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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A federal grant of \$25,000 for graduate traineeships for training in the education of mentally retarded was awarded the University of San Diego, School of Education, Division of Special Education. This grant, directed by the Bureau of Education for Handicapped Children of the United States Office of Education, is for professional preparation of teachers of the mentally retarded in both the public and private school facilities. This grant is part of a program in the area of special education at the University of San Diego.

The monies awarded under the grant include funds for Master level traineeships which provide a tax-free stipend of \$1,600 for the year, plus waiver of tuition and fees.

According to Dr. DeForest L. Strunk, Director of Special Education at the University of San Diego, "The recently enacted PL 94-142, Education of All Handicapped Children Act, will result in an increased demand for teachers of all types of handicapped children, particularly the severely mentally retarded. The awarded funds assist the already excellent program at the University of San Diego to train competent teachers to meet this demand."

Information concerning this program may be received from DeForest L. Strunk, Ed.D., Director of Special Education, School of Education, University of San Diego.

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