June 29, 98

Recorder A. Belcourt
5805 232W Unit 16. Twin Fawns

plotted in units in the am.
hung tarps
took out sod level and level 2 as the same
level - one 10cm level in quads
completed level 2 to 10cm
into level 3
level held some fragmented bone, and ID bone
had a couple flakes in it.
rich loamy humus moving into more of a sand
level 3 quite a bit more fragmented bone
and some ID bone including a distal phalanx
mandible condyle/process the dark soil moving
into the sand layer underneath, some calcine bone

Level 2 Munsell 10yr 2/1 Black
photo 98VW 6-11

June 30, 98

continuing on level 3
at about 14½cm hit sand, greybrown ~~[illegible]~~ in SW
quad more to the West - 2 rib handles, pot sherds
2nd phalanx, 3rd phalanx, metapodial, distal humerous
talus, silicified wood
~~[illegible]~~ (17-3-4 rim sherd)
2 rim sherds in unit 16.

root disturbance has lessened, smaller root lets throughout the unit
work with Karen in unit 16
pretty much through the ~~[illegible]~~ main ~~levels of~~ cultural levels
photo 98 BW6-23
sandloam 10yr 3/1
grey sand 10yr 6/3
feature appears to end in this unit

slow excavation (careful) with trowel and grapefruit knife
finished unit 16 ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ end of level 3 then moved to Jill's unit and helped excavate the SE quad.
~~[illegible]~~
it was very hot today.
had to screen slave afternoon the away

at the beginning was black soil change to greyish brown sand

[redacted].

July 1, 98

in the morning helped excavate ~~the~~ Unit 18
581S 231W in the SE quad, chalked full of fragmented bone, a # of potsherds see Jill's notes for list of artifacts
in the NW quad a large amount of ~~[illegible]~~ pot sherds found one section which could be pieced together & s-shaped profile ~~[illegible]~~ included top, rim, neck and part of the shoulder.
have not reached the sand layer yet

in the afternoon spent the day drawing the feature in the 3 units 16, 17, 18.
Unit 18 has the ~~[illegible]~~ highest amount of identifiable bone

Unit 10 581S 235W pit feature goes down to the water table down to just about 2 meters through a couple of different layers of clay back into sand

in unit 18 a number of pieces of fragmented bone, probably rib with notching on them, small pieces maybe a couple of cm's long and a half a cm wide

July 2, 98

finished drawing feature in ~~[illegible]~~ AM
then started to rain worked in lab
at the end of the day
found a bone awl and another possible worked bone
tool in the tray bag for Unit 16
in the tray bag for Unit 18 NW quad ~~b~~ found the
basal portion of plains side notched point and
a lot of pottery including 3 rim sherds, large
portions can be reconstructed

July 3, 98

counted and sorted bone trays all day
lab day

Rea - Vera July 6/98

- shovel shaved level 24 in 33.
- not much in the level. Few bits of kibble
- the N. wall in 32 collapsed and so before we could start we had to clean that up.
- I was screen bitch for awhile and had to learn how to fill out the forms. I apologise if I screwed up! :)
- I also helped Bev put up the tarp on large wooden beams. hopefully this will keep the rain out of the site.
- Lori and I did the profile of the S. walls of 33 and 32.
- 33 had a post hole mold and some disturbances.
- 32 had only some disturbances.
- The mosquitoes are fricken annoying and I want to deet the entire forest!
- I hope that I do not get poison Ivy. Who needs that w/ all of the mosquitoes bites.

- What do Eaton's and Michael Jackson have in common?
- They both have little boys pants half off.

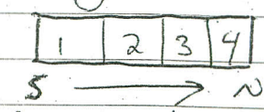
July 7, 1998
Twin Fawns

- Today I worked w/ Allen and we took the artifacts that had been provienced on Fri. off of units 16 & 17 from level 3.
- Found a retouched Plains side notched point in level 4, 47s 64w DBS 16.
- Joce found a pottery sherd at 60s 29w DBS 14
- lots and lots of bone flakes and a few lithic flakes found in screen for level 4.
- I shovel shaved the SW quad and the SE quad but used the trowel for the other 2 in unit 17 for level 4.
- We had some rain but all and all a nice day. Too many freaken bugs though. I think they are attracted rather than repelled by the bug dope.

