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Duluth--- Fifty teams from five Midwest states are expected to participate in the UMD Invitational High School Debate Tournament Dec. 2-3, the largest such event ever held on the Duluth campus.

The tournament will be sponsored by the Duluth Herald-News Tribune, it was announced today by Jackson Huntley, UMD instructor in speech and tournament director.

More than 150 invitations have gone out to high schools in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, North and South Dakota to send their top debaters to the UMD tournament.

"We are very happy that the Duluth newspapers will sponsor this expanded tournament which will bring to UMD some of the most talented high school students in the five-state region," UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland said today. "The competitions will, I am sure, create great interest within the community and will give us an opportunity to call to the attention of our visitors the dynamic developments at UMD, in the city of Duluth and Northeastern Minnesota."

The competitors will be divided into an "A" division for experienced debaters and a "B" division for beginners. The teams will debate the topic: "Resolved: That the foreign aid program of the U.S. should be limited to non-totalitarian countries."

Permanent trophies will be given to the top three winners in each division and a traveling trophy in each division for the first place winners. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be given to each member of the first, second and third place teams. Certificates will be presented to all debaters who get a "superior" rating.

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"Because of the sponsorship of the Duluth Herald-News Tribune, we are able to increase our invitations to regional schools, to extend the tournament to two days, and to present additional trophies and awards," Huntley declared. "We are most grateful for this help which will make this one of the top high school tournaments in the nation."

The competitions will be put on by the UMD chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national honor fraternity in speech. Alpha Nu Omega, UMD social fraternity, will furnish guides for the two-day event.