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DULUTH--Mrs. Alice Tweed Tuohy, formerly of Duluth, Thursday night received the first University of Minnesota Regents Award ever presented to a woman.

The award and medal were presented in the beautiful Tweed Gallery on the new UMD campus (University of Minnesota, Duluth.) by University Regent Richard L. Griggs, Duluth, before 200 friends and gallery patrons.

The Regents Award cited Mrs. Tuohy "as a benefactor (who) has given to the people of her city of Duluth, and of her state, an incomparable legacy of art for ages yet to come." The award further detailed Mrs. Tuohy's cultural contributions . . . "in the creation and maintenance of the George P. Tweed Memorial Art Collection as a living memorial to her late husband; in the bestowal of her own home to the University; in her contribution toward the building of the Tweed Gallery as a vital new center for the arts."

Earlier in the evening, at a dinner in Mrs. Tuohy's honor at the Kitchi Gammi Club in Duluth, Malcolm M. Willey, vice president of academic administration, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus, paid tribute to the contributions made to the cultural and academic life of UMD and the community by Mrs. Tuohy and by her daughter, Mrs. Bernice Tweed Brickson, Duluth.

Willey noted that within the past year, Mrs. Tuohy and her brother, Howard W. Lyon, Miami, Florida, had made grants to UMD for art scholarships and purchase prize awards.

Willey said the Regents Award had been given only eight times before, that Mrs. Tuohy was the first woman to receive such an honor and thus joined what Willey called "distinguished and select company." Vice President Willey further noted that Dr. Edward L. Tuohy, himself, had been honored in the past with the University's Outstanding Achievement Award, which is given to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their work. Dr. and Mrs. Tuohy now live in Santa Barbara, California.

Mrs. Tuohy expressed delight with the award and paid tribute to the staff of Tweed Gallery and UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland for the great progress made since the new gallery was opened two years ago . . . the numerous exhibitions, the fine children's program and the recent work with the Duluth Junior League. Mrs. Tuohy expressed hope the gallery "will continue to grow and become a community center of cultural activities."

Provost Darland presented her with a bouquet of roses which he said was a symbol of friendship from the University family and all of her community friends.

Special out of town guests and friends of Mrs. Tuohy who attended the Thursday night dinner and gallery reception were Harry Simonite, Coral Gables, Florida; Mrs. George Dolan, St. Paul; Mrs. Herman Bruncheon, St. Paul; Mrs. H. Monical, West Concord, Minnesota; and Mrs. Charles Stevens, Santa Barbara, California.

Following the award ceremonies at Tweed Gallery, guests viewed a showing of 67 of the 450 paintings in the George P. Tweed Memorial Art Collection.