Piarist Festival

Feb. 14-The Piarist Schools, founded by the Hungarian Roman Catholic order of Piarist Fathers in 1617, has a long list of illustrious Hungarian achievers as alumni. Their association aids the Piarist schools in this country. This year, the 24th annual Piarist Ball in the Plaza's Grand Ballroom will salute a Piarist alum-nus, Agoston Haraszthy, who in the mid-19th century became the first elected official of San Diego. He later was elected to the California Legislature because he turned unlucky miners to successful fruit growers by sailing around Cape Horn to Europe and returning with 250,000 vine cuttings, which he distributed free. Honoring him is only part of the Piarist "Vintage Festival." Twelve young women will be debutantes. There'll be a buffet supper. Paul Palmer will direct the Roland Haas orchestra for formal opening dances and general dancing, while Filu Schenk and his men will provide the music for the

Hungarian Folk Dance Ensemble and the traditional midnight czardas. Tickets are \$45 for supper and dancing, of \$20 for dancing only.

