



About Jerry

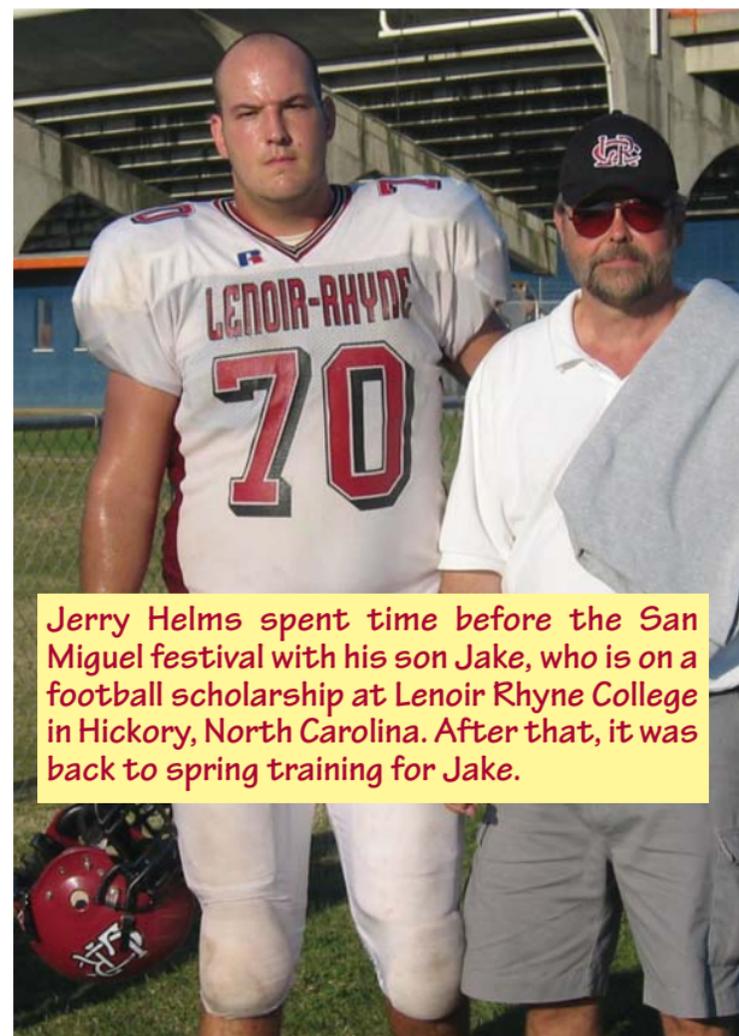
Our popular columnist, **Jerry Helms**, is also a world-class lecturer and player. His clients are even willing to brave sleet, ice and snow to hear his “Jerry-isms.” Jerry explains, “We’re used to snow in the Carolinas every other year whether we need it or not, but we have a moderate climate and it’s really not uncommon to play golf, at times, in January or February.” Not this year, though. Jerry drove amidst a snowstorm to the Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, North Carolina, in early February for his third annual festival. On arriving, he called the organizer, Margaret Rouse, asking whether to cancel the event. “Who would come in this weather?” he wondered. At 9 a.m. only one person had arrived; by 9:30 there were a few more; and by 10 o’clock the count was up to 40 ... with 46 by the end of the day. Everything was closed ... except the bridge festival!

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Jerry Helms spent time before the San Miguel festival with his son Jake, who is on a football scholarship at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. After that, it was back to spring training for Jake.