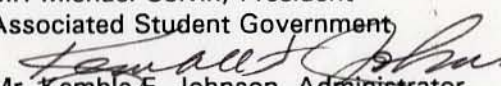




February 18, 1991

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mr. Michael Colvin, President  
Associated Student Government

**FROM:**   
Mr. Kemble F. Johnson, Administrator  
Physical Plant and Facilities Management

**SUBJECT:** Improvements to Detrex Field  
Resolution 91-7-S

This is to respond to your memo asking for information on what it would take to make the Detrex field a more satisfactory recreational facility. The cost would depend upon several factors. Some of these are:

1. How many level playing fields would be needed and what size? Where would they be?
2. How many and what kinds of fields would need lights?
3. What level of lighting would be needed?
4. How elaborate would the restrooms and storage building need to be? Location?
5. Would the moving of the baseball field be part of the project?
6. Would there be bleachers? How many?
7. How large would the parking area need to be? Gravel I assume?
8. Would new access drives need to be built?
9. Would we need space and facilities to sell concessions?
10. Would fences be required anywhere? Gates to control access?

These and other questions would need to be answered before accurate estimates could be made.

The first step would be to get an engineering firm to provide a topographical map of the land, showing the elevations and contours, plus some core drilling data to determine depth to rock. This information would help determine the best location for fields of various sizes. It would help locate the fields so as to minimize the blasting of rock and the filling with soil to get level areas of the proper size.

The field has already been leveled to some extent, years ago, by bulldozers. Any further grading in depth probably would hit rock at a very shallow depth. It is my opinion that we could fill the low areas cheaper than we could blast and remove rock from the high areas.

The minimum amount needed to get 2-3 playing fields, flag football size, which might be multi-purpose with lights, restrooms, storage and a larger gravel area for parking would be in the neighborhood of \$350,000 to \$500,000. This might include a couple of softball fields at locations requiring minimum fill dirt.

If the baseball field were to be moved in conjunction with the renovation of the other space on the Detrex field, you should add about another \$500,000, in my estimation. That would then make some valuable space available on campus for recreational use.

I realize that I've raised more questions than I've answered but maybe the information provided will be helpful.

Keep up your good work in ASG and as a Student Regent. I enjoy working with you.

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FROM: *Debby Cherwak* Debby Cherwak, Director  
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SUBJECT: Improvements to Detrex Field  
Resolution 91-7-S

DATE: March 5, 1991

In response to your Student Government resolution, "For the University to overhaul Detrex Field for intramural use" (91-7-S), and whereas it is stated in Western XXI that we need to improve intramurals on this campus, I strongly concur with your proposal, in that the University make a major financial commitment for these improvements.

With the opening of the new Raymond B. Preston Health and Activities Center slated for May 1992, it would be most advantageous now, for this university to make a total commitment to the health and recreational concept. Offering an outdoor area that can accommodate the needs of all faculty, staff and students that want to participate in outdoor recreational activities is in Western's master plan. Why not do it now?

DC/gj