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To: Campus Community

From: Russell K. Osgood

Re: *Facilities Update*

This is a regular update of our campus projects and planning. I welcome comments or suggestions.

I. *Athletics and Fitness Center Phase II*

The excavation of the sites of the natatorium and the field house and construction of the underground link connecting the pool building to phase I are nearing completion. The installation of the 133-well geothermal field is also nearing completion and the foundations for the natatorium have been poured. We expect this project to be completed in the summer of 2010.

II. *Robert N. Noyce '49 Science Center*

The dedication of this academic facility occurred on October 4. I thank all of you who contributed to these events or attended.

III. *Nollen House*

The project to make Nollen House fully accessible began in September. Construction is expected to last until summer 2009. Meantime the Dean, Associate Deans and grant writers are relocated to 1102 Broad Street. I am hanging on in my office in Nollen House and everyone else has decamped to the trailer directly behind the Career Development Office Building.

IV. *Campus Plan Update*

The Board of Trustees has approved undertaking a focused update to portions of the 2000 campus plan. Beginning with a classroom utilization study and a discussion of teaching methods and needs, the update will focus on some of our older teaching spaces, the needs of Humanities and Social Studies faculty and Burling Library. The study will also consider accessibility issues, the preschool/lab and Grinnell House.

V. *8th Avenue*

This municipal project to rebuild the street includes features intended to improve safety and is well along. The railroad company has installed a new (and we hope less difficult) crossing. The city hopes to open 8th Ave. at some time in November.

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