going to keep pulling out tumble to be sure.

Field Count: 24c, 1o.

BGS levels: NW: 22cm, NE: 49cm, SW: 21cm, SE: 49cm

02-56-71 (EU AN)

This is the fourth unit in this line, where we removed tumble to expose more of what looked like a floor, but wasn't.

Field Count: 110c, 9b, 4o, 2p, 1t

BGS: NW: 36cm, NE: 51cm, SW: 39cm, SE: 31cm,

02-56-72 (EU ~~AP~~ AP)

We stepped one meter to the west of Lot 70, to follow that wall-type thing. It appears to corner north here.

Field Count: 90c, 7b, 4o,

BGS levels: NW: 21cm, NE: 10cm, SW: 15cm, SE: 17cm.



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02-57-70 (EU AQ)

This ~~lot is the~~ lot is in the last unit of the exploratory trench we set out to find the end of the cobble floor. If we ~~set out~~ tried to set out one more unit west, a tree would be in our way. Alas, the floor continues.

Field count: 26c, ~~35~~ 10,  
BGS levels.

02-57-71 (EU AR)

We made a new unit diagonal to the last one, Northwest. Finally found the floor's edge.

Field count: 46c, 46, 10  
BGS levels.

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Yesterday was supposed to be my last day of excavations and despite a crippling headache that hit me shortly after lunch, we managed to finish pretty much everything... we even found St09's Southwest corner in EU S6-AP! Veto finished up one last lot in S6-AQ this morning, in which we uncovered more of the structure's west wall, which, if I am allowed to name it, I will name FAULKNER.

Because of my headache, I neglected a couple of lots at the end of the day. Here they are.

02-S7-72 & 02-S7-73 (EUs AM & AO)

Misael and Constantino were supposed to clear out all the dirt around the top of the tumble and then remove the top layer of rocks so I could search for a wall. At the latter task they failed — never got around to it, evidently — they cleared out ~~all~~ every speck of dirt around those rocks and came forth with a decent-sized bag of cultural objects.

Field count:	175c,	27b,	6p,	5o,	2 carbon sample
AM BGS:	NW:	NE:	SW:	SE:	
AO BGS:	NW:	NE:	SW:	SE:	

02-S6-73 (EU AQ)

Following the western wall FAULKNER.

Field count: 37c, 3b, 1o, 2p

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## Structure 09 Final Notes:

Feature — Wall NABOKOV

Unit Name	Length	Width	Height	Alignment	Courses	Top Measure	Bottom Measure
NABOKOV	8.47m	14cm - 21cm*	9cm - 27cm*	95° E	1	999.59m*	999.35m

With the exception of a few anomalous stretches, NABOKOV is uniformly one stone tall and, so far as we can see, one stone deep. Unfortunately, the one visible course is halfway imbedded in the trench wall. Future investigations might be interested in ~~the~~ verifying this information.

A lack of tumble indicates that this wall was never much higher than it is now; Marcello postulated that it was placed there mainly ~~to~~ to terraform a slight slope or hill. This theory hasn't yet been contradicted, but ~~it~~ it might be in the future if an excavation is conducted on NABOKOV's north side and significant tumble is found.

The elevations of the ~~the~~ rocks' bottom faces rise as the wall extends east, indicating that NABOKOV was built up a slight east/west slope. The top measure in the chart above might be inaccurate because before these notes could be taken, ~~the~~ the two easternmost rocks fell out. They have been accounted for in other measurements, but their elevations are more difficult to ascertain.

I've marked all uncertain values in the chart with asterisks, but still measured them to the best of my ability.

Sitting 15cm from NABOKOV to the south is a big rock that was entered into the EDM as BIG ROCK. BR's measurements are: 104cm at its ~~longest~~ longest (E/W), and 40cm

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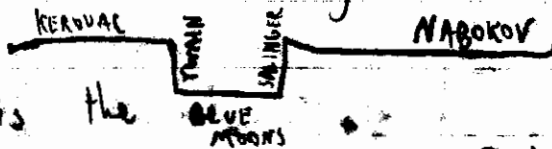


wide at its widest (N/S). It appears to be sitting on top of two smaller rocks which are themselves sitting on ~~the~~ the same surface as NABOKOV, but a closer examination reveals between 5cm and 8cm of dirt between B.R. and the smaller rocks upon which it sits. It's far too massive to try to move, and we don't know how it got there.

