

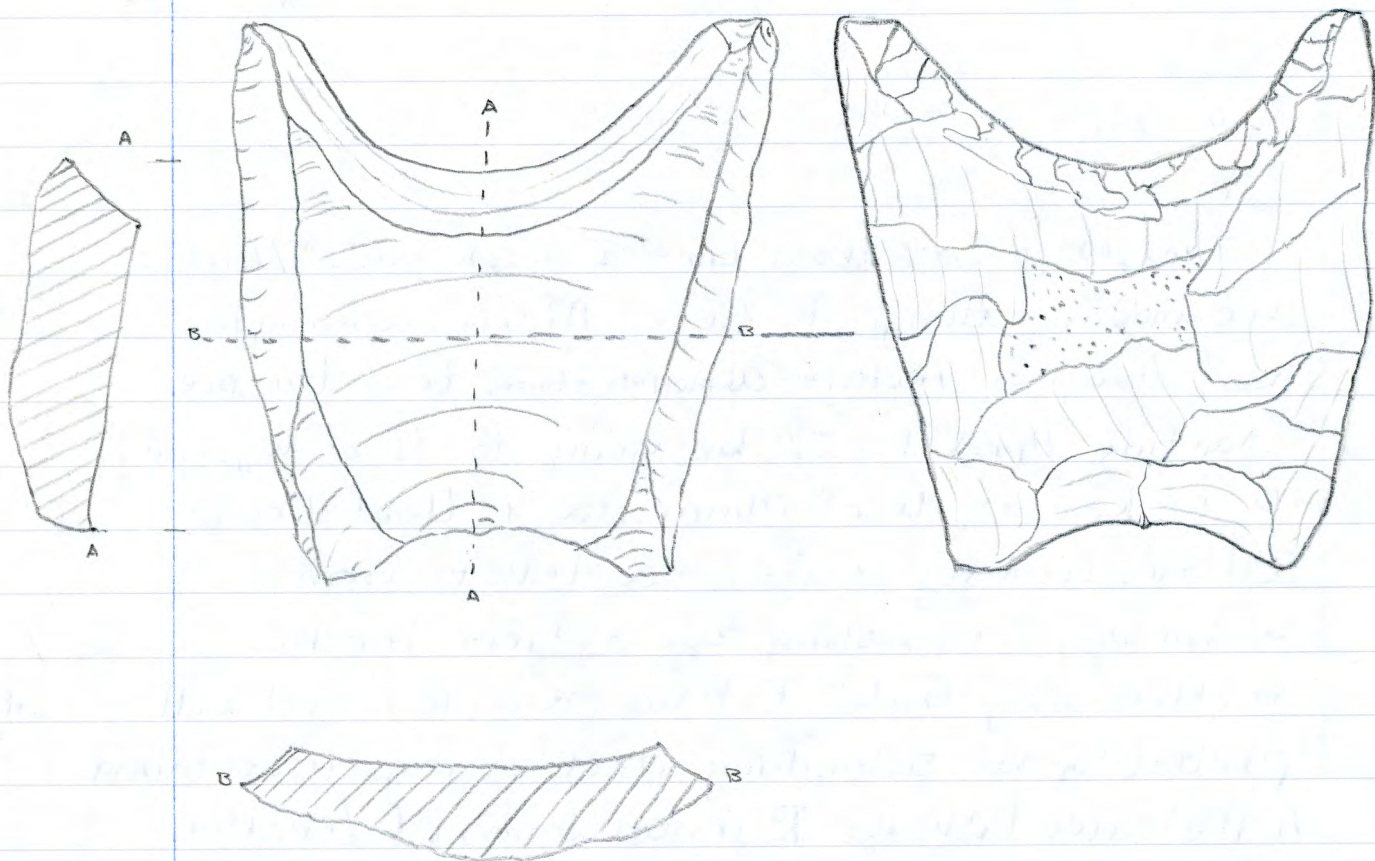
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H. Don,

Thought it was about time I wrote you. Things are moving along ok here. Marie Wormington has set up a lecture-demonstration tour for me starting April 1. I'll be going to U. of Wyoming, U. of Kansas, U. of Minnesota & U. of Iowa. I have recently received a letter from Ed Wilmsen requesting an article for his forthcoming book. I have accepted and will probably be submitting part of my dissertation. A tentative title is: Reconstruction of levallois reduction sequences: A replicative approach. I'll deal with levallois flakes (tortoise core sequence), Levallois blades, Levallois points, and other specialized levallois techniques (sequences)

Looking through the collections at the Museum here I have run across a highly specialized and sophisticated Levallois product. They are from Egypt and come from surface sites around thebes, so they can be of any date. There is a sketch of one on the other side. They are very standardized.





The above is a schematic sketch. These cores demonstrate the preparation techniques typical of Levallois (platform & surface), with a couple of innovations. Unfortunately there aren't any of the flakes, which would be easily recognizable. Fascinating!

I would like to know what you are going to write about so that we don't cover the same ground and that our basic terminology is consistent.

I've ~~be~~ been out to Brandon several



times to collect flint and still haven't been able to see any knapping (tho I got some great massive chunks of black flint.) I'm enclosing a copy of an article that I found in a book. It has some very good observations and historical information. I have had a hammer made from a standard 2 lb. steel hammer. I've had very good success with it on the Brandon flint. It took a bit of experimentation but I can now produce very consistent blades with it. I haven't yet tried it on obsidian but hope to this summer. We should try and get together sometime and catch up on new developments. I'll be in Colorado from about 1 July. Can you and Evelyn come down for a while in August? Always happy to have you down.

It's fairly certain that I'll be spending next year at S.M.U. which I'm looking forward to.

If there's anything I can do for you here don't hesitate to ask. Will you be at the Chicago congress in Sept.? Hope to see you in the near future.

Best wishes always,

Bruce