

SNCAE hears ways to assist gifted students

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Members of the Student North Carolina Association of Educators, or S.N.C.A.E., met for their bimonthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, to listen to a lecture given by Peggy Wendling on how to better assist academically gifted students.

Wendling is an Enrichment Specialist who works with children who have been identified as academically gifted to ensure that they receive an education to help them reach their potential. Wendling has been working with third, fourth, and fifth graders at Benvenue Elementary School.

Wendling shared the tactics she used and showed the projects that her students had completed for her. Wendling explained that once children are identified as being gifted, they are entitled to receive an education geared to help them no matter where they are in the state of North Carolina.

Wendling said that the content of what academically gifted children learn should be different from normal children. The method it is taught to them and the environment they learn it in should be separate from other children.

North Carolina Wesleyan's College's chapter of S.N.C.A.E. has 25 members who not only meet to help students make the switch from being a student to being a teacher, but also strive to help the community. Janice Fleming, Assistant Professor of Education Department said "We have to connect to the larger community. Right now we have a literacy project where we are giving books to children to encourage them to read. Being a S.N.C.A.E. member is not a requirement for education majors; however our chapter is encouraging anyone who is interested to join us."

Susan Sasser pointed out other benefits for education majors being a member of S.N.C.A.E. "If you're a member, one good thing is when you do student teaching, or, if you're just observing, you have insurance which is taken out of your S.N.C.A.E. dues. This is great because if something happens to you when you are there in the classes you don't have to worry.

"I really enjoyed today's meet-

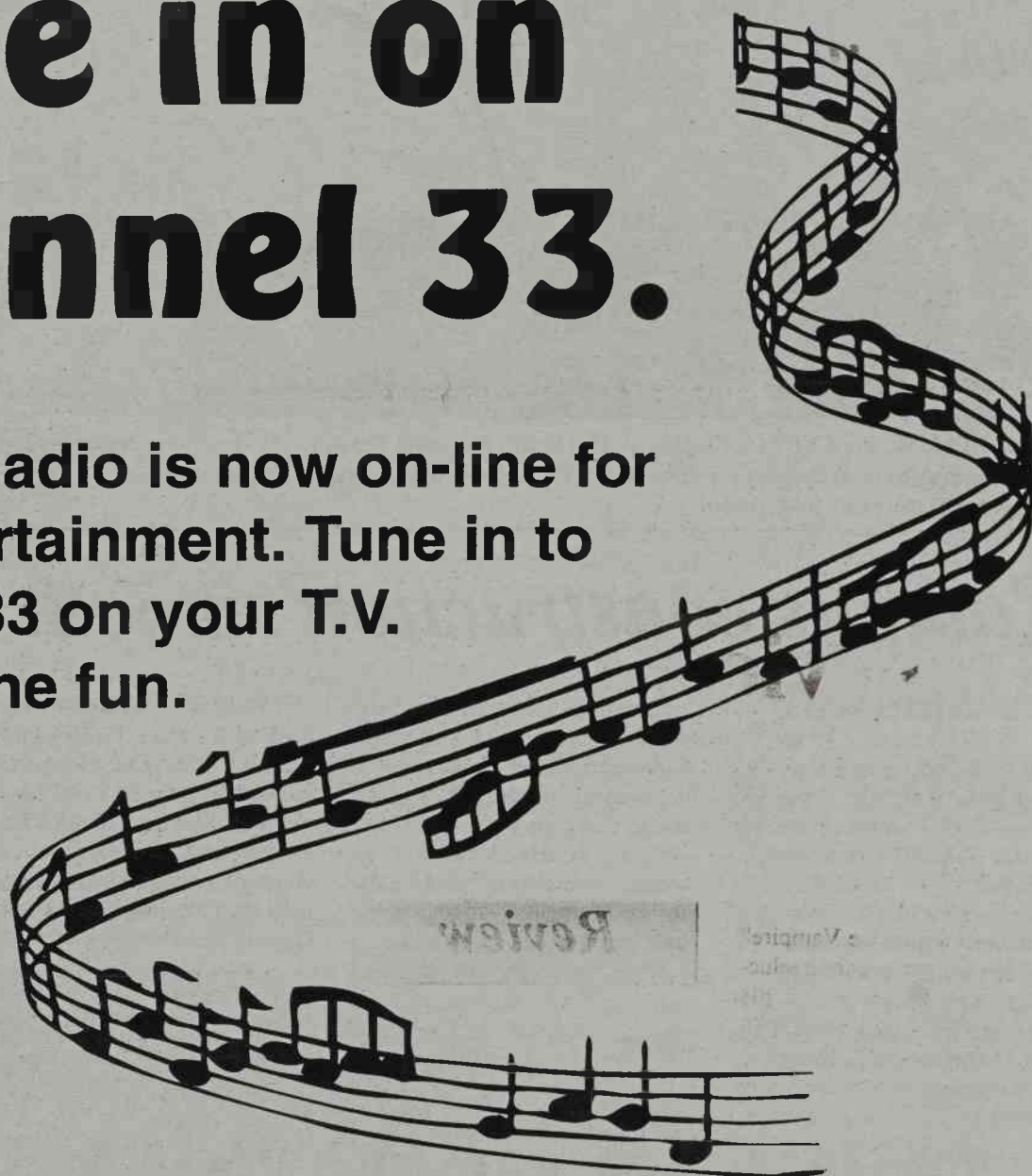
ing because teaching A.G. is a little more challenging and I learned a lot. That's another good reason why students should be a member, because you get a lot of good information," she said. "It's good to be in the community of your future fellow educators because that's where you get most of your ideas and exchange of knowledge from."



NUNSENSE IN ROCKY MOUNT — N.C. Wesleyan student Delinda Lee (left) as Sister Robert Anne and staff member Melinda Harden (center) as Sister Leo, joined by Carol Voorhees as Sister Amnesia, recently appeared in the Rocky Mount Playhouse production of "Nunsense II."

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