July 8 /98

Flintstone

- Went to flintstone today
- Helped Scott put in datum pegs for units
- put 3 units in to the north that were 2m x 1m.
- put 1 unit in to the South because the far north had a sterile level of sand to a depth of about 1.2 m.
- at the south end the first cultural level is at about 30 cm.
- Steve and I made an executive desicion and decided to dig down to the larger 2nd layer that we could see in the cut bank not far from the unit.
- In doing so we descover that there were 2 distinct layers here and not just one.
- We stopped at the bottom of the 3rd and decided to find the first layer in the remaining units.



- In the first unit (#1) at level 3 Steve found a vertebrae. It unfortunately had serious shovel trauma.
- We screened all of the cultural levels through a ¼" screen.
- The stratigraphy is very clear. Steve and I

followed the natural levels rather than using arbitrary levels as it was easier to keep track of provience if we would have happened to have found anything."

- Steve and I ended the day by taking the sand off of the top of the first level so that tomorrow we will begin in cultural levels rather than in the sterile sand.

July 9
Flintstone

- started out in the morning finishing off the units in the trench w/ Steave.
- We stoped on top of level 3 in Unit #3 as the walls collapsed on us.
- the dark paleosol seems to continue from the S. units into the N. units.
- there are some very interesting strata in the wall though as paleosol #2 seems to dip and slope in Units 2 + 3.

- In the afternoon Tomasen and I put in 6 test pits along

Line #1. We started at 3 and completed 9.

- In 4 the black, sandy soil is very deep by the time we reached 9 it was only 20 cm deep.
- We broke the measure tape and paced out the 40 m.
- We followed the knoll about 20 m from it.
- We will continue to follow it tomorrow.
- We are on the edge of the field now so once we reach this we'll follow it.

- The mosquitoes are gigante-friken normos!!!!
- I had so much "Deet" on my skin felt like it was on fire and yet the little buggers (no pun intended) continued to bite.
- I'm going to tie a mosquito coil to the top of my head for tomorrow!

July 13/98 Flintstone

- Bev and I teamed up to do test pitting today along line 1 at Flintstone
- Leanne Walker and Tomasin Playford teamed up and we hopscotched through the woods.
- Those pits which are not marked here by me will be in Tomasin's notes

~~Bev~~ ~~Bev~~ Bev did most of the digging while I screened.
- Together the 4 of us completed 32 test pits.
- The last 4 were completed by Leanne and I while Tom and Bev went to look at the lay of the land.

- We used Yellow ribbon today instead of Red because we ran out.

- Leanne and I did ~~2~~ 1 test pits that ~~are~~ is called Line 15. ~~They are~~ It is pit 50.

July 13/98 5/16th ~~3/4~~ inch screen

TP 20
Bone Frag (1)
DBS-55
- Dark, sandy, soil (DBS 30)
- Light, sandy, soil (DBS 25)

TP 21
DBS-52
Light, sandy soil - 47DBS
Dark, sandy soil - on top of light
- Bone frag
- 2 FCR

Tp 23
DBS 50
- dark, sandy soil to the bottom
- sterile

Tp 26
DBS-52
- dark, sandy soil to the bottom
- sterile

TP 28
- sterile
- dark sandy soil
- DBS 50
- light sandy soil DBS 45

TP 30
- 1 bone Frag
- dark sandy soil
- DBS - 50 cm

TP 32
- 1 bone Frag
- dark sandy soil
- DBS - 50 cm

TP 34
- sterile
- dark sandy soil 31 DBS
- light sandy soil to bottom
- DBS - 50 cm

TP 35
- 1 bone frag
- DBS / 50 cm
- Dark sandy soil - Top to 25 DBS
- Light sandy soil - 25 DBS to bottom

TP 37
- DBS - 54 cm
- dark sandy soil Top to 42 cm
- light sandy soil 42 cm to bottom (52 cm)
- sterile

TP 40
- DBS - 50
- dark soil - clay like - to 42 cm
- light sandy soil from 42 → 50 cm
- bone frags

