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THE PHILIP Y. HAHN SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

IMMEDIATE RELEASE - March 20, 1974

San Diego, California

Dr. Author E. Hughes today announced that through the generosity of a friend of the University of San Diego, the 1974-1975 academic year will see the inauguration of the Philip (cq) Y. Hahn School of Health Science. The initial program will be a post-R.N., two year baccalaureate program in nursing.

According to Dr. Hughes, USD President, "We are here to announce that because of the generosity of Mr. Philip Y. Hahn and his pledge of one million dollars to the University we are ready to move into a field of education which will fill a great need in this country and others, and which will provide more career-oriented education for those coming to USD.

"We are entering this program after many months of study and, indeed, in direct response to needs expressed by those in the health sciences in San Diego.

"We have fulfilled the preliminary requirements of the Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration. We are now actively seeking a Director of Allied Health Sciences. If additional Board requirements can be met in the near future, the program can begin in the fall semester, 1974. Otherwise, it will be innaugurated in the spring

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semester of the 1974-1975 academic year."

The new program at USD was determined after discussions with the Coordinating Council for Education in Health Sciences for San Diego and Imperial Counties. One recommendation which has been adopted was to initiate a program which offers diploma or associate degree nurses the opportunity to earn a baccalaureate degree.

The community needs for such a program have been determined after in-depth study. It has been estimated that as many as 68% of the registered nurses in the San Diego/Imperial County area are graduates of associate degree programs or diploma schools. Presently, there is little or no opportunity for these nurses to further their education locally.

The University would have been unable to begin this new program without endowment. The endowment for a Nursing and Allied Health Sciences program will operate as a restricted fund. It is the intention of the University of San Diego to endeavor to increase the endowment by soliciting additional gifts. The students in the nursing program will be expected to pay the institution's normal tuition and fees. The University's Financial Aid office will seek additional student aid funds.

According to Sister Sally Furay, Vice President and Provost, "We are seeking a Director qualified at the doctoral level, who holds at least a master's in Nursing. Faculty recruitment will begin as soon as the Director of the program is appointed."

In order to be admitted to the program, students must be already licensed as Registered Nurses. Both full-time and part-time students will be accepted.

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