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DULUTH -- The UMD Debate Team, made up of Duluth Sophomores Fred Friedman and Jeff Latts, will compete in the Purdue University Invitational Collegiate Debate Tournament at Lafayette, Ind. Friday and Saturday (Nov. 11-12).

They will be accompanied by Jackson Huntley, instructor in speech and director of UMD forensics.

The two young men must survive four elimination rounds on Friday to qualify for the final rounds on Saturday. They will be pitted against other college students representing the top debating schools in the country in considering the national resolution: "Resolved: That the U.S. Should Substantially Reduce Its Foreign Policy Commitments."

This is the resolution that all universities and colleges debate during the entire year. It is established through a vote of member schools in Pi Kappa Delta honorary forensics fraternity.

Friedman is a pre-law student and Latts is in the pre-medicine program. They have competed in two other debate tournaments prior to the Lafayette trip; placing second at Hamline University and reaching the quarterfinals at the University of South Dakota.

Friedman was a finalist in the extemporaneous speaking section at the South Dakota debate. Both students are in their second year as varsity debaters.