### Feature — Wall TWAIN

Unit name	Length	Width	Height	Alignment	Courses	Top m.	Bottom m.
TWAIN	1.65m	2.9cm*	13cm	0°N	1	999.34 <sub>n</sub>	999.20 <sub>m</sub>

In Sub-op 45, Kate found a wall, which she named BLUE MOONS, to the south of Str 07. B.M. actually turns corners northward on either side of her trench, and the two new walls turn ~~back~~ again to two other E/W walls that run along the same path parallel to B.M.



The wall TWAIN is the first turn to the west, toward Str 08. Sadly, though TWAIN is already short, the worker who uncovered it removed the stones that comprise its corner with B.M. before I could stop them. Therefore, the statistics in the table above are, by necessity, ~~the~~ averaged from a test group of one rock. Length is taken with an estimation

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in mind of where the corner should have been.

## Feature — SALINGER

Unit name	Length	Width	Height	Alignment	Courses	Top m.	Bottom m.
SALINGER	.74m	15cm-55cm	15cm-18cm	0° N	1 high 1/2 deep	999.5m	999.22m

J.D. Salinger wrote ~~a~~ one novel, two novellas, and nine short stories before fading into seclusion for the rest of his life. Therefore, he's a good namesake for this short something-or-other that connects BLUE MOONS to NABOKOV. Three rocks make up SALINGER, all fairly large. It's one course high, and at one point, it's only one course deep, while at the other part, it's two rocks deep. It shares ~~the~~ its single-course rock with NABOKOV.

## Feature — KEROUAC

Unit Name	Length	Width	Height	Alignment	Courses	Top m.	Bottom
KEROUAC	4.32m	43cm-86cm	9cm-16cm	293° W	1 high 3 deep (avg)	999.36m	999.03m

I only just now, put on the spot, named this last part of the earthen terrace here, but what better namesake for this ~~a~~ messy, loosely-sprawled feature than the Beat god? The stones that comprise KEROUAC are poorly-organized; at some points it's three stones deep,

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at others it's only two, and at still others, it's four. Between sub-op 45 and where sub-op 56 turns north nearest Structure 08, part of KEROVAC is still obscured, but I have no reason to believe that the partially-covered ~~some~~ rocks aren't the last course, at least from a cursory scan of how far back it goes. ~~QSP~~

Unlike other bounding features, KEROVAC sprawls a few courses back (north), so at first we thought it was a floor. This makes it difficult to ascertain its height because we never dug below it.

I first recognized a feature in what eventually became KEROVAC when I excavated Sub-op 51 all those months ago. Ellen & Marcello thought it was too sloppy to be a wall. Turns out that, though for the wrong reasons, I was right.

KEROVAC runs through to Sub-op 51, where it appears to taper (at least it should, so close to Structure 08) or maybe turn a corner.

### Feature ~ BLUE MOONS

Unit Name	Length	Width	Height	Alignment	Courses	Top m.	Bottom m.
BLUE MOONS	3.93m	<sup>24cm</sup> 58cm	9cm-13cm	283° W	<sup>2 high</sup> 2 1/2 deep	999.35m	999.13m

I didn't name B.M.; that's Kate's fault. This is the only wall in the whole structure that was

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Fully exposed, so it's a real shame that both of its edges were destroyed — its western end where it corners into TWAIN by Landavode, and its eastern end where it corners into SALINGER by a tree's roots. In its eastern half, B.M. is two courses deep, but it tapers down to one towards its western end before cornering into TWAIN. We'll never know what that corner looked like.

Rock charts for the first five units:

Unit name	Largest Rock	Smallest Rock	Modal Size	Form
NABOKOV	21cmh x 60cmw x $\Omega$	11cmh x 18cmw x 18cmd	10cmh x 30cmw x $\Omega$	angular
TWAIN	12cmh x 36cmw x 26cmd	8cmh x 20cmw x 23cmd	N/A	angular
SALINGER	18cmh x 34cmw x 25cmd	14cmh x 26cmw x 22cmd	10cmh x 30cmw x 24cmd	3 angular, 1 sub-angular, 2 rounded
KEROUAC	18cmh x 50cmw x 2cmd	$\Omega$ x 15cmw x 7cmd	11cmh x 14cmw x 26cmd	75% angular, 25% rounded
BLUE MOONS	11cmh x 35cmw x 23cmd	7cmh x 13cmw x 18cmd	8cmh x 24cmw x 21cmd	angular

$\Omega$  = unascertainable measurement

TWAIN contains only two rocks and has no modal size.

SALINGER contains only three rocks; its "modal size" is the middle rock.

These five features, probably contemporaneous, form what we believe was an earthen platform more or less independent of Structure 09. Ellen disagrees with me about the platform's independence; she thinks that KEROUAC

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probably connects with the structure somehow, but I feel that if NABOKOV peters off on its eastern side, I see no reason that KEROUAC should connect. Only further investigation will say for certain.



