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sunny, hot, humid

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July 34.

Today we got out to the site about 10<sup>30</sup> am (Jessica, Bill & I) & started work on the site. We dug out the dune to find the units that were dug in 2004. That was a great amt of fun because it was hot & humid.

Dew told us of his plans which sound fairly interesting. He hopes to put in 2 units just N of the old ones & if time permit a 3rd somewhere.

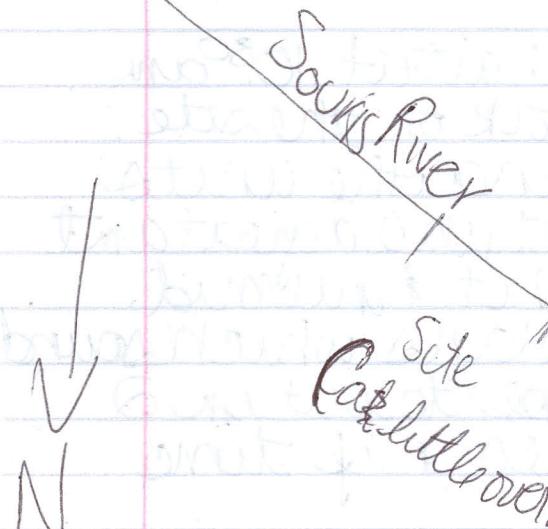
After lunch we surveyed a line along 530S. There were a few frags along the way but nothing serious. As we were surveying out the last couple stakes Garry running & Dave showed up to check out the area.

The stake closest to the area of the units is 530S/518W, there is a stake in a unit however we could not make out the numbers. The Southing was 529 tho.

We cleaned off the ledges a little bit & then called it a day about three. Jessica & I had it we could not shovel anymore.

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## Map



sunny hot  
high 29°

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July 5.

All were starting our day at 7am now to keep out of the heat which is very very nice. The wall did not collapse!

Jomaser got in last night, so the 4 of us came out & started to work. Bev took off to do some errands in town & left the girls at the site with some direction & the Pig.

We started the day by digging out the dune above the "planned" units so that it would not collapse on us. Shortly after we started doing a Dune profile, well the prep work for it anyway. We have no pump so the screening is interesting.

We were approx done half off the wall and found 1 BBF, approx 40cm down & 15cm into the clay.

By the way clay is fun!

There is bone on either side of the intended units. Jomaser thinks possibly a hearth which may prove interesting

OK so after lunch we finished taking the dirt off the wall to make a Dece Dune profile. Then we started taking sand off the top again to prevent collapsing.

Bev came back about 1pm w/the stuff we did not bring & some insight as to

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what we would be doing with the units. We put a unit just N of a previously excavated one & figured out the corners. That was about the end of the workday which is nice, but we could have done so much more today if we worked 7.5.

There was also something sad of doing another 1/2 unit but am unsure of what that is at the present time.

We found some more smaller bone frags as well so at least the three of us will find something.

Tomorrow we are going to put the other unit in & will hopefully have some provenances for you.

hot, windy

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July 6

We are just trying to figure out how to find level. Tom & Bev are away. Jessica & I are just sitting for now.

528S/522W

Starting w/ XU 18

~~528S/528W~~

Jessica & I started to take out/straighten the N Wall. The only thing that we have found in 70 cm depth is a fused 2nd & 3rd cervical that was right at the top of Jess's quad. As of now she is doing the N & S beam along the NWQ.

Soon we will start leveling the floor we have been sitting on, to a depth of 100 cm. Hopefully they will match up with the units ~~to~~ to the S of it.

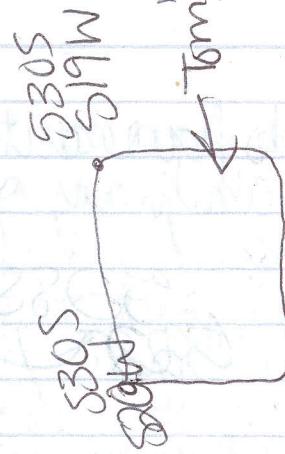
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Tom & Bev have each excavating a hearth on either side of the unit.

