## Sixth annual Masquerade Ball

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On Saturday, October 7, ASI will host the Sixth Annual Masquerade Ball for CSUSM students and their guests at the House of Blues in downtown San Diego, Masks or no masks, it's that time of the year again, and students campuswide are gearing up and getting ready for the annual excursion.

Last year, only days before the dance. ASI sold out of the 500 tickets they had available. When they reached their maximum capacity at the Hard Rock Café in La Jolla, they simply decided that one dance a year was not enough and later held the first ever Spring Fling. This year, in order to meet the demand of the student body, ASI moved the event to H.O.B. in the Gaslamp.

ASI Coordinator of Student Activities, Sara Gallegos, says: "We expect to sell out at 1,000 tickets." With less than one week left before the ball, 755 tickets have already been sold at the rate of 100 tickets per week.

Gallegos believes that the Masquerade Ball and other events put on by ASI are growing ever more popular as enrollment increases along with the higher number of younger students attending CSUSM.

Although the H.O.B. has a restaurant, students and their guests will occupy the music hall and bar. ASI recommends that students eat at the surrounding restaurants.

Tickets are on sale now in Commons



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207 and are free for CSUSM students and \$15 for guests. The dance begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until midnight. ASI asks that everyone bring a photo ID to accompany their ticket. Wrist bands of two separate colors will match students' age, allowing students of age to drink in the bar. ASI will continue to sell tickets at the House of Blues on Saturday at the cost of \$15/ticket. Tickets will be free to CSUSM students through Friday, October 6.