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## **Memo from the President**

### GOVERNOR APPROVES DESIGN AND PLANNING MONIES FOR UNI'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION FACILITY

On Friday, September 5, Governor James R. Thompson approved \$880,000 for the design and planning of Northeastern's new multi-purpose physical education facility. Funds for the planning process were appropriated from the 1981 Capital Development Budget.

Thompson used his reduction veto powers to eliminate \$7.5 million in construction monies for the facility. In his message, Thompson said he intended to provide the construction funds for the physical education facility within the higher education capital budget for FY82. It is anticipated that the planning phase will be completed for the bidding process when these funds become available. The building should be ready for occupancy approximately 18 months after the start of construction.

Our new facility will be constructed at the northern end of the new recreational fields. The 69,065 square foot facility will include both a main and an auxiliary gymnasium, a swimming pool, wrestling and gymnastics facilities, and six courts for handball, squash, racquetball, and paddle ball. The facility will also include a first aid and training room and an expanded Human Performance Laboratory. Space will also be provided for classrooms, offices, locker rooms, and showers.

The Board of Governors and we at Northeastern are appreciative of the continued interest and support that Governor Thompson has given to our new multi-purpose physical education facility. We are especially grateful to State Senator Howard W. Carroll and State Representative Peter P. Peters who have both worked tirelessly to make this facility a reality.