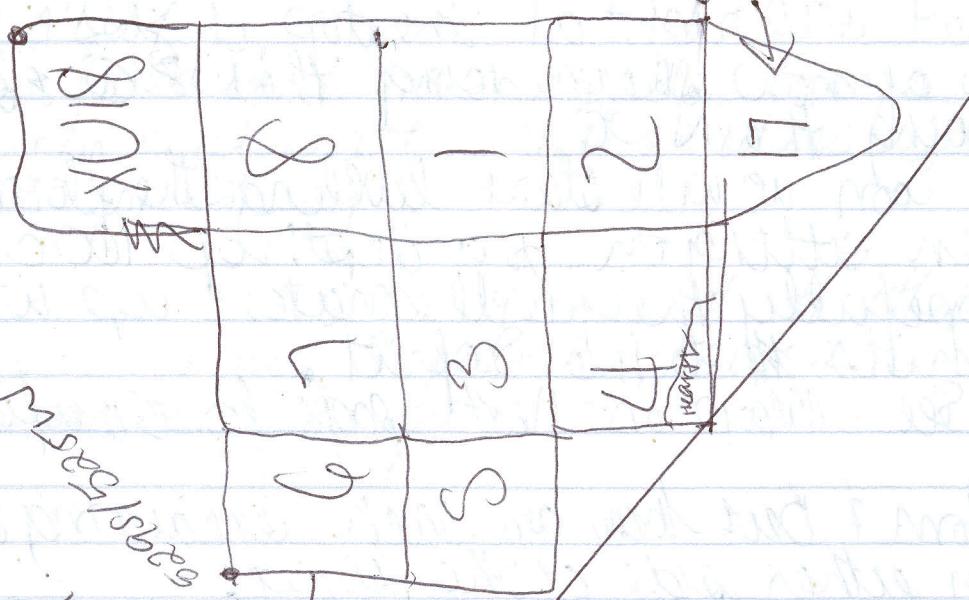
Tom to the East approx 2m. Bev to the West about the same. Both of them have found a lot of material - lithics, pottery, bone in Tom's, ochre (bright red), FcR to a lot of bone. Bev's hearth is almost completely gone but there is still a little drift of material.

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8 522  
S 521 W



532S/532W



outport  
be's the  
H 521  
S 521

River

2003 Excavations 1-4  
2004 Excavations 5-8 \$17

We are going today & match up levels w/  
XO 8 & the unit could prove to have  
quite a few finds.

Jessica & I finished our wall to  
75cm depth below the string, tomorrow  
we are going to finish off to 100cm &  
make the floor as flat as possible & then  
start in on the good stuff. When we  
get as low as we did today Bev reminded  
us that we should check our walls so we  
made them nice & pretty for the last 6hr  
or so.

