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DULUTH -- A giant crane on loan from Hedenberg Construction Co. lifted the eight light poles into place Wednesday morning (Nov. 2) that will illuminate UMD's Griggs Field.

The lights -- a further result of the UMD Alumni Association's Stadium Fund drive capped by Richard L. Griggs' \$50,000 contribution -- will be used for the first time Saturday (Nov. 5) when the UMD Bulldogs meet Macalester at 7:30 p.m. in football.

It took workmen only 4 1/2 hours to raise the poles and securely bolt them to their concrete bases. The crane was moved from the other end of the campus where it is being used in construction of the Life Science building.

Mathew Pearson, UMD's chief electrician, said they planned to turn the lights on for the first time Thursday night when the entire electrical system would be tyed together.

Then Commercial Electric, the electrical contractor, will spend the rest of the week sighting in the system to make sure the lighting of the field is even.

The lights are the mercury vapor type. Two 90-foot poles--the tallest ones--are situated behind the stands along the north sidelines and hold 12 lamps each. The six other poles are 70-feet high and hold from six to eight lamps each.