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This \$7 million gift comes on the eve of the first anniversary of UNH's five-year capital campaign to raise \$100 million. This latest gift brings the total amount raised within the first year to more than \$65 million. The Next Horizon is the largest public capital campaign in the state's history. For further comment, contact Young Dawkins, president of the UNH Foundation, at 862-1627.

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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire has received a \$7-million gift to create the Hamel Center for the Management of Technology and Innovation, according to Young P. Dawkins III, president of the UNH Foundation. The center's purpose is to: (1) establish UNH as a leader in providing integrated interdisciplinary management and technology programs for students and professionals, and (2) graduate leaders who understand both management and technology, and who can effectively integrate technology into new and existing organizations and businesses.

"This gift is vitally important for the University of New Hampshire," says UNH President Joan R. Leitzel. "It puts our business and technology programs in the forefront of business schools seeking to support management of new and emerging technologies."

The gift from Dana A. and Kathryn P. Hamel is an investment in the future of the state of New Hampshire. "Enlightened management of New Hampshire's technological resources is critical to its future prosperity," says Dana Hamel. "UNH graduates make major contributions to the state of New Hampshire and the nation. This new center will provide the opportunity for UNH students and professionals to learn the new skills that today's modern economy demands of its business leaders in a world of rapidly changing technology and innovation."

The center will be anchored in the university's Whittemore School of Business and Economics. Steve Bolander, dean of the Whittemore School, notes that the center will "create a leadership position for UNH in this field."

He adds that the center will support a proposed interdisciplinary Masters of Science in Management and Technology degree. The gift also will fund three term professorships in the Whittemore School, the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences and the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture.

In addition, an Executive-in-Residence Program will be developed, as well as an Entrepreneurial Management Laboratory. The gift also will fund a partnership with the Franklin Pierce Law Center to provide students and business leaders with a strong working knowledge of intellectual property matters.

According to Dawkins, the Hamel gift boosts gifts and pledges to more than \$65 million in the University of New Hampshire's \$100-million capital campaign, *The Next Horizon*. The fundraising effort is scheduled to run through June, 2004.

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