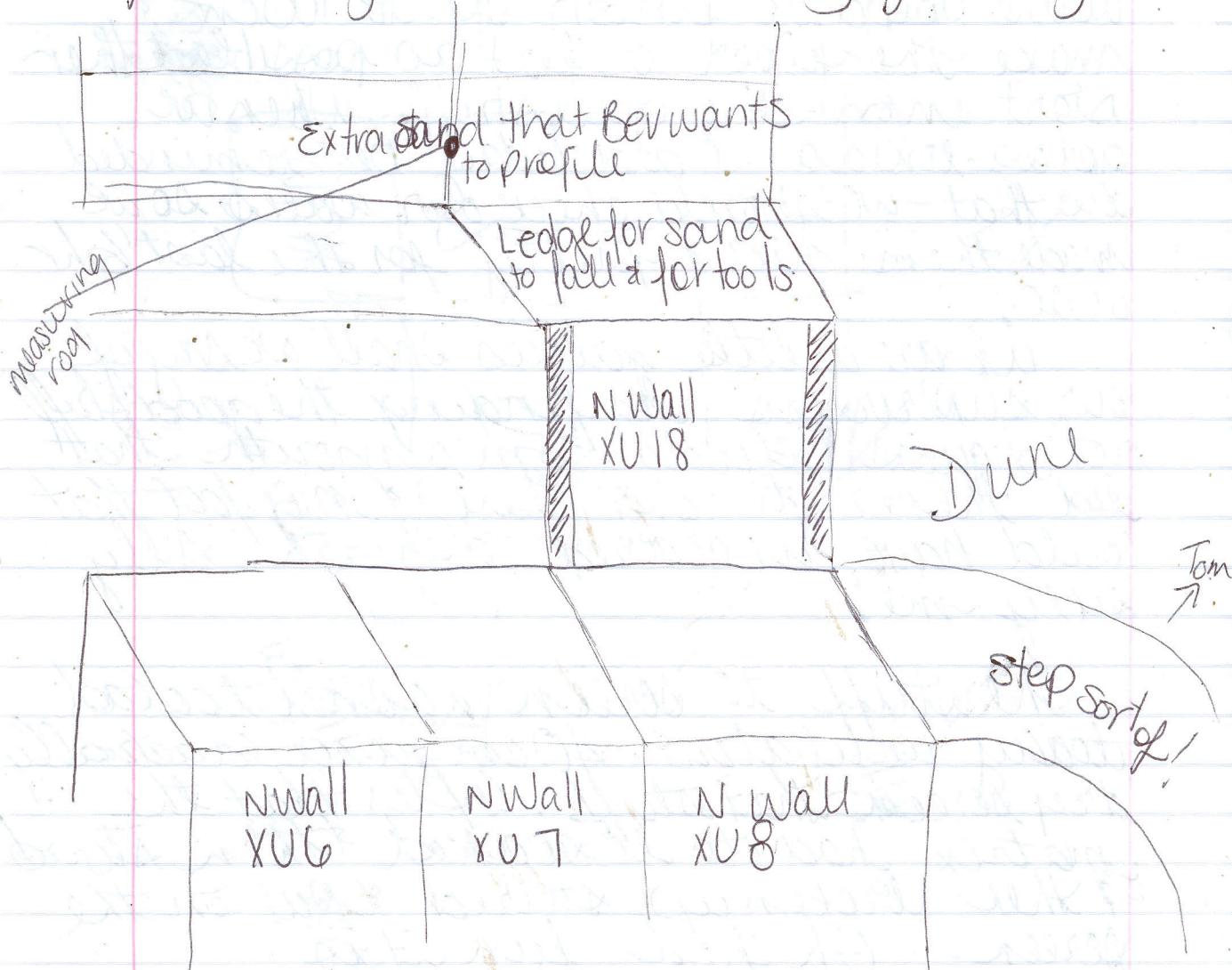
It are a little jealous shall we say of  
our supervisors for finding the good stuff  
but of guess it was Tom's mouth that  
led them to dig there, & my foot that  
could have uncovered a hearth. Silly  
silly me!

The stuff to screen wasn't too bad  
today until about 40cm we could actually  
dry screen that stuff. After that the  
matrix had to be soaked & then stored  
& then broken up, stored & put on the  
screen. Oh how fun it is.

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Today the wind picked up so it was decent outside. But tomorrow is supposed to be a little hotter w/ thunderstorms possibly. Who knows.

Billy supervisors for finding stuff! Didn't mention that clay is fun to dig in & it has only just begun!



hot  
partly cloudy

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July 7  
TOOK THE N wall down to 100cm, by measure of the 'rod' which is also what Bev & Tom are using for their depths.

turns out we were only 3-5cm away from the target yesterday. Jessica & I are geniuses.

Bev is setting up the pump this morning & it smells like manure. Every once in a while we hear the piano from the colony!

Red ochre - found at 107cm abd.  
'same stuff that was found in Bev's hearth (tiny, tiny sample) lost in the shuffle

Woohoo I found stuff... a badly beaten up bone frag, a sm br. chal flake, BBF & a couple of the little ochre pieces. Jess on the other hand hasn't been as fortunate - never mind FRL & BBF

Got the pump going after Bev took a trip to Farney & Delosaine to get plywood. It turned out to be so hot that I had to bring out the parasols.