- TP 41
  DBS - 50
  28 - silty
- abundant bone frags

- TP 43
  DBS - 50 - dark soil - 40 cm

TP 45
- sterile
- DBS - 50 cm
- Dark soil - Top to 30 cm
- Light soil - 30 cm to bottom

TP. 46

- sterile
- DBS 59 cm
- Dark sandy soil - Top to 39 cm
- Light sandy soil - From 39 cm to bottom

TP 47
- sterile
- DBS - 60 cm
- Dark sandy soil - Top to 30 cm
- Light clay like soil w/ sand 30 cm to bottom

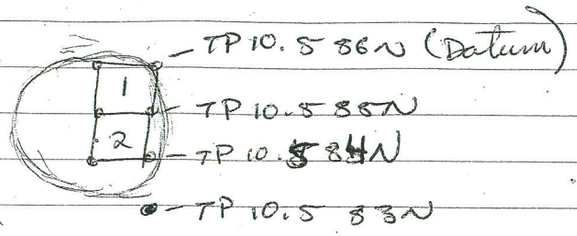
TP 48
- sterile
- DBS 60 cm
- dark soil - top to 27 cm
- 27 ↓ light sand

G.I.B.
TP 49
- BF
- DBS - 54
- sod 9 cm.
- lighter soil 9cm - 17cm.
- dark layer - 35 cm
- bottom light sand soil

TP 50 line 1 BS
- sterile
- BBS 53 cm
- dark soil 29 cm

July 14/98 Flintstone
FSH F1

TP 10.5 86N Unit 1 } NW Datums
TP 10.5 85N Unit 2 }



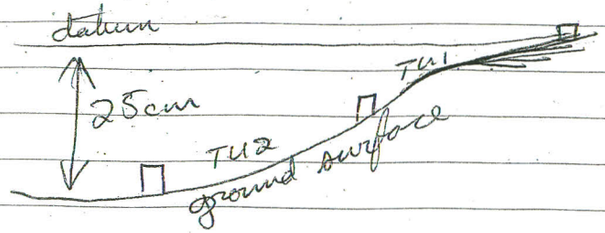
- Bev and Tomasin Triangulated TP 10.5 86N and TP 10.5 83N while Leanne and I cleared the site of trees, shrubs and deadfall.
- Once this was completed ~~Tom and I~~ Bev and Tom and I eyeballed in TP 10.5 85N + TP 10.5 84N as they could not be seen with the scope. They are beneath the surface level of ~~the~~ TP 10.5 86N and TP 10.5 83N.
- Tom and I triangulated in the units and we cleared off the units of ~~leaf~~ leaves and smaller sticks.
- I took some video tape of the pit feature and the meadow South of the pit.

- Bev took the levels down in 5 cm increments. Because of the unusual slope of the pit the first levels are quite small encompasing only the North half of the unit in ~~unit 1~~ unit 2.
- Unit 2 was not dug until level 7 as its depth was below the datum 25 cm.
- We are using TP 10.5 86N as our standard datum for the whole Test Unit (the 2 x 1m).

- In level 4 in unit 1 there was a large bone retrieved that had ~~tool~~ axe marks on it.
- There are numerous other smaller bone frags recovered from the unit.

- The pit may have been lined w/ logs
- This has not been determined to be so but it has been speculated.

- Leanne and I have been doing the screening. We are using the 5/16th mesh



- the soil is very rich
- there are some clay deposits in some of the
- there is a good deal of "spoil" soil on top. this is soil that has been removed from the pit when it was first dug and thrown on top.

Flintstone F1 July 16/98

- Leanne Walker
- Denise Eus
- Rea Robitaille
- Jace Moon

} People at the Feature

- Denise came out w/ us to see the stratigraphy.
- What appears to have happened is that there were 2 incidences where the pit was dug out.
- there is a small layer of evaporite.
- Gary ("the American") says that this is like a sudo evaporite layer.
- He says that it is caused by vegitation sucking up nutrients and loosing them.
- there are 2 post mold type features in unit 1.
- Bev doesn't think these are post molds but I believe that they could very well be.
- They seem to be in coordination w/ the first incident when the hole was dug.

- In level 27? the post hole ended.

