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The stela is in the collection of the Hudson Museum, University of Maine, Orono, Maine (HM 611, year of acquisition 1982, given to the museum by William P. Palmer). The text opens at A1-B1 with the Calendar Round date 10 Ajaw 8 Yaxk'in, which can be correlated with the Long Count 9.12.0.0.0, 10 Ajaw 8 Yaxk'in (June 28, A.D. 672; Julian, corr. 584,285). After the Calendar Round date, at A2-B2 the statement /u-k'al-tun/ "(it is) the stone-binding" can be found recorded, followed by name (?? K'awil) and titles (possibly including an Emblem Glyph at A4 and the title /ba[h]kab/ at B4). At A5 the statement /u-12-winikhab/ can be found, confirming that the Calendar Round date at A1-B1 indeed refers to 9.12.0.0.0, the completion of the 12th k'atun period. Insufficient detail is visible in the photograph to provide a good analysis of the remainder of the text (A6: /u-bah/).

At E1-E2 the Calendar Round date 3 Manik' 0 Pop can be found, followed by the Distance Number 9.8.13. This Distance Number connects the two Calendar Rounds: from 9.11.10.9.7, 3 Manik' 0 Pop it takes a Distance Number of 9.8.13 to reach 9.12.0.0.0, 10 Ajaw 8 Yaxk'in.

The monument can be found discussed (with epigraphic analysis by Nikolai Grube) and illustrated as Catalog No. 18 in:

Mayer, Karl-Herbert

1996 Maya Monuments: Sculptures of Unknown Provenance, Supplement 4.

Graz, Austria: Academic Publishers.

Pp. 35-36, Plates 154-157

The Calendar Round date 3 Manik' 0 Pop is most interesting as it is only one of a few examples in which a possible Classic "year-bearer"

date is recorded, unfortunately there is no record of what happened on this particular "year-bearer" date on this monument. The "year-bearer"

or New Year's day of the Maya calendar fell on 0 Pop (in the Classic period), which makes the days Ik', Manik', Eb, and Kaban the "year-bearer days".

Other rare instances of 0 Pop dates can be found at Copan (Altar U: 3 Kaban 0 Pop), Naranjo (Stela 18: 1 Ik' 0 Pop), Tikal (Temple IV, Lintel 2: 6 Eb 0 Pop), and Yaxchilan (Lintel 26: 12 Eb 0 Pop). David Stuart (2005, "New Year Records in Classic Maya Inscriptions", *The PARI Journal*, 5 [2]: 1-6) recently presented a short study of three of these "year-bearer" dates and associated events. The "year-bearer days" (but without 0 Pop) are also recorded within visual narratives at Pomona (Panel 1: 4 Ik', *4 Kaban), Rio Azul (Tomb 2: 3 Ik', 4 Kaban), and San Bartolo (West Wall: 3 Ik'). As Karl Taube has noted (in Stuart 2005: 6), the narrative at San Bartolo not only contains the date but also offerings similar to the ones contained in the ceremonies depicted on the "year-bearer" pages in the Maya codices (Dresden, Paris), an indication that "year-bearer" ceremonies have a deep ancestry in the Maya area.