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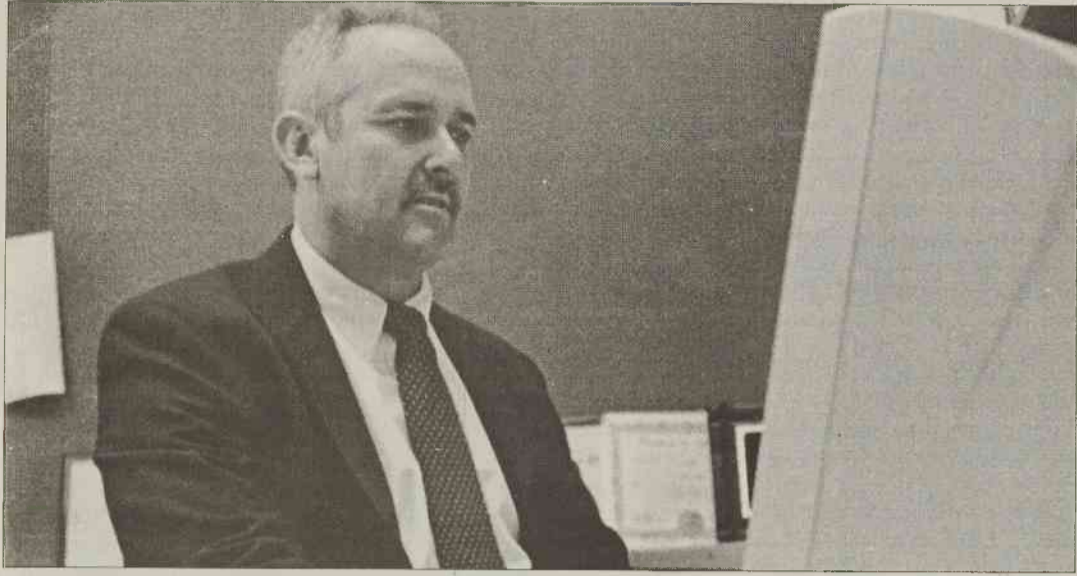


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Glenn L. Helms, professor of management and accounting, will have a book published this fall on electronic commerce (e-commerce) by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

"I teach people how to embezzle and not get caught," said Helms. "I teach them how to do it so they know how to catch it. Controls and security over information technology has always been my area."

Helms was born in Asheville, went to college at UNC-Chapel Hill and returned to the area after 30 years. He teaches auditing, accounting

systems and principles of accounting.

The book is primarily going to be used by certified public accountants (CPAs) who audit computer systems and have to know which controls to use, according to Helms.

In the book, "I talk about different ways you can break into e-commerce and Web sites and different types of controls that you can use to prevent an intruder or hacker from breaking into the system," said Helms. "It is a useful tool or guide to help people prevent unauthorized individuals from accessing the Web site."

E-commerce is going to expand and become very important, according to Helms. Business-to-business e-commerce has been around

for a long time, but consumer e-commerce is rather new.

The book discusses "a lot of different controls you can put in to provide consumers and businesses with confidence in the system, so that they will use e-commerce," said Helms. "Since most systems do not have controls, e-commerce has a lot of fraud, embezzlement and hackers going in."

Helms, who majored in accounting, worked for CPA firms for some time. He was the Arthur Young Fellow in electronic data process auditing and holds certifications as a CPA, as a certified internal auditor and as a certified information system auditor.

Helms is also a good teacher, according to Suzanne Jones, a senior

accounting major.

"He is very knowledgeable," said Jones. "He has worked in this field for a long time, so he brings a lot of practical examples to class."

The ability to teach and work with students is a top priority in the search for a new professor, according to Claudel McKenzie, chair and associate professor of management and accounting.

"If you take someone who is a top-notch teacher and scholar and combine that with high quality students, there is potential for a lot of recognition to come to the university," said McKenzie.

Helms' professional seminars throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia, will increase UNCA's international recognition, according to McKenzie.

"When AICPA needs speakers anywhere, they contact him," said McKenzie. "He is one of the leading speakers, and his schedule is booked for at least a year in advance in a lot of cases for speaking engagements. UNCA had to be good to attract someone like Helms."

Helms has presented numerous seminars and published a wide range of articles. Students benefit from research and publications that can translate to classroom work, according to McKenzie.

"He worked in his field (and) knows exactly what is expected and what will be expected of students," said McKenzie. "He worked at the national level in the field of accounting, so he in turn knows people in all states, in all areas, so he can help to place students nationally."

Officer

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dards department before he was hired, according to the Banner article.

