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Whether Madeline Deming is writing the alumna and parent newsletter for the Alpha Xi Delta sorority, or submitting pieces of fiction to *Atlantis* (UNCW's Creative Magazine), writing and literature consumes her life. As a senior Creative Writing major with a double minor in English and psychology, Deming's passion for all things writing will be strengthened by her upcoming Wentworth trip to Dublin, Ireland.

In Dublin, Demming will be studying the works of James Joyce, who is widely considered one of the most influential authors of the 20th century. "I actually chose Ireland first," she explained. This will be her first trip to Europe, although she has traveled abroad to the Bahamas, Mexico, and the Caribbean. "I've heard Irish people were genuine and friendly. Because of that hospitality, I want to listen to stories, and be inspired by the people of Dublin."

Accomplishments are many when it comes to Deming's authoring career. She has been published in various magazines, has written talent show scripts for her sorority, and most recently published a fiction piece titled, "One Night Stand" in *Atlantis*. She is proud to say that the piece is "somewhat similar to Joyce's stream of consciousness style." When asked what sparked Deming's interest in authoring, a humble smile widened her face. "I always knew I was going to be a writer. All my teachers told me that they were going to buy my book one day."

During her eight-day Irish adventure, Demming will be staying in a hostel with five of her sorority sisters who are vacationing for Spring Break. The list of activities includes walking

tours at the James Joyce Center, personal site seeing, and “lots of pubs.” Joyce was famous for visiting and writing about all kinds of bars, “so that’s a plus.”

Taking a break from her schedule of working and writing to study an acclaimed author will bring a much-awaited culmination to her career at UNCW.