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## More Final Notes on Str 09:

### Feature - Wall FAULKNER

Unit Name	<sup>(estimated)</sup> Length	Uncovered length	Width	Height	Courses
FAULKNER	4.56 m	1.65 m	37 cm - 43 cm	22 cm	2

Alignment	Top Measure	Bottom Measure	Largest Rock
14° N	999.73 m	999.42 m	9 cm x 34 cm w x 22 cm d

Smallest Rock	Modal Size	Rock Form
7 cm x 15 cm x 14 cm d	10 cm x 21 cm x 16 cm d	50% angular 50% sub-angular

FAULKNER, we believe, is the wall that forms Structure 09's western side. We found it at the last possible moment, and only got to excavate two units of it. Even so, it (and WILLIAMS, with which FAULKNER interdigitates) clearly holds in fill and runs in a straight line, so I'm confident about my projection for where the full wall goes and how long it is.

In terms of construction, FAULKNER seems poorly-organized - probably a combination of poor preservation and the ~~fact~~ fact that it was probably a haphazard structure.

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# Feature — Wall WILLIAMS

Unit Name	Estimated length	Uncovered length	Width	Height	Alignment
WILLIAMS	11.80 m	1.08 m	57 cm	8 cm - 12 cm	279° W

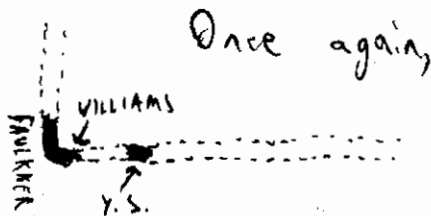
Courses	Top Measure	Bottom	Largest Rock	Smallest Rock
1	499.59 m	999.32 m	15 cm x 11 cm x 38 cm	5 cm x 7 cm x 6 cm

Modal Size	Rock Form
6 cm x 25 cm x 18 cm	Sub-angular

I'm currently in possession of most, but not all, of Kate's notes, so I'm not sure of the name of the wall she found to which I'm reasonably certain WILLIAMS connects. We think it's YELLOW STARS.

The combined length of the exposed sections of WILLIAMS and Y.S., including the still-covered distance between them, is 4.86 m. The total length above is a rough estimate because we never found an eastern wall for Str 09.

WILLIAMS and Y.S. are holding in what appears to be fill, so we're relatively certain that they comprise a southern structural wall.



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## Feature - Step JOYCE

Unit Name	Length Exposed	Estimated Length	Width	Height
JOYCE	5.16 m	17 m	57 cm - 80 cm	20 cm

Alignment	Courses	Top Measure	Bottom Measure
272° W	2	999.57 m	997.24 m

Largest Rock	Smallest Rock	Modal Size	Rock Form
16 cm x 32 cm x 20 cm	4 cm x 17 cm x 14 cm	11 cm x 19 cm x 15 cm	Angular

JOYCE is the top step in a pair leading up to what we believe was an earthen terrace. We're not sure whether (and if so, where) these steps abut a real north wall, so the estimated length above refers to the distance between the steps' edge and my projected corner ~~to~~ for FAULKNER. I think ~~that~~ JOYCE is set at a slightly different angle from the trench, so as the trench extends west, JOYCE disappears into the wall.

Unit name	Length exposed	Estimated length	Width	Height
BECKETT	10.44 m	17 m	48 cm - 62 cm	20 cm - 30 cm

Alignment	Courses	Top Measure	Bottom
274° W	2-3	999.44 m	999.1 m

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Step BECKETT, cont'd

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Largest Rock	Smallest Rock	Modal Size	Rock Form
14cm x 31cm x 28cm	3cm x 4cm x 14cm	7cm x 20cm x 28cm	75% angular 25% sub-angular

BECKETT seems to run longer than JOYCE before vanishing under the collapse, but that has more to do with what we didn't have time to excavate than its original shape. The north plaza floor runs all the way up to BECKETT in the trench's eastern half, but farther west, a gap of 30-40cm appears between BECKETT and the floor, perhaps indicating that this section of BECKETT was built later, perhaps indicating that this section of the floor was built later, perhaps indicating that stones were cannibalized from one or the other, or perhaps even indicating a garden.

① ~~As~~ As with JOYCE, we're not sure where nor if BECKETT eventually runs into a real wall. Had we had more time, we'd have figured it out eventually.

