By Shannon Walter

The second semester of many years ago, a group of liberal-minded Truman students show up on the steps of University City to demand the minor elevations of government.

The Missouri Government Internship Program pairs the Missouri students with a legislator or other political figure in the state's capital for whom they intern. During the entire spring semester, students intern at the Missouri State Capitol, gaining experience in the legislative process and the culture of government. Since its inception in 1973, the program has been a valuable opportunity for students to explore careers in government and public service.

The program offers a range of benefits, including the opportunity to work with state representatives, experience the legislative process firsthand, and gain valuable skills and knowledge. Participants in the program receive a salary of $440 per month and can earn 15 credit hours for the internship program. Additionally, students have the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, including legislative drafting, bill analysis, and constituent outreach.

The Missouri Government Internship Program is open to all majors and offers a variety of opportunities for students to work on a wide range of issues. Students can work on issues such as education, health care, and environmental policy, and can choose to focus on specific areas of interest.

The program is open to students in their junior or senior year, and requires a minimum of 20 hours per week. Interested students should contact the internships office to apply and learn more about the program. The Missouri Government Internship Program is a great opportunity for students to gain valuable experience and prepare for careers in government and public service.

Students take life challenges stereotypes Rotary Park Thursday - Saturday 8 to 10 p.m. Ophelia Parish Severns Theatre, Columbinus 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.