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Firstly, I feel I have learned more about lithic technology from this one "practical" course than I could have from any number of lecture courses. I feel that one cannot truly appreciate what is being discussed without having tried it first. I have had such straight lecture courses before and so I believe my assessment is accurate.

I feel that the best situation for learning flintknapping is a one-on-one situation, so I feel that I have not learned as much as if I alone spent the last 5 days with Don. However, I have learned an incredible amount and I feel that my slower rate of learning has been more than made up for by the large number of persons who have been able to learn in the present situation. My experiences this week have convinced me that it is very important to impart the basic fundamentals of flintworking to as many archaeologists as possible if they are to be able to correctly analyze prehistoric lithic technologies. This course and its set up-- including the use of close-up video tape for such a large group--is a good vehicle to accomplish this.

I am also very much in favour of the intensive nature of the course--one doesn't forget the problems of the first two hours only to come upon them again two weeks later. The uninterrupted nature of the course allows one to continue to work on problems until they are solved.

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