Feature — POT O' GOLD Floor (North Plaza Floor)

Unit name	Length Exposed	Width Exposed	Largest Rock
POT O' GOLD	28.2m	42.50m	29cm x 45cm

Smallest Rock	Modal Size	Rock Form
5cm x 2cm	28cm x 20cm	Angular

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The exposed length measurement above for the North Plaza Floor (POT o' GOLD) refers to the distance between the eastern end of sub-op 44, beyond which the floor appears to extend, and the point where the floor ends in sub-op 57, out to the west of sub-op 45. The exposed width measurement refers to the distance from the point where the floor runs all the way up to BECKETT in sub-op 57 all the way out to where the floor ends near Structure 12.

The rock measurements, on the other hand, were taken only from within sub-op 57.

For more detailed and intensive notes on the North Plaza Floor, see Erlend's final notes on it (Excavator 32).

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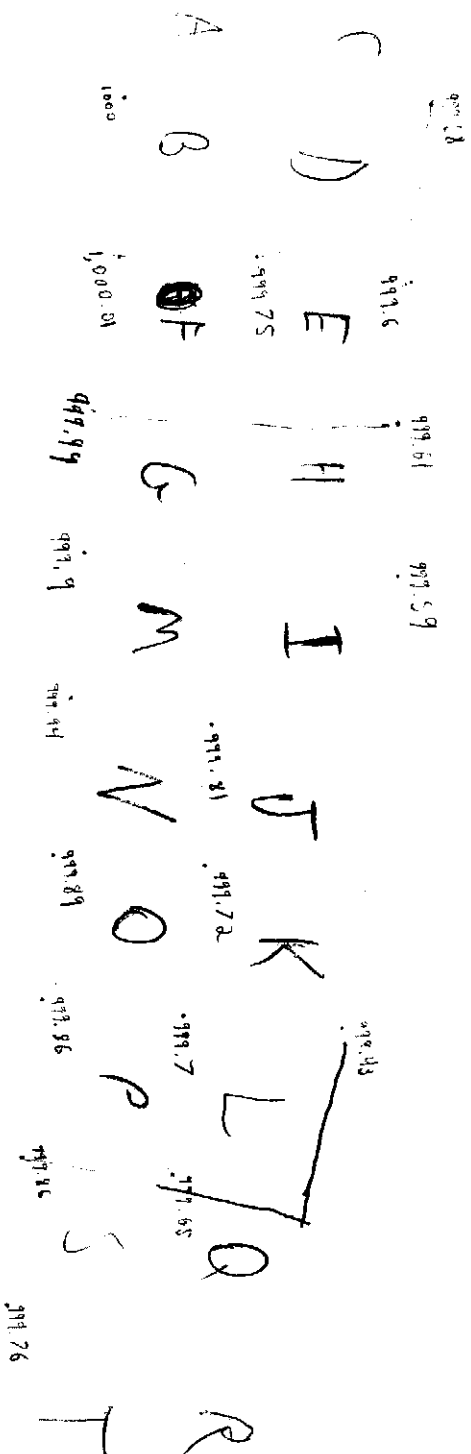
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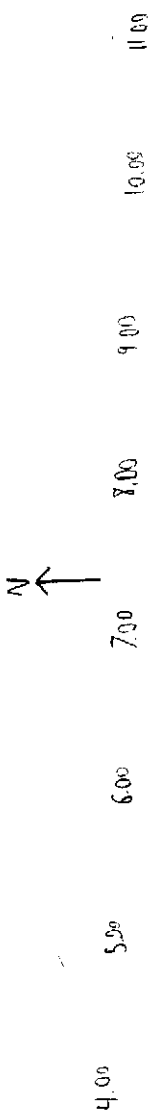
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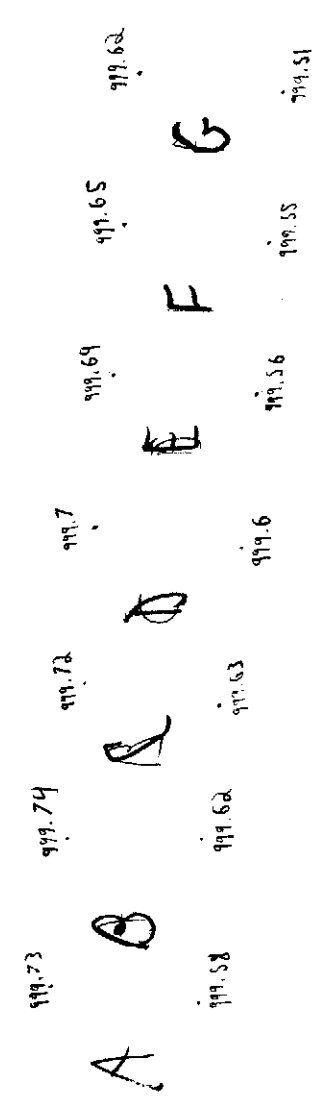
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## 12 Associated points

Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		22	02/51	77.62	-1.80	999.41
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		23	02/51	78.50	-1.44	999.57
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		24	02/51	79.46	-1.07	999.66
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		25	02/51	80.39	-0.74	999.72
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		26	02/51	81.33	-0.40	999.86
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		27	02/51	82.24	-0.09	999.83
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		28	02/51	82.58	-0.99	999.68
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		29	02/51	81.68	-1.28	999.64
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		30	02/51	80.75	-1.62	999.61
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		31	02/51	79.82	-1.97	999.53
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		32	02/51	78.87	-2.36	999.50
2006-02-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		33	02/51	77.97	-2.71	999.41



## Data Entry Instructions

To enter lot forms:

Log on to server ("Server" shortcut on computer desktop)  
Open database (PARBP db shortcut on server desktop)

Click "Lots"

If the Subop. has not yet been entered, click "New Op/Subop." button  
Enter the information requested (see Formatting Conventions below)  
Press "Enter" while on the Op/Subop. for which you want to enter data  
When the Lots database opens, click "New Record" to create a record  
Enter the information requested (see Formatting Conventions)

## Data Entry Formatting Conventions

Op/Subop. form:

Op. field = two digits (i.e. 01, 02, etc.)

Lot field = one digit (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.)

Site field = S- plus three digit site number (i.e. S-002, S-002, etc.)

Structure field = Str plus two digit structure number, no spaces (Str02, Str10, Str22, etc.)

Year field = four digit year (i.e. 2006)

Excavator field = two digit excavator number (i.e. 15, 22, etc.)

Unit dimensions field = dimensions of unit—separate extensions with a comma (i.e. 1x7, 1x3)  
Goals field = brief description of goals listed on Subop. form (255 characters max, include location on structure, etc.)

Lots form:

Site field = S- plus three digit site number (i.e. S-002)

Op. field = two digit Operation number (i.e. 02, 04, etc.)

Subop field = one (or more) digit Suboperation number (i.e. 2, 26, 33, etc.)

Lot field = one (or more) digit Lot number (i.e. 1, 2, 3, etc.)

(ignore Lvl. and Locus Fields)

Initial Lot? Field = when entering the first lot (i.e. surface lot) in any Excavation Unit, click box  
The Initial Lot Elevations box will open  
Enter initial elevations as provided by mapping team from EDM; include two decimal places (i.e. 1000.55, 999.22, etc.)

Excavation Unit field = capital letter(s) designating excavation unit (i.e. A, B, C, etc.)

Next lot field = 1 (or more) digit number of the lot directly below the current lot in the same  
Excavation Unit; if lot is the base of excavation in a particular EU, leave the field blank  
(i.e. 2, 7, etc.)

Previous lot field = this will appear when the Initial Lot? button is not clicked; enter the lot  
directly above the current lot in the same Excavation Unit; (i.e. 1, 3, etc.)  
XN field = enter the one (or more) digit length of the lot north-south (i.e. 1 in a 1x1 m EU)  
XE field = enter the one (or more) digit length of the lot east-west (i.e. 1 in a 1x1 m EU)

NW Z field = two decimal place *final elevation* of the northwest corner of the EU (i.e. 1000.20)  
 NE Z field = two decimal place *final elevation* of the northeast corner of the EU (i.e. 1000.21)  
 SW Z field = two decimal place *final elevation* of the southwest corner of the EU (i.e. 1000.20)  
 SE Z field = two decimal place *final elevation* of the southeast corner of the EU (i.e. 1000.22)

RC field = two capital letter designation of the corner from which depth measurements were taken (i.e. NW, NE, SW, SE)—the designated corner will turn green

N: one (or more) digit north of recording corner, indicate negative number with a "-" (i.e. -7, 20, -40, etc.)

E: one (or more) digit east of recording corner, indicate negative number with a "-" (i.e. -7, 20, -40, etc.)

Z field = the elevation of the recording corner will automatically appear

(ignore iZ and Vex: fields)

Deposit field = Select Deposit from drop-down list (see Deposit Glossary)

Deposit type field = Select Deposit Type from drop-down list (see Deposit Type Glossary)

Soil type field = enter soil type (i.e. sandy clay, silty clay, etc.)

(ignore Name/Phase field)

Period field = enter suspected time period (e.g. Late Classic, Late Preclassic, etc.)

