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The Institute of the Americas and the Office of Latin American Studies at the University of California, San Diego will host a benefit dinner for emergency assistance to hurricane victims in Central America Dec. 17 at Hotel del Coronado. The public is invited.

Proceeds will be directed to Central American relief through CARE, one of the world's largest international development and relief organizations founded in the aftermath of World War II.

Peter D. Bell, a founding member of the UCSD-based Institute of the Americas and president of CARE, will be guest speaker. Bell has toured the regions of Central America most afflicted by Hurricane Mitch and will present his personal assessment of the region's needs and detail CARE's response.

According to Peter Smith, director of Latin American Studies at UCSD, the most effective means of reaching Central America's disaster victims' needs is through financial assistance directed through reputable international development organizations with operations in place and able to assist quickly and efficiently those in greatest need. Among needs are safe drinking water and sanitation facilities, food and nutrition and prevention of the spread of disease.

Tickets for the benefit are \$175 per person. A 6 p.m. reception will be followed by dinner at 7 and Bell's remarks at 8. For reservations, call Martha Bernal at 453-5560, Ext. 113. For further information, call Jeff Carmel at 453-5560, Ext. 105.

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