So I got done the NWQ of level 2 & Monday morning will start on the SWQ. Jess will do the same.

Bev & Tom have been productive today as well. Tom took out her hearth & found a good LC sample in it. Bev figures he just started his hearth & is finding a little more stuff, but is quiet about what he has found.

Oh shortly after Bev & Tom had just finished a talk about not finding KRF or a lot of Br. Chal. I found mine in the screen.

Starting at level one we have pushed in golf tees to mark the levels. This apparently was Denise's idea. What a bright lady! Will continue with level 2 on Monday.

hot & sunny

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july 10

Monday morning, Noshoo

We got to the site & there was very little to say there was a storm on Saturday besides the rain on the sand & the water level had gone up. Probably about a foot, because where we were standing on Friday is now underwater.

Jess & I have to move a bit faster so we are going to start shovel shaving to get down. We've got a lot to do so I'll opt at it.

So all fine & dandy we are almost finished level 3 & there was nothing really found except crappy bone frags, calcined & oh my West quadrants & found a few flakes.

The day was awesome not terribly hot & the geographers were out today from Wisconsin

Shovel shaving rocks but I still hate clay!

I don't know much about what Tom was doing but she was constantly trying to fix the screen stand. Bev didn't come out today

2 pictures Level 3 - AT-06-100-27  
Level 4 - AT-06-100-29

July 11

We got a new screen stand & it is very cool. Ben is out today to finish his hearth. I think everyone will be working on XU-18 to get it down. I got demoted to Screen Witch because my knees are bothering me which may make shovel shoving difficult.

Our goal today is to reach for finish level 10.

Well they didn't finish level 10, they finished  $\frac{1}{2}$  of level 8. Ben & Jessica dug XU-18. Ben won my quads & Jessica won hers. Nothing really extraordinary was found. Jessica has a fairly sizable bone in her set floor. Found a small flake for her art scraped my hand pretty good. I got an epiphysis (burnt) from one of Ben's quads, a couple of nice Dr. Chal flakes for Tom.

Screening went actually too bad, my fingers hurt ~~but~~ & am a little burnt but nothing serious.

The walls got fixed up so they are nice & pretty now. Guy Ben fixed them up.

hot humid

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July 12

Ok today we started by finishing off L8. Bev had dug deep yesterday so I didn't have much to catch up on. So I helped Jessica do her B. I trawled the SEQ while Jess made the SEQ pretty cuz she had semi-articulated leg, which was pretty cool. There was a big chunk of a metapodial (distal) 2-phalanges, a 1st phalanx & sesmoids.

All the paperwork ensued, that took us until after lunch to finish up. After that we could shovel shave again, we didn't have to. We quiet so careful.

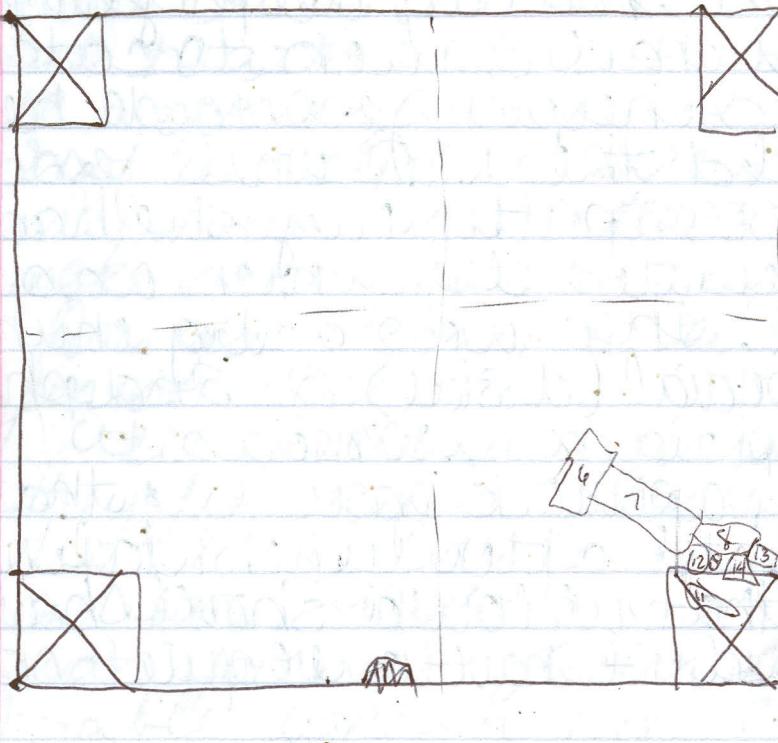
Starting in L10 maybe the end of L9 we hit some really nice grey clay, which tended to separate more in the bucket & therefore in the screen. I only found BF & maybe two 2 flakes. Then I hit the mother load, which I am sure passed the last 10 people off cuz it was right on the S Wall. It was, we think, a chopper frag of very crappy material.