July 17/98

- completed units down to top of level 30 (150 cm).
- took photos.
- N. wall photo may need to be retaken as I goofed w/ the trowel pointing W. rather than east.
- the S and E wall of Unit 2 need to be taken yet.

- Leanne and I profiled the south and east walls of Unit 2.

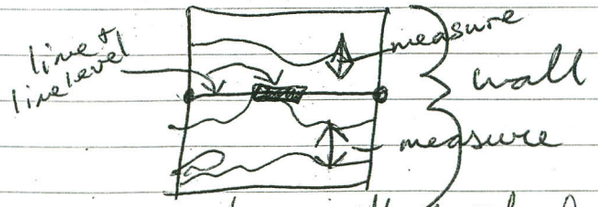
July 20/98

Jane Moon
Rea Pasterkoski

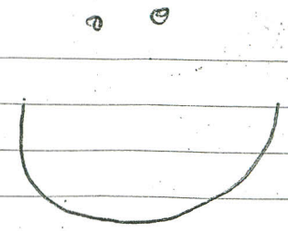
FS# F1

- Jane dug down 20 cm in both units.
- Then we began to profile.
- We completed the West walls of Unit 1 and 2.
- We have the N. wall of Unit 1 and the West wall of the same ~~S~~ unit.

- I have use a method different than usual for profiling because the lines are not level between the survey stakes.
- I ~~then~~ simply choose a point on the wall and string a line level across it. Then from this I measure from the line up to the top and then to the bottom to get ~~the~~ all strata layers.



- In using this method it decreases the level of mistakes.



- Tomasin and Lori continued the unit on "Wilma" that Jace and Tom had started.
- They found what they called "the giant beaver". But when I went and looked at it, it was not so giant. :) much to Tomasin's dismay.

July 21/98

- Jace and I finished ~~[illegible]~~ the ~~down Units 1 + 2 another 4 levels~~ profiles that we had yet to do.
- We came up w/ a great system that was fast and effective.
- Once completed ~~the~~ we walked over to Flinstone Proper and assisted Tomasin in shooting in Units 4, 5, + 6 on "Fred".
- Lori, Tom, Jace and I began to dig down in Units 4 + 5.
- We went through the first cultural layers (humus sod and A_1 + A_2) then we simply chunked out the large sterile layer of sand down to the A_3 horizon.

July 22/98

- Today Jace and I continued to dig
- We found a retouched flake.
- The media was here snooping about.
- We dug down to top of FCR cluster.

July 23/98

- Provienced in ECR, lithic flake, and tool before we began to dig again.
- Katherine and I dug while Jace screened.
- We continued to dig until it got to hot and then we went home
- We reached the top of 28.
- By 28 we were only getting a few small flakes.

- Tom took a picture of the unit that we provienced. (Unit 5 level 26(3))

July 24/98

- Today Jace and I finished off both Units 4+5.
- We dug them down to level 30
- We profiled the North walls of 4+5 before coffee.
- after coffee we got caught up on our books.

July 27/98

= Well we are done at Flintstone. Tomasin and I went back to test Units 1+2 at Feature 1 and she photographed them (the walls) again because of difficulties that she had before w/ a previous camera.
- Once completed Tomasin, Chris Hamilton and I filled them in.
- We lined the bottom w/ plastic first.
Then we went back to the Flintstone proper and filled in the test pits & trench that Steave and I had dug when I first started at Flintstone.
- Tom and I then waited for Scott and Chris on "Drummonds bridge" as they took the boat down the river so it could easily be removed.
- We had time left so we came back to the lab and I counted bone bags, Tom washed artifacts, Chris hosed out the boat and Scott added things to his computer program of the Flintstone Site.

July 28/98

It was a cool and muggy morning. The crew was slowly lumbering into the Quonset. A few had already begun to partake in the daily ritual of shoveling down cheerios and bran flakes when I had arrived. I sat next to the fab warden who proceeded to lecture me on the art of writing detailed notes. As usual I tuned her out and began concentrating on the small raisins in my cereal.