Date field = date on lot form: four digit year-two digit month-two digit day (i.e. 2006-02-10)

Notes field = note pages where lot is discussed: four digit year-two digit excavator number-one (or more) digit page number (i.e. 2006-24-1); separate multiple pages with a comma (i.e. 2006-01-7, 10-11, 15)

Excavator field = two digit excavator number (i.e. 22, 31, etc.)

Description field = description of lot, features, soils, etc. written on lot form; you **MUST** include the depth below ground surface as the last line of each description (i.e. 20-30 cm bgs)

Ceramics # field = one (or more) digit number of ceramics found in lot, as counted in field (i.e. 100, 251, 995, etc.)

Obsidian # field = one (or more) digit number of obsidian fragments found in lot, as counted in field (i.e. 5, 10, 15 etc.)

Chert # field = one (or more) digit number of chert fragments found in lot, as counted in field (i.e. 3, 9, 15 etc.)

You'll also note that there are a number of different navigation buttons on the form to help you get to additional data and/or records.

It may be necessary to erase a "0" that initially appears in a field in order to enter new information into the field—merely select and delete it before typing anything new.

## Deposit Type Glossary

Overburden  
Humus  
Collapse

### Architectural

Fill  
Floor  
Posthole

### Surface

Wall  
Terrace  
Structural misc.

### Special Deposit

Burial  
Cache  
In-situ deposit  
Termination deposit  
Dedicatory deposit

### Refuse

#### Midden

### Sterile

#### Sediment

### Other

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The headings are found under Deposit  
The indented items are found under Deposit Type

The terms in **bold** tend to be used more frequently than those that are not in bold

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## 42 Associated points

Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		112	02/57	83.94	13.62	999.46
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		113	02/57	84.04	12.63	999.44
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		107	02/57	83.25	18.60	999.42
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		102	02/57	81.77	15.31	999.73
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		103	02/57	81.67	16.38	999.68
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		104	02/57	81.48	17.34	999.59
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		105	02/57	81.33	18.35	999.60

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## 42 Associated points

Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		120	02/56	78.06	11.98	999.82
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		119	02/56	77.07	11.85	999.70
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		118	02/56	76.90	13.88	999.66
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		121	02/56	79.06	12.09	999.90
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		122	02/56	80.09	12.24	999.97
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		117	02/56	77.94	14.00	999.74
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		116	02/56	78.87	14.06	999.81
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		115	02/56	79.81	14.21	999.83
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		114	02/56	80.86	14.30	999.80
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		144	02/56	78.03	0.11	999.71
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		123	02/56	81.01	12.33	999.95
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		150	02/56	76.02	-0.27	999.51
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		149	02/56	75.21	-0.35	999.42
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		148	02/56	75.09	0.57	999.51
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		147	02/56	74.91	1.60	999.51
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		146	02/56	76.92	1.80	999.64
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		145	02/56	77.00	0.85	999.68
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		142	02/56	77.39	-1.05	999.51
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		143	02/56	78.25	-0.90	999.61
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		108	02/57	83.54	17.62	999.42
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		140	02/57	88.84	2.80	999.20
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		139	02/57	88.92	1.82	999.20
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		138	02/57	89.07	0.82	999.23
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		137	02/57	89.21	-0.15	999.21
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		136	02/57	89.38	-1.05	999.20
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		135	02/57	88.36	-1.17	999.20
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		134	02/57	88.23	-0.26	999.23
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		133	02/57	88.13	0.74	999.25
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		132	02/57	87.94	1.68	999.24
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		131	02/57	87.85	2.72	999.24
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		109	02/57	83.67	16.66	999.44
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		106	02/57	82.35	18.47	999.53
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		110	02/57	83.69	15.63	999.38
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		101	02/57	81.87	14.46	999.74
2006-04-17	Archaeology	Trench corner		111	02/57	83.76	14.63	999.40

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Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		157	02/56	74.09	11.58	999.46
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		158	02/56	74.01	12.48	999.44
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		159	02/56	73.90	13.55	999.46
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		160	02/56	73.86	14.57	999.45
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		161	02/56	74.75	14.75	999.51
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		162	02/56	74.88	13.72	999.52
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		163	02/56	75.85	13.76	999.58
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		164	02/56	76.77	13.88	999.65
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		165	02/56	77.01	12.90	999.69
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		166	02/56	76.02	12.77	999.63
2006-04-04	Archaeology	Trench corner		167	02/56	75.98	11.77	999.63

