

# ENTERTAINMENT

## What We ♥ Wednesday

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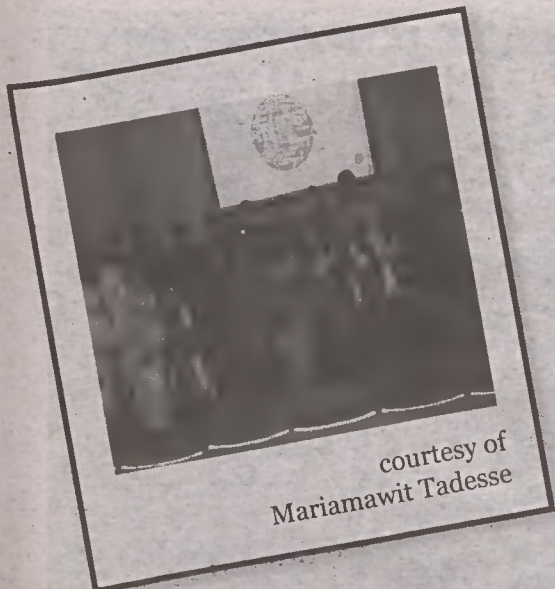
**Shopping: H&M at Crabtree** – When I found out that an H&M store was opening at Crabtree I was at first a bit incredulous. There isn't even one in Charlotte; how on Earth could Raleigh be a big enough market? But regardless of my confusion, the H&M Raleigh store is opening next week on Thursday, March 18th. Yes it's over Spring Break, and most Meredith women will probably be out of Raleigh, but when you get back I definitely suggest heading over to Crabtree for a look-see. H&M has a great line of professional basics at low prices—think of the more upscale Forever 21 offerings with a bit higher prices and much better quality. They also offer a great line of casual basics—tees, jeans, jackets, etc.—and are branching out into more unique lines that offer pieces for all the latest trends. So regardless of your fashion taste and budget, go to H&M just to see what they offer. If you're like me you'll probably end up leaving with armfuls of clothes.

**Online Culture: Feed Your Soul, the Free Art Project** – I love original art—not necessarily the

original prints or anything, but just the fact that someone sat down and created something to share with the world. However, on my college budget I often can't afford any of this art so I resort to saving jpegs on my computer and creating mini inspiration boards. Enter Feed Your Soul: the Free Art Project. Founded by blog-writer Jen Wallace, the goal of the project is to provide free art from fantastic artists of all mediums in order to brighten people's days. Each month, Jen posts work from 15-20 artists. You can open them as .pdfs, and they all print conveniently at letter paper size. New offerings are posted on the first, so make a date with yourself every month to visit [indiefixx.com/feed\\_your\\_soul](http://indiefixx.com/feed_your_soul), click on the "downloads" tab, and start redecorating your room to give you a new positive outlook on life.

**Vacations: Balbegno Castle** – I'm pretty sure that every child goes through a stage where they're fascinated with castles. Whether it be the Beast's castle in Beauty and the Beast, medieval castles from ancient times,

or the castle-like structure of Hogwarts, castles are just mesmerizing places. And now that Kings, Dukes, and Lords are rather out of style, you can actually rent one and go on vacation there. The Balbegno Castle in Scotland is one such castle. Built in the 1560s, the Balbegno has six rooms that sleep up to 13 people, a large, private garden, a croquet lawn, and complete furnishings. Renting the castle also grants you exclusive rights to the surrounding grounds. The huge Fasque Lake has three islands and a row boat that can be used to explore. Also, an isolated beach is located only 20 minutes from the castle. In addition to all of this, they even provide wellies! A castle and cute rainboots, what more could you want in a vacation? For more details visit [balbegnocastle.co.uk](http://balbegnocastle.co.uk). The pictures will make you fall in love with the place, and at only \$4500 a week it's a steal! ...well maybe not, but a girl can dream, can't she?



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## NCMA Brings Art Lectures to Meredith

Kristen Gallagher, Staff Writer

The North Carolina Museum of Art, though closed for updating until April of this year, has brought four lectures on art and the new museum to campus. The lectures are part of a nine-part series entitled "Museum on the Move" and are designed to get people in touch with the new features of the museum. NCMA is working with the Center for Women in the Arts here at Meredith, which is quite fitting because we are so closely linked to the museum by the trail that loops around campus. I suggest you visit the museum – you'll be quite amazed at the progress that is going on behind the old building.

On February 10th, David Steel, the Curator of European Art at the Museum, spoke about new acquisitions of Auguste Rodin

sculptures. Given to the museum by the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Museums, the 29 new pieces will be highlighted in the new building. Dr. Steel also spoke about how the museum plans to keep the works safe and sound and installed properly. The next lecture, on March 3rd, was given by Dr. Caroline Rocheleau on the museum's new plans for the Egyptian Collection. The collection, formerly housed in the lower corridor in front of the museum restaurant, will get three new galleries. Dr. Rocheleau plans to show all but three of the forty-plus piece collection, quite a record for the museum! She also borrowed works from other collections and museums and installed photo murals on the walls to enhance her gallery design. The next lecture will be on March 10th (the day we go to

press, so today) and the Chief Curator at the museum, Linda Dougherty, will discuss new acquisitions at the museum – I've heard quite a lot about it, and if I were you, I'd want to get a sneak preview of the new collection!

The last lecture at Meredith will be on March 23 at 7:15 in Jones, and Larry Wheeler, the Museum Director, along with others will give a preview and overview of the new galleries. The architect, Thomas Phifer, who designed the building, will also be present to discuss the design.

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