



IT LOOKS serious but Wayne State debaters Doug Frost, of Oak Park, and Connie Drake, of Burlington, Kan., are just warming up for the big tourney.

Word and Wit



HOPING for luck, Wayne debater Sandy Purnell, of East Detroit, embraces tourney trophies.

SILVER-TONGUED rhetoric and, hopefully, flawless reason will abound in Detroit and its suburbs Monday and Tuesday as some of the country's leading collegiate debaters match words and wits in the nation's only audience debate tournament.

Teams from 15 major colleges and universities—including Notre Dame, Penn State, Purdue and West Point—will vie in the seventh annual "Debate Days in Detroit." The debaters will appear before 56 audiences all over the metropolitan area—at high schools, colleges and service club luncheons. The audiences, plus a critic judge, will pick the winners of each debate.

The tourney is sponsored by Wayne State University's department of speech in cooperation with The Detroit News, which will award trophies to the four top teams.