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*****Students host variety show to
benefit Ronald McDonald House.

DALLAS--"Crazy Ray," one of the Dallas Cowboy's most dedicated and colorful fans, will be among the notables featured at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas' first Spring Benefit Variety Show.

Hosted by the freshman and sophomore classes of Southwestern Medical School, the performance is slated for April 11 at 8 p.m. in the UTHSCD Gooch Auditorium. Open to the public, admission is \$2 per person and tickets can be purchased at the door. All proceeds will go to Dallas' Ronald McDonald House.

With acts ranging from sophisticated jazz to Dylanesque folk, the faculty, staff and students at UTHSCD comprise the majority of the performances.

Also billed as special guests for the evening are: Judy Jordan, KVIL Radio; Jane Jayroe, KXAS-TV, Channel 5; Dave Feamster, the Dallas Black Hawks and Dr. Al Roberts, associate dean of SMS and professor of Internal Medicine. Roberts is also co-host of "Here's to Your Health," on KERA, Channel 13.

Sophomore medical student Mary Bluntzer, the primary organizer of the event, explained why the two classes decided to band together to host the show.

"We figured we could kill two birds with one stone, so to speak. With the pressures of medical school what they are, we felt a show like this could provide a creative outlet for the students, faculty and staff of the center.

"We also felt it could be an effective vehicle for raising money to benefit a worthwhile organization."

Bluntzer said the students chose the Ronald McDonald House to benefit because of its commitment to the well-being of seriously ill children. The house, which opened in January, provides a home-away-from-home for out-of-town families of children being treated at Children's Medical Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital and St. Paul Hospital.

The house manager, Beden McCullough, will also be a special guest at the show.

Some of the acts officially slated for the April 11 performance are: Dr. Alvin North, professor of psychology and neurology, solo violin; Mark McClung, medical student, piano solo; medical students Kurt Heitman, Elaine Hardwick, Jerry Mahon, Alan Caroe and Leland Teng, singing group; medical students John Papaila and Ilde Flores, piano and trumpet jazz duet; Rich May, graduate student, folk singer and guitarist; medical students Dick Thistle, and Jan Elder, voice and guitar; and library assistant, Barbara Aguilar, folk singer and guitarist.

Bluntzer said comical prizes like the "pink flamingo award" will be given to the acts. The flamingo award originated from an avante garde movie, Bluntzer explained, which played on American tackiness.

Student chairmen for the variety show are: Bluntzer, Sherrie Squyres, George Rodgers, Bob Boldrick, Vic Vines and Greg Muns.

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