Once the dishes were washed and the lunches were made we all piled into the magic bus and it began to roll. A rousing rendition of Proud Mary filled the air of the bus as all those within its confines began to sing. The bus turned off of the paved roads onto the graveled road and the mad woman driving the magic bus began to practice her skills she honed while on the Irish Solomn ski team. The bus weaved and bobbed off the road and on the road through the ditches around the bails of hay placed innocently on the edge of the road with fear in our hearts we pretended to cheer for fear that if we did not our lives may be in danger for lack of support.

July 30/98

1, 2 skip a few... oops

- So I missed a couple of days. I was going to lie and write a few notes for each of the days that I missed but I figured that I probably would write better notes if I just wrote notes for today.

- O.K. so "the scarey thing is" I don't have much to say about today.
- Tom and I started 44 and 45. We dug levels 13, 14, 15, + 16. Not much out of these levels.
- Some teeth and mandible in unit 44? or 45. They were tinfoiled.

- Then we dug units 42 + 43 levels @ 17, + 15?
- Only a couple of flakes came out of here
- a big FCR came out of 43.

Aug 7/98

The last couple of days I have been screen bitch.
- I missed Wed out in the field due to a night of reveling in the wonders of Cornucopious amounts of alcohol. I worked in the lab and washed artifacts
- Thursday we went out and back-filled the 3 units that were separate from the B main bulk of Vera.
- We then came back and washed more artifacts.
- We finished all of the washing

- Today a small group of us went out and cleaned up the tarps and tools from Vera. (Jake, Kurt, Lori, Jenn, Denise)
- We came back, while Denise and Jenn stayed to do the profiling
- We cleaned and packed up most of the big stuff in the lab and moved a good portion of the stuff over to the new building.

Everything is packed and ready to go. Its kinda sad to think that the job is done. Great summer!! I had a tonne of fun. Hope to come back.

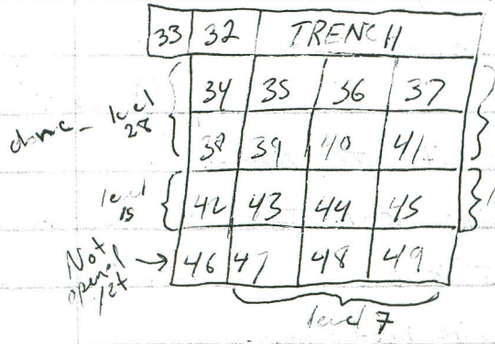
July 30/98

Well, there seems to be quite the jump in dates between the last page and this one. That is because I have been in the lab with Leanne working on cataloguing Twin Fawns. This morning however, I am at VERA with the crowd doing alot of nothing. Too many people here is my qualm, but I am a small man in a large world. I started off screening for Tom in XU45 then moved on to digging XU48 (3965/526W) Oh how the lab calls me!! There is little confusion there and I can get work done. Anyhow, I've finished off level 5 of XU48 and found a few pieces of pottery. Don't ask me what quad it was found in because there was a mixup of buckets (what a surprise!!) and I'm not even sure (damn pen!) what quad or even if it came from my unit. The photo was 98BW20-03 and Munsell said: 10YR 2/1 - ~~black~~ black for the soil of my floor. Now I screen for whoever needs me. and will attempt to ~~get~~ write better notes.

In a vain attempt to remember what I just did I write these notes. I first screened for Steve and Kirt who are in XU49 and XU48 and then I moved on to digging in XU43 level 15 (thanx to Jen who just answered me!). There were small bits of bone and a few flakes found. Munsell said: 10YR

OK FORGET IT!! The sheets have gone missing and I can't find them anywhere. Sorry!

I know my photo # was 98 BW20-12 And that's about all I can say. Now I am waiting the endless wait for photographs to be taken. Oh how I wish I was in the lab!!



A doodle of Vera

finishing off another level in XU43 (making it 16) there is nothing really to report Nothing found except 2 flakes. Now I'm on to XU44 Finishing off Level 17 (80-85 cm) there is again not too much to say. Major lithics in SEQ (only Flakes though) There is some FCR showing up and some that will be found next level. Scott is here because Jen found some nice wood in XU47 level 7 (30-35 cm) with a round nail coming out of one end. Now Scott is fixing the sagging line. I think we have lost about 1 cm+ so now it is being corrected. We are all winding down because it is 20 after 3. I don't exactly know if we'll get much more done for today.