Bev screened a little bit & sharpened our shovels. Tom & I don't think found anything much.

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Level 9

not to scale



18-9-6 - 2SF

AF RC06-04

18-9-7 RC Sample  
metapodial

18-9-8 phalanx  
w/ sesmoid

18-9-9 sesmoid

10 - flake

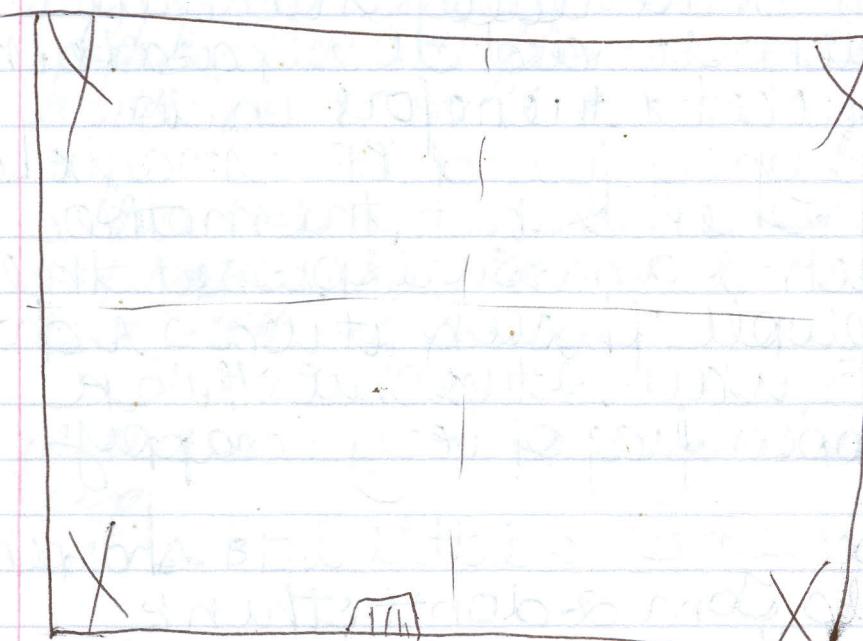
10 - 1st phalanx

12 - sesmoid

13 - 2nd phalanx

14 - 2nd phalanx

Level 10



chopper

18-10-5

60g

143g abd  
1005 / 60W

The flake found in Jess's unit  
18-9-10 may be the same material  
as the chopper frag that I found.  
which could be interesting

Tomorrow we have to dig faster if  
we want to get to the good stuff.

I found had lots of charcoal in the  
floor of my unit so I took a sample  
Bev says we will figure it out in  
the lab.

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windy, hot  
muggy  
a little bit of  
cloud.

July 13.

So there was a great storm last night, which prompted a sleep in & a partial rain day. We all cleaned the artifacts we had & are going out about 10:30

We went out had fun. Jessica & I finished off level 10 & went through 11 & 12 without a hitch. Level 11 had approx 6 bone frags & a clam shell. Level 12 turned up ~~cupkiss~~ - just a little bits of shell that weren't kept.

We had a visit from the Wisconsin crew & they talked & explained w/ Ben & Tom.

