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Cal Poly To Host Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball Fund-raiser March 7 for Kabul University Child Care Center

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Vista Grande Restaurant will be the setting for a semi-formal Mardi Gras-style masquerade ball March 7 to benefit the Kabul University Children's Center.

The fund-raising event is open to the public as well as the university community; dress is semiformal attire and Mardi Gras masks. The event includes music, dancing and hors d'oeuvres, and runs from 8 to 11 p.m. March 7. Tickets are $10 per person at the door, $10 per person and $18 per couple if purchased in advance from Student Community Services in Room 217 of the University Union.

Students from the university's Student Community Services Center are sponsoring the benefit ball to assist Ethnic Studies Professor Maliha Zulfacar's quest to raise money to build a child-care center at Kabul University. Zulfacar, who taught at the university in her native Afghanistan in the 1970s, stresses that many women now returning to the university to resume their educations have children and need child-care assistance in order to graduate.

For details on the masquerade ball, contact Student Community Services at Cal Poly at 756-5834. For details on the drive to raise money for the child care center at Kabul University, visit the College of Liberal Arts Web site on the project at: http://kabulucc.calpoly.edu/.

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