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(Photo by Casey Baluss)

HOT STUFF: UNCA instructor Dan Millspaugh pours molten

lead into a mold to make a sculpture in the Owen building.

Board to decide Thurman's status

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors must decide if UNCA Classics Professor William Thurman will lose his job after filing his candidacy for the General Assembly in the 51st House District race.

Thurman, one of four Republicans seeking office in a four-seat race, filed for the campaign just minutes before the Feb. 1 deadline.

He said he pledged to UNCA

officials that he would not let politics interfere with his duties.

He also said he didn't receive information on the university policy for employees seeking public office until Jan. 31.

The UNC Board of Governors will meet Friday to make their decision.

Dick Robinson, assistant to UNC President Bill Friday,

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Weekend Weather

The UNCA Atmospheric Science department provides this information to the campus community each week in the Blue Banner.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. High in the upper 30s.

Friday: Increasing clouds and warmer. High in the mid-40s and low in the low 40s.

Saturday: Showers early with clearing skies in the afternoon. High in the low 50s and low in the mid-30s.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. High in the mid-50s and low in the upper 20s.

Chinese Professor recalls Mao's reign

By John Coutlakis

A Chinese professor who lived during former Chairman Mao Tse-tung's intense attempt to remold Chinese society is visiting UNCA as part of a formal exchange program between the University of North Carolina and Nanjing University in China.

Dr. Mao Min Chu is one of three visiting Chinese professors. Dr. Niu Junning and Dr. Fu Yongling are her colleagues.

The first person Mao met from UNCA was Dr. John Stevens, a chemistry professor whose Mossbauer Effect Data Center has attracted international attention. Stevens was in China to give lectures on scientific research at Nanjing University.

Mao teaches English and American literature in China. She is teaching an introductory course in Chinese culture and language at UNCA.

"All my Western friends want to know about the Cultural Revolution," she said. "The principle was to get rid of the rotten ideas and keep the good ideas."

Mao emphasized that she is not an official government spokesperson and so her opinions relate only to her personal experience.

"But at the same time, the good ideas were thrown away. At that time, everything was in chaos," Mao said. "The outcome was a catastrophe. Our people suffered a lot, especially the intellectuals."

During that period intellectuals were forced to work on farms, Mao said, "in order to have their ideology remolded."

They were also required to attend meetings where ideolo-

gical readings from Chairman Mao's "little Red Book" were stressed, and an attempt made to change their minds about the policies of the Gang of Four.

The Gang of Four, headed by Jiang Qing, assumed some power during the political upheaval of the Cultural Revolution when Chairman Mao became increasingly ill.

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(Photo by Jonna McGrath)

LOOK OUT KAREEM! This lady shed her coat and shoes at the Mars Hill basketball game Feb. 6 to compete in the "Apple Tree Honda Shootout." Contestants chosen from a drawing had to make four shots in 25 seconds to win a Honda Civic: a lay-up, a foul shot, a shot from the top of the key and a shot from half court. She made the layup, but missed the foul shot. No one won a car that night.