

ment enterprise, the University of Clinton Global Initiative (CGI U) conference in Washington, D.C.

Tucker started the uFund Movement when he was looking for financing for a documentary in which he was involved.

There are several companies on the Internet now where people can post looking for funding via donations, but Tucker found the niche for college students.

The uFund Movement breaks

"There are different campaigns per level of education," Tucker said. "We take on an advising role, as well. For example, a freshman would be able to receive donations for housing, food, books and a laptop; these are things needed for the school year. It also extends to after college to help students get on their feet in the professional world, things such as a professional wardrobe, business cards and flight costs for

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"My plan [as Prospero] is to seek revenge, but I also have a 15-year-old daughter on the island and I am trying to find her a husband," Herman said. "Of course, I can do all of this because I have magical powers!"

After a 25-year break from acting, Herman said he was able to pursue the craft again after he was named the first recipient of the Meridith Harmon Sauer Distinguished Endowed Professor of Theatre in 2010.

swapped a directing slot with an acting slot," Herman said. "But the outside time it's taken me to learn all the lines has been the extra challenge; I got 'em all."

Although Herman was cast as a much larger role than he expected to be when he returned to the stage as an actor, he said he's excited for the challenge.

He said he and Prospero have many things in common.

"Prospero is the same age as I am, and he has a teenage

we are when we are in our late 50s. I'm really excited because I think I have a lot to draw on in this role."

Herman said the best thing about acting in a production is having the opportunity to put himself through the same process that he puts students through when he's the director.

"It gives me their perspective and what they go through each night," Herman said. "It's

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University Store to host book signing for student author Monday

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UCM will host a book signing April 9 at the University Store for student author M.J. Chrisman.

Chrisman has sold more than 160 copies of his book, "The Legend of the Seer" – the first book in his trilogy "The Remnant" – since publishing it in November.

Chrisman, a junior communication studies major at UCM, began writing the story behind "The Remnant: The Legend of the Seer" in 2003 as a script that he and his sister wanted to make into a film.

After Chrisman's sister graduated and moved away, he said, he decided

to change his approach to the story.

"I started turning the script into what I thought would be just a short story, but as the characters developed, in my mind the story developed, chapter after chapter after chapter, until I realized that it could become a series," Chrisman said. "I wrote 'The Legend of the Seer' to finish what we had started as kids and to find out what happens to William Ore."

"The Legend of the Seer," published by WestBow Press, is the tale of carpenter William Ore, who is given a premonition from God. Ore's vision foretells of the ancient Semion armies returning and throwing Ore's world into war, and the only force that stands in the way of the armies' rising power is the Chosen Seer.

"I believe that 'The Legend of the Seer' creates the perfect storm by combining the intense battles found in Paolini's 'Inheritance' series, with the introspective meaning of the 'Chronicles of Narnia,' and the passionate love from the 'Twilight' series," Chrisman said.

"Young adult readers will get the best of all three worlds – battle, meaning and love – all in one story."

Chrisman said the best thing about writing and publishing "The Legend of the Seer" has been hearing and seeing his readers respond to the book.

"I knew from the beginning that William Ore's story was too big for me alone and, in many ways, his journey

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Student M.J. Chrisman has published one book and is working on a second.