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*****19th century geneticist to appear at UTHSCD.

DALLAS--Gregor Mendel will present the story of his famous work on the genetics of peas at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas May 9. Actually, Mendel is not returning from the dead--he will be played by Dr. Richard M. Eakin in full costume and make-up.

Dr. Eakin, professor emeritus of zoology at University of California at Berkely, is highly regarded for his innovations in teaching science. Part of his efforts have included impersonations of famous scientists to help impress students with the lives and contributions of these individuals. In addition to Mendel, Dr. Eakin also interprets Darwin, Beaumont and Speeman.

For his first-person presentation Dr. Eakin dresses like the nineteenth century German geneticist, Mendel, and gives his early background as well as the description of his revolutionary genetics experiments.

Dr. Eakin's visit is sponsored by Sigma Xi, honarary scientific organization, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

The 3:30 meeting in the Zale Lecture Hall, D1.600, is open to everyone.