

MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary Sheet



Report No. 46

Date of Survey: 5/28/2014 thru 5/29/2014

Site Name: Munn Field Northwest

Principal Investigator: Kate Frederick

Physical Plant Project Name: Munn Field Javelin Pad

Project Justification: A new Javelin pad was being placed in the northwest quarter of Munn Field. Though nothing was in danger of being destroyed, surveying while the field was being stripped allows for data collection.



Location: Northwest quarter of Munn Field

Campus Zone: West

Survey Type: Shovel Testing

Methodology: 18 shovel tests were excavated in total. A shovel test pit was placed every 10m along a north-south survey transect.

Summary/Conclusions: Decades of tailgating created an extremely compact soil matrix, making it difficult to shovel test deeply. Only a few artifacts were discovered (nails, glass, pull tabs) in the majority of the STPs. A feature was located in STP 6-3-2 that contained several bundles of metal wire. The STP was expanded to a 1mx50cm unit. In addition to the wire bundles the pit contained 5 horseshoes, a graphing compass, a Benzedrine container, and several other artifacts. This feature looked to be a trash pit, very small in area, no artifacts were found around it.

Recommendations and Priority: This area has been heavily disturbed, though the discovery of the feature indicates more in-situ archaeology could be discovered. Area should be surveyed and monitored in the future.