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Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		71	02/56	74.64	4.55	999.58
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		72	02/56	74.63	5.63	999.62
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		73	02/56	74.55	6.51	999.63
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		74	02/56	74.43	7.56	999.60
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		75	02/56	74.37	8.55	999.56
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		76	02/56	74.31	9.54	999.55
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		77	02/56	74.22	10.55	999.51
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		78	02/56	75.17	10.66	999.62
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		79	02/56	75.24	9.65	999.65
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		80	02/56	75.29	8.67	999.69
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		81	02/56	75.39	7.68	999.70
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		82	02/56	75.46	6.63	999.72
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		83	02/56	75.53	5.62	999.74
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		84	02/56	75.62	4.64	999.73

# 18 Associated points

Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		100	02/57	84.92	5.55	999.58
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		102	02/57	84.65	7.65	999.61
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		103	02/57	84.61	8.64	999.59
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		104	02/57	84.19	11.60	999.43
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		86	02/57	81.92	13.39	999.76
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		87	02/57	82.04	12.41	999.86
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		88	02/57	82.20	11.38	999.86
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		89	02/57	82.31	10.42	999.89
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		90	02/57	82.44	9.40	999.94
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		91	02/57	82.56	8.44	999.90
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		92	02/57	82.85	6.49	1,000.01
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		93	02/57	82.89	5.47	1,000.00
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		94	02/57	83.02	12.53	999.65
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		95	02/57	83.13	11.51	999.70
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		96	02/57	83.30	10.52	999.72
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		97	02/57	83.38	9.60	999.81
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		98	02/57	83.74	6.52	999.75
2006-03-28	Archaeology	Trench corner		99	02/57	84.77	6.71	999.60



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# 32 Associated points

Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		64	02/56	78.22	-0.91	999.60
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		63	02/56	79.16	-0.77	999.56
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		62	02/56	78.06	0.19	999.71
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		61	02/56	79.37	-1.70	999.53
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		60	02/56	79.20	0.44	999.91
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		59	02/56	80.37	-1.53	999.52
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		58	02/56	79.94	0.56	999.97
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		57	02/56	81.29	-1.28	999.64
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		56	02/56	80.82	0.82	1,000.07
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		55	02/56	81.05	-0.28	999.88
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		54	02/56	81.79	1.05	1,000.23
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		53	02/56	82.09	-0.01	999.83
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		52	02/56	82.84	1.24	1,000.02
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		38	02/57	89.96	-6.09	999.23
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		37	02/57	89.97	-7.08	999.25
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		36	02/57	89.03	-7.19	999.35
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		39	02/57	89.81	-5.07	999.20
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		40	02/57	89.76	-4.08	999.21
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		41	02/57	89.65	-3.09	999.17
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		35	02/57	88.87	-6.18	999.27
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		34	02/57	88.81	-5.22	999.30
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		33	02/57	88.74	-4.17	999.25
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		31	02/57	88.46	-2.24	999.21
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		32	02/57	88.58	-3.22	999.26
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		42	02/57	89.48	-2.09	999.22
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		43	02/57	91.02	-7.08	999.17
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		44	02/57	91.02	-8.04	999.16
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		45	02/57	89.96	-8.09	999.27
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		48	02/57	82.15	9.85	999.98
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		49	02/57	81.40	9.84	999.97
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		50	02/57	81.28	10.87	1,000.02
2006-04-25	Archaeology	Trench corner		51	02/57	81.03	12.33	999.93

