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Trek the United Kingdom, kiss the Blarney Stone this summer

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□ It's not too early to plan your summer. How about the U.K.?

Meredith College will be venturing abroad this summer with a new program to Ireland and Scotland.

Blue Greenberg from the Office of Alumnae Relations, Susan Gilbert of the English Department and Jane Dittman, the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, will

accompany Meredith students, alumnae, faculty, staff and friends of the college on the 16-day trip.

The group will depart on June 19 with an overnight flight to Shannon, Ireland and the will return to Raleigh on July 4.

Once in the United Kingdom, participants will see historic castles and mansions, along with the beautiful landscapes unique to Ireland and Scotland.

Also, travelers will visit many well-known tourist spots, including the Waterford Crystal Factory, the Blarney Stone,

Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow Cathedral and Trinity College with its library housing the Book of Kells.

Stops are planned for Limerick, Killarney, Kenmare, Waterford, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, and Edinburgh.

Travelers will stay in first-class hotels throughout the trip.

The price of the trip, which includes the hotel fees, is \$3395 per person. This also includes all touring and admission fees, breakfast each day and seven dinners.

While in the United Kingdom, students may take Eng-

lish Literature and Art History as independent studies under the Meredith faculty.

Many students have expressed concern about international travel due to the terrorist attacks last week.

The FAA recently issued a statement reported by the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* saying that "air travel will never be the same," but airports are implementing heightened security measures.

For more information about the trip to Ireland and Scotland, please contact Blue Greenberg at (919) 760-2860.

Alumnae House gets closer to final location

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The Mae Grimmer Alumnae House is being moved in order to make room for the new Math and Science Building.

Meredith's Grounds and Facilities project manager, Greg Ahrendsen, is pleased with the plans to preserve the Grimmer Alumnae House.

"It keeps a link to the heritage and the past, which is quite appropriate for the Alumnae House. It's been around since the early '50s," he said.

"We felt the best decision was to move the house to a more prominent location."

The project started in late May and is scheduled to be completed by mid to late November.

Moving the house has involved a long series of steps, but the building should be finished as planned, said Mort Robins, superintendent of Roger's Builders.

"It may be a difficult date to reach, but it's our date to work with, and it's what we are going to do," said Robins.

Workers are concentrating on several different tasks in order to complete the project.

"I try to do a good job all the time, but especially here,"

mechanical contractor Scott Roberson said. "It's nice to be able to do this type of work for a college."

The building has been split into three sections. The two wings were easy to split because they were the side

new location adjacent to Jones Chapel.

The main section has been placed over a grid of steel beams to prepare for the foundation.

"This is the unseen aspect of the process," Robins said.

renovations such as new duct work, wiring and a improved heating and cooling system.

Foreman Albert Alston is helping install the building's water and sewer lines.

"The hardest part is trying to locate any existing utility lines before you dig new ones," he said.

The Alumnae House will be surveyed to find any damages caused by the moving process and the walls will be replastered and repainted.

Handicap ramps and parking spaces will be added to give the building greater accessibility.

The area will be landscaped with a private garden, surrounding gazebo and an evergreen tree line.

"Moving the Alumnae House has definitely been a positive, win-win situation," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Jane Dittman. "We'll benefit, the campus will benefit, and Alumnae strength will benefit."

Dittman says the alumnae provide the school with valuable services and funding. The new location and the renovations will be favourable to the alumnae program and to alumnae support.



The Alumnae House is still in three sections, but it will be placed into one piece by late November.

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additions of the house, Robins said.

Field engineer Eric Teckenbock assures students that "we'll put it back together."

"We'll have it set up just the way it was before we moved it."

The building is now near its

"You can't see some of the steps we are working on right now, but there's a lot going on with the underground construction of the building."

Robins said that within the next few weeks he hopes to have the two wings reattached to the building and to continue

Campus Briefs

MAPPS provides students with medical opportunities in community

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Meredith Association for Pre-Health Professionals (MAPPS) is an organization for pre-health students.

Senior Patricia Miles started the organization about two years ago with the purpose of making pre-health students aware of opportunities available in the community, as well as to prepare students for the MCATs and medical school.

Some of the upcoming events that MAPPS is participating in are a plasma drive on Oct. 22 and an AIDS walk on Dec. 1.

MAPPS also plans to support the new college-wide service project, "Wish Upon A Star," which helps support the Make A Wish Foundation of Eastern North Carolina.

The group hopes to visit a medical school soon.

Members of MAPPS are required to complete a certain number of volunteer hours each semester and maintain certain levels in terms of GPA.

"We are expanding each year, and it is a great opportunity for pre-health students to get involved and find out valuable information for their school years ahead," said MAPPS president Allison Shivar.

For more information, contact Shivar at (919) 760-2504.

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