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"Showtime 1967," a sparkling musical revue to be staged Feb. 3 and 4 at 8:15 p.m. in the University of Montana Recital Hall, spearheads the UM Music Foundation's drive for scholarship funds, according to Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts. Time and place of ticket sales will be announced early this week, he said.

The annual benefit performance doubles as a showcase for the top student talent in the Music Department and as a major source of scholarship money.

"By focusing attention on the foundation's scholarship program, the show stimulates contributions from organizations and individuals interested in keeping students of this caliber in Montana," the dean said. "Many persons who are unable to attend the benefit buy tickets anyway. Others make substantial donations to the foundation during this annual campaign."

Dean Bolen pointed out that the state is financially unable to provide more than token aid to music students. This means, he said, that virtually the only help available to students must come from proceeds of the annual benefit, the largest single source of scholarship funds administered by the foundation, and from funds established by private individuals or organizations.

"Scholarship funds have increased steadily but have not kept pace with the need," Dean Bolen said. "This year only about a third of our students hold scholarships. Until we can do better, too many young Montanas will have to forgo higher education or attend out-of-state schools that can offer scholarships."

He added that anyone who wishes to contribute to the scholarship fund may send a check to the UM Music Department, made payable to the UM Music Foundation.