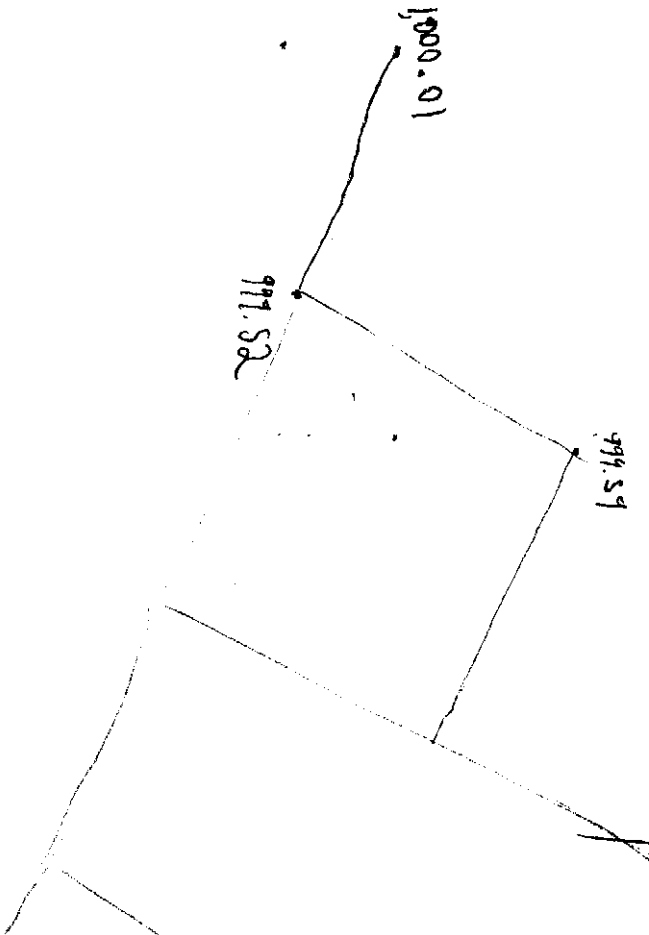
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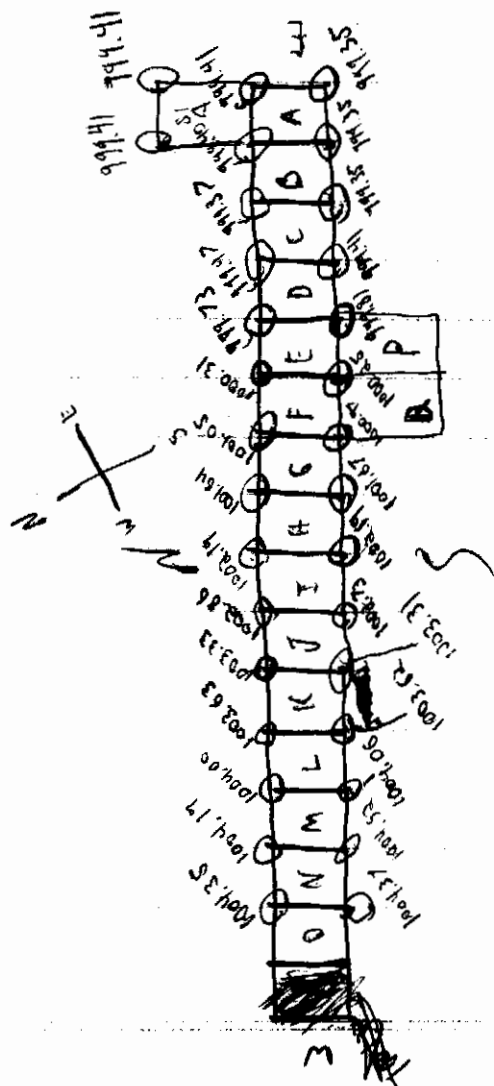
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Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-03-06	Archaeology	Trench corner		79	02/46	75.99	-6.76	999.59
2006-03-06	Archaeology	Trench corner		80	02/46	75.06	-7.23	999.52
2006-03-06	Archaeology	Trench corner		81	02/46	75.39	-8.07	1,000.01

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Date	Feature	Class	Sub-class	#	Description	North	East	Elev
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		104	02/46	81.11	-15.30	1,004.35
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		105	02/46	80.16	-15.63	1,004.37
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		106	02/46	79.83	-14.79	1,004.19
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		107	02/46	80.71	-14.38	1,004.52
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		108	02/46	80.33	-13.48	1,004.06
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		109	02/46	79.47	-13.76	1,004.00
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		110	02/46	79.18	-12.81	1,003.63
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		111	02/46	80.00	-12.55	1,003.62
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		112	02/46	78.79	-11.87	1,003.31
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		113	02/46	79.72	-11.59	1,003.33
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		114	02/46	79.43	-10.61	1,002.86
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		115	02/46	78.56	-11.01	1,002.73
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		116	02/46	78.28	-10.01	1,002.19
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		117	02/46	79.16	-9.66	1,002.19
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		118	02/46	78.82	-8.81	1,001.64
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		119	02/46	77.81	-9.06	1,001.67
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		120	02/46	77.65	-8.20	1,000.97
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		121	02/46	78.47	-7.90	1,001.05
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		122	02/46	78.14	-6.95	1,000.31
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		123	02/46	77.41	-7.21	1,000.25
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		124	02/46	76.99	-6.22	999.81
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		125	02/46	77.99	-5.90	999.73
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		126	02/46	77.68	-5.07	999.47
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		127	02/46	76.65	-5.40	999.41
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		128	02/46	76.39	-4.35	999.35
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		129	02/46	77.36	-4.09	999.37
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		130	02/46	76.98	-3.13	999.40
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		131	02/46	76.10	-3.38	999.35
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		132	02/46	75.81	-2.49	999.35
2006-02-24	Archaeology	Trench corner		133	02/46	76.72	-2.28	999.41