Level 11 had grey clay that is very nice to dig through, trowel & shovel. Gary turning over that when we get through the grey gunk, we will hit black gunk that may hold artifacts.

Tom says maybe level 4 we may find something, because they found stuff 2 years ago in that level but they weren't sure if it was actually in the floor or cleanup from the walls.

Only 2 mishaps one more serious than the other. Tom stepped on a nail. & I kicked a stake & probably broke a toe. What can you do?

Jess in the NTO  
me in the SWO

Tom only dug one level today - she finished L 15

sunny  
clear night 29°

July 14/06

Tom didn't come out today. Neither did Bev. Bev went back to Brandon to catch up on work. Tom went home because her foot swelled & she couldn't walk. So today it is just Jessica & I out here digging.

Before lunch we finished 2 levels, we are  $\frac{1}{2}$  way done level 15 & our goal has changed from level 16 to 18. There hasn't been anything found really w/ the exception of a few shell frags found in level 13.

We have a visitor today, my boyfriend Matt cuz he wants to see what archy's do, but unfortunately he is just a little bored - & fishing isn't helping much.

The clay is still grey & nice to work with so we haven't had the pump running. The material goes through fine without it.

Mr Atkinson refenced yesterday & made it near impossible to get through the fence/gate

- in the W Quads there has been quite a few iron chunks & pieces found. The clay is still fun!

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We got to finish L16 today a little behind the goal but not bad. We didn't find anything.

We had visitors, a family of canoeists / Rafters, just on a day trip, they talked to us & the geographers, not much to say, but they took pictures.

July 17/06

Today we are by ourselves again. Bev & Tom will be out later today. Jessica was talking to them on the weekend & they were both impressed by our progress so we have orders to complete the unit & if we do in time we are to start on Tomasi's unit (19). We may not get quite ~~get~~ that far but we'll see. The geophones are still out & found some really neat stuff on the weekend!

Today we finished our unit basically just have to finish up the walls. There was absolutely nothing of interest except for the fact that we hit sand (well less first in L-18) by level 20 it was pretty well over the whole unit. We asked Garry why we hit sand, & he said it was a point bar years ago & then clay was deposited on top of it during a flood.

Nothing really exciting happened.. we had to chase cows away this morning, it was so fun, besides the fact that a cow behind us did not sound happy. So we hurried not to

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oh I wish

get stampeded.

and you can't get a job  
in the Great Wall of China most

of the time you can't get a job

keeping guard because the government

takes most of the money to pay for it

so there's no way to make money

to buy a room when you have no money

where do you live if you don't have a job

the government makes you sleep

the house on one roof of two little ears

but the other two little ears

wherever you take back to the people

they'll say they can't eat and they

be punished by the government

they'll take it off of your head

if you don't pay them off they'll

break both of your arms and

your legs and break your neck and

you won't be able to get a job again when

you're old and you can't work

so you'll have to go to the government

to ask for help and they'll give you a job

and you'll have to work hard and

↓ Windy!!  
Sunny

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July 18

Started Toms unit at level 16 (75-80cm)

\* OK just figured out, working on Tom's unit that we have messed up S/W on our own, Unit so we will have to fix that soon!

I thought that we would be finished with the black clay stuff but alas we have not. That is where we start in Unit 19. It is very interesting, the datum string stretches, so you have to pull really hard.

We have dug 4 levels today. Tomorrow we start on level 20. Nothing too interesting. Jessica just found a bit of bone that she has to provenience. She also got a small chalcedony flake & Ben (our screener) found a KRF flake but it went thru the screen).

We each did half the unit, I somehow was a much faster digger than Jessica. So I had to wait around a bit.

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Tom was supposed to come out last night but has not arrived as of yet which sucks, I hope her foot isn't giving her problems.

### Weather

Has been a weird day rained a bit this morning & was chilly until ~11, but the wind has been fairly strong all day making it impossible to photograph a clear floor. After lunch tho the sun came out & warmed things up but the wind & sand is always here.