Before Rathburn could be hired as a public safety officer, the state Department of Justice checked his background for criminal employment and civil backgrounds, as well as drug testing, fingerprinting and psychological testing. Rathburn was certified before coming to work at UNCA, according to the Blue Banner article.

Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor student affairs, said that he has no new public comments to make in regard to the Rathburn issue.

Dennis Gregory, director of public safety, did not return telephone calls to comment regarding Rathburn's conviction.

The Rape Crisis Center has changed its name to OurVoice, inc. Voice stands for Victims, Outreach, Intervention, Counseling and Education.

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NEWS from the OUTSIDE WORLD

Blood shortage in United States

A blood shortage in the U.S. put surgeries in Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Atlanta on hold, according to the American Red Cross. Many regions throughout the Northeast have less than a day's supply of blood available. The shortage is due to an increase in complex therapies like chemotherapy, organ transplants and heart surgeries.

Hurricane Gordon forces evacuation

On Sept. 17, authorities started the evacuation of some coastal areas along Florida's Gulf Coast as Hurricane Gordon came closer. With maximum sustained winds of 75 mph, Gordon was expected to increase in speed and strength. On Sept. 16, Gordon flooded western Cuba with about 10 inches of rain, and on Sept. 15, the storm flooded the streets of Yucatan, Mexico.

Europe protests fuel increase

Fuel protests cause chaos on streets all over Europe. While England and Germany stayed firm, Holland promised \$300 million to compensate taxi, bus and trucking companies for high fuel prices, while Hungary agreed to postpone the increase.

Space station ready for living

On Sept. 17, after more than five days in a 13-story space station, astronauts from the space shuttle Atlantis started preparations to leave the station on Sept. 18. In November, rotating crews of three U.S. and Russian astronauts will start living on the station that is now equipped with household necessities to make the quarters livable.

\$1.3 billion promised to Cuba

The United States promised \$1.3 billion to support Colombia's president Andres Pastrana's fight against drug trafficking. The program, known as Plan Colombia, seeks to strengthen the economy and reach a peace accord with the leftist rebels.

Negotiations for peace resumed

Negotiations between Israel and Palestine resumed on Sept. 17. Palestine had delayed the declaration of statehood until Nov. 15, giving peace another chance. The talks were held without U.S. participants. No other details have been made official.

United Nations member killed

A United Nations staff member was killed in Guinea, West Africa, on Sept. 17. He was murdered at his home in Macenta by an unknown gunman, according to a U.N. spokesperson. The identity will not be released until relatives are notified. Another staff member was reported missing.

Bike

on the Move was born. I dreamed about being a part of it and I think it is a crucial time for this event."

A portion of the money raised through sponsorship and community support will be used to provide scholarships for girls across the country, according to Chapman.

"This whole bicycle tour is promoting awareness and raising money for scholarships for young women and girls," said Chapman. "This can help them become outdoor leaders for others and become

stronger for themselves."

Every major stop in the tour will include a five to 10 mile "Girls Ride" for young girls and all interested community members to ride together. This allows young girls who are unable to participate in the long distance trips the opportunity to contribute to the cause.

"At certain times, they will have girl rides for the young women to get on their bikes and join the women that are making the trip," said Chapman. "There are no young

girls making the cross-country trips, however."

Girls who participate in organized athletics are 75 percent more likely to graduate from high school and are 92 percent less likely to be involved with drugs, according to statistics given from the AAUW Educational Foundation. The foundation also said that, in 1999, one in three girls took part in high school sports.

"In our society, girls are often pressured to limit their dreams and goals to areas that are deemed 'appropriate,'" said Nancy Stevens, a Girls on the Move rider from Frisco, Colo. "Our riding team will teach girls how to stretch their limits, be curious about opportunities and believe in themselves."

"This ride is about lighting a fire across the country to empower females to be strong, beautiful and bold," said Rae Gaa, an instructor at the North Carolina Outward Bound School.

Sponsors of the trip include Ralph Lauren Girls, Home Depot, Xerox and Women's Sports and Fitness. The YWCA of the USA, Girls Incorporated and the Girl Scouts of the USA are all partners of the event.

"Ralph Lauren Girls is probably our largest sponsor. They are supplying us with jerseys, bicycle pants and other equipment," said Chapman. "The sponsors have done a great job supporting us and helping us get the word out to the local communities."

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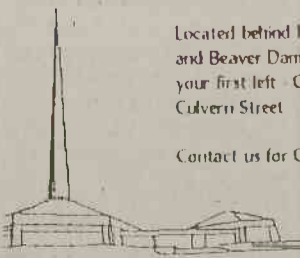
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