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COMPUTER ENGINEERING FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN NETS HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Duluth -- The University of Minnesota, Duluth (UMD) Department of Computer Engineering has met its legislative challenge.

The department, established just this past September in the new College of Science and Engineering (CSE), was issued a challenge by the state legislature: If the department could raise up to \$200,000 in donations from private industry before July 1, 1985, the legislature would match those funds.

The department met that challenge and more: in nine months, it raised more than \$300,000. With the \$200,000 matching funds pledged by the legislature, the total outside support gained for the University's new engineering program is over a half million dollars.

"It took a lot of team effort, including that of CSE Dean George (Rip) Rapp and others," says James Tseng, head of the computer engineering department and the driving force behind the donation campaign. "But the equipment grants that we have received over the past nine months will allow us to prepare our students for quick entry into jobs that demand familiarity with current state-of-the-art electronic devices."

The latest equipment donation to arrive at the department is \$25,000

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worth of state-of-the-art electronic test equipment from the John Fluke Manufacturing Company.

The equipment was presented to Tseng by Fluke's senior sales engineer John J. Viveiros.

The John Fluke Company, headquartered in Everett, Washington but with offices world-wide, believes in providing universities with the latest technology, Viveiros says. The equipment donated to UMD is all up-to-the minute, with some items on the market for less than a year.

The company is a strong supporter of engineering education, Tseng points out.

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