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KHOURY GIVES NAMING GIFT HONORING MOTHER

Tawfiq N. Khoury, USD trustee and chairman of Pacific Scene, and his wife Richel, today made a donation of \$100,000 to name a room in the proposed University Center in honor of his mother, Margarita N. Khoury. It is the first room to be named in the soon to be built 70,000-square-foot student and faculty center. Groundbreaking is projected for summer of 1985 on the \$9 million project.

In making the gift, Khoury said his mother continually emphasized the importance of education to her children when they were young. Naming a room for her will serve as a lasting tribute to her belief, he said.

"My mother has always had a very strong belief in education, and motivated us very strongly to learn to read and to think," Khoury said. "She also has great religious faith. USD combines both matters that mean a great deal to her."

Mrs. Khoury, 75, is a native of Cuba. She formerly lived in Palestine with her husband and four children.

Her husband owned a cigarette manufacturing company and a bus company in Palestine. The family lost everything in 1948 during the conflicts in the area. Shortly after she was widowed, Mrs. Khoury managed to get herself and her children to Cuba. From there, they immigrated to Flint, Michigan. Mrs. Khoury worked for a number of years at the University of Michigan as a sorority house mother.

In 1969, Khoury and his wife settled in San Diego. His mother soon joined them. Margarita Khoury is an active member of St. Vincent's parish.

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