Hippos (Sussita) Excavations 2007 – 8th Season Daily Log + Drawing

Date:	16 July 07	Area:	NEC	Manager:	Schuler	

Squares	A3	D5	E7				
Loci	L1226	L1205	L548				
Baskets	2170	2168	2169				
Walls	W512, W1221, W1230, W1231, W1236						
Floors							

- Continued conservation work on the nave.
 - o Repair and drawing continue.
- Continued work in D5
 - Starting elevation = top of door jam east = 131.996; top of door jam west =
 131.995
 - o Ending elevation = 130.670
 - Soil is horizon A/B.
 - Continued removing north balk and exposing top and north of W1231. At this
 point the doorway in W1231 does not appear to be blocked.
 - o In the southwest corner of the room, a plaster dump was removed.
 - At the level of the mud plaster floor, there was much broken pottery (both coarse and fine wares near the south wall.
 - Most leveling of the room is complete.
- Continued work on Square A3
 - Starting elevation = average level street area = 132.304; average level south
 of W1236 = 132.405; average level north of W1236 = 132.297
 - Ending elevation = street area = 132.007
 - o Soil is Horizon B.
 - Lowered the area of the square on line with Cardo 3N. Soil is horizon B with much gravel intermixed.
 - A hand mill was used secondarily to construct part of W1230.
 - A single door jamb in W1230 was revealed at the south end of the square.
 We assume the wall continues south in A4 on a line with W1221

- The north end of the wall (W1230) at this level proceeds to the east end of the apse (W502).
- A section of W512 was robbed out for at least two courses next to the apse wall.
- As a consequence of getting to this level in the "street area," the putative east/west wall in the south part of the square seems unlikely. Stones will be removed tomorrow.

Continued work in E7.

- o Removed about 1.5 m of fill from the road.
- Excellent wall identification continues on the west side of the street, in some places as high as four courses. Most wall pieces seem to be ashlars.
- On the east side the walls are collapsed or tilting toward the street. Stones are less formed and so wall definition is less precise.

Observations

Daily Drawing