- Bew finished the people of X0-8  
I must say the wall is pretty interesting
- Only one visit from the Geos today  
& that was only to show Bew where they found this really huge & neat point (tip missing) It just happens to be not that far from where Matt was fishing on Friday

July 19

First thing this morning I accidently  
alley soaked Tom with the hose  
woops! No really it was an  
accident.

Jessica & I worked on Unit 19 & got 2 Levels  
done before lunch nothing really was found.  
Jessica of course found some bone & midshaft  
of a point white SRC, & me I left with a bone  
in the floor of level 21, which apparently  
wasn't anything big but it was the biggest  
one I've hit.

The camera crapped out this morning  
& as luck would have it I brought mine  
out today so now I have a bunch of  
pictures of field stuff on them.

There were cows when we came in  
this morning & there were even more  
when we went out. (Only this time they  
were closer to the fence, none of them  
really crossed the river, but the big momma  
from Monday was back & mad at the  
gees for being in her space. It made our  
morning.)

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# Hearth #5.

Hearth w/ Bev

Photos:

Michelle's camera

280 } prelim hearth N  
281 }

282 SEO Level 4 E  
ash from hearth starting to come  
through (close up)

283 } S  
284 }  
285 SE

XU 18-19  
Archy's

sourish

GEOs today

hearth 5

After lunch - went over to a hearth w/ Bev.  
dig quick & in level 4 Bev started to  
find some bone (ribs of sm mammals  
& think mostly..

We set up the unit from scratch  
which was fun & haven't done that since  
field school. We are right on the edge of  
the dune along the river, kind of overlooking  
the field & the gcs. They gave us a GPS reading  
on the unit but I am unsure of  
what it is yet.

We forgot the chalk so Bev went to check his  
truck but we didn't have any so we did  
the thing on a sheet of paper. We took  
a floor picture of level 4 & called it a day.

The hearth we are digging is hearth #5.  
There was ant disturbance in L2 which  
was gross & even worse there were 2 Junebug  
larva, which got through into the river (or tried  
to - they don't fly well.)

Lots of little roots but that is about it  
Bev actually had to use his hatchet on one.

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July 20

At hearth again hoping to be done by lunch  
then maybe going to check stuff out  
up stream by the bridge.

This morning I found a firing cap<sup>percussion</sup>) from  
a muzzleloader which completely through off  
prior thoughts about the hearth.  
Now thinking a Metis site. It is crazy  
to think that in 300 years only 20cm  
of deposition happened. That is kinda cool.

We pedestalalled some larger identifiable bone  
as well as the ash layer above the hearth.  
I took a picture (AT-06-100-a-288)  
All is progressing good over here. Not so  
sure about the others.

went down to L9 (45cm dbq) I didn't  
find anything but ants for the last 3 levels.

Hit the bottom of red 35cm

\* work off pictures for actual depths

After finishing up the hearth, we went over to Tom & Jess, they were digging away & were down to 125cm dbd I think, things are progressing slowly.

I sat down over there for about 2min, & then got to follow Bev around taking pictures. I was the one who was the scale & the secretary. We went to a hollow that Bev thinks is a possible cellar, then I had to go close to a swamp & get a picture of an old meander. Then went and visited the geographers, & then a field full of ornery cows, one of whom came just more than Bev's arm length away. I was scared, cuz she had horns, & was protecting her calf. Not sure if Bev was nervous but I stuck close anyway. Didn't help that I had a bright orange shirt on!

We were also checking out the bridge and saw I don't know how many little catfish "4" long. & 2 turtles.

We have an open house tonight from 8-10pm, hopefully people show up!

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July 21.

Last day in the field!! & I'm not even at the site, I have cleanup duty back at camp. Oh it is great fun.

The open house went well last night, I would say between 20-30 people showed up. We had two presentations up - we had one of pictures & the geos had a power-point up, which I think the people enjoyed.

I will be out with Bev on Monday to finish up & turn the well off & such, but most stuff is going back to Bdn today.

It has been a really interesting 3 weeks!

# Diagnostics

Hearth 5.

Percussion cap

5-1 NWA  
Level 5

flake (flint?)

6-3 SWQ  
Level 6