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BALL TO BENEFIT NURSING ENDOWMENT

Proceeds from the Inaugural Ball at the Hotel Inter-Continental San Diego on Saturday, April 28, will create an endowment to provide USD nursing students with financial aid money.

Financial aid for registered nurses continuing their education through the degree programs offered at USD's Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing is difficult to obtain because of tight restrictions. The ball's proceeds will make funding available to more deserving students.

Dean Irene Palmer has summarized the predicament this way: "When students reduce the number of courses they are enrolled in because of high tuition, they have difficulty paying and are ineligible for financial aid. When they take sufficient units to qualify for financial aid, they do not have time to work to support themselves."

A champagne reception followed by dinner and dancing will take place in the hotel's Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$250 per person, of which \$200 is tax-deductible.

The School of Nursing offers Bachelor and Master of Science degrees and has earned a reputation as one of the finest degree nursing programs in the country. The typical student is already a working professional upon admission. To meet the demanding tuition costs, the mature student has been forced to make difficult personal sacrifices, such as selling a home, reducing work schedules or borrowing from parents.

For additional information and reservations, please call USD's Inaugural Ball Coordinator, Mrs. Maggie Mazur, at 698-1156.