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### ON CAMPUS

#### Wealth, Health, and Fulfillment Workshop

The Career & Life Planning Center will hold a workshop designed to help FC students succeed amiably. tomorrow from 2-3:30 pm at the CLP Center (Bldg 2000)

#### Blood Donor Days are back Again at FC

The Associated Students are sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on FC from Oct. 10-11 at the Student Center Conference Room Bldg. 1410. Students can sign up in the quad Sept. 25-Oct. 9 or call (714)-992-7256

#### Cadena Transfer Center to Hold Open House

An all-day open house will be available to all FC students tuesday Sept. 26 at the Student Center (Bldg. 1405). There will be free food, free video games, and free pool for all students who attend.

#### Trendsetters to give free Haircuts on campus

FC's Trendsetters will be handing out free haircuts, manicures and styling tomorrow in room 711.

For more info contact Doris Wright at Dwright@fullcoll.edu, or call at (714)-992-7000 ext. 26903

#### Associated Students Brighten the Nite Life

Tomorrow from 5:30-7 pm the A.S. will be holding club and college night in the quad. The event is open to the public. There will food and entertainment available to students and faculty. For mor info contact Darlene Jensen at (714)-992-7248

#### Support FC Football

Show your support for FC's Football team by cheering the team as they play Saddleback College Saturday at 7 pm at the Fullerton Stadium located at 201 E Chapman Ave.

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## Jesse Billauer Inspires Able and Disabled Students



Disabled celebrity Jesse Billauer imparted words of wisdom and support to a packed house of FC students.

By Julia Corral  
Hornet Staff Writer

Jesse Billauer spoke to a packed campus theatre on Thursday. He voiced a message of hope and perseverance to an enthralled audience of FC students.

Billauer was just like any other 17 year old with hopes and dreams. But the difference is that Billauer was about one month from becoming a professional surfer when tragedy struck.

While surfing one morning, Billauer was slammed head first into a sandbar by a wave. His body went completely numb. A friend helped Billauer out of the water where he was then airlifted to UCLA Medical Center.

When Billauer reflected on the event, he made the audience close

their eyes and asked them to see their dreams flash before their lives. He realized that his life was forever altered, but knew that there was no use in giving up.

"It's from these traumatic experiences that I learned that I can still do it. From youth, you don't realize how things are so natural because tomorrow is never guaranteed," Billauer said.

Billauer told the audience of how all his dreams did come true. He eventually was able to surf again. He had board built specifically for him, and his friends paddled him out to the waves off the coast of Fiji and pushed him into a wave.

"We are all going to be paralyzed at one time in our life, but life rolls on," Billauer said.

It was from that understanding that Billauer formed his organization Life Rolls On. LRO focuses on bringing awareness to the public about spinal cord injuries.

"I speak from the heart," Billauer

Photo By Alli Kirkham The Hornet

Signed autographs for a full house at the Campus Theatre last week. He doesn't consider himself a motivational speaker, but rather a peer young people can talk to.

Billauer also attends local surf events, where he's often on exhibition, and concerts. He also is currently filming a documentary about his life. He hopes it will find success at film festivals where it will debut later this year.

And now that his youthful dreams have been accomplished, he hopes to achieve more success, such as getting married and starting a family. He still hopes to walk again someday.

FC students filled the stage for more than a half-hour after Billauer completed his speech. More than 100 students patiently waited their turn to speak one on one with Billauer and receive a prized autograph.

"It was so amazing. I came because of my psychology class and I had an open mind. And now I feel so inspired," Chantal Clifton said, a 19-year-old pediatrics student.

## Disabled FC Students Speak Out

With construction going on at different intervals around campus, some disabled students are finding it increasingly difficult to traverse the obstacles.

By Alex Vallejo  
Hornet Staff Writer

For most FC students, the various construction projects around campus are a mere nuisance. Nothing more than a change in route as they are forced to skirt around safety fences and equipment, or enduring the rumbling of jackhammers as they disintegrate concrete outside a classroom.

Students with disabilities, however, have to deal with these obstacles on a very different level. As buildings are leveled to make room for the new facilities, the landscape of the college continually changes. Paths that were once open are blocked off for safety reasons, elevators are added, bridges are torn down and new structures are erected.

Raymond Reyes, a physical education major, depends on his wheelchair to get around. Based on the new construction, Reyes has to change his route every time he goes to the 1,000 building or to the Wellness Center.

This is a direct result of the construction of the new Campus Commons Building on the lot where the William T. Boyce library once stood. Reyes now has to go around the 600 Building or the gymnasium to get to his destination.

"I have to go all the way around. where most people use the stairs. It could have been avoided if they would have built a ramp," Reyes said.

"In the summer time it was kind of hard to get around," Reyes added, "Like to get to the cafeteria, everybody else could go up those little stairs and around. I had to go all the way around again, and I'm sure others felt the same way," Reyes said.

Another trouble area for Reyes and students who depend on a wheelchair for mobility is the west entrance to the cafeteria. A bar divides the two doors and does not leave enough room for a wheelchair to navigate through it and into the cafeteria.

"That's an issue too. Sometimes it's hard to get in, especially when it's breakfast [time]. It's really packed in there," Reyes said.

Still, Reyes pointed out that the situation has improved since the construction of the Library Learning Resource Center was completed.

"The fellow students are good, and the people in there are trying [to help]," Reyes said.

Lora Glassman is in her first semester at FC after taking a college course during high school. She pointed out that during her tour of the campus, the gymnasium lacked in some areas.

"The only place that I found [problems] was the gym. Some places are not accessible, which really bugs me because in order to get an A.A. degree I have to take P.E., so if you can't get to the gym how can you do that?" Glassman said.

Paul McKinley, a Disability Support Services lab instructor, explained that there have been no official complaints filed thus far.

"This semester we haven't had

anything. Not actually one [complaint] at all. I've got to say that within the last semester-and-a-half... I think the campus has even taken a more aggressive approach with their signage and notifying people. I'm impressed actually. They've come a long way as far as physical access goes," McKinley said.

For visually impaired students, the constantly changing landscape poses a potential threat. According to McKinley, DSS staff will arrange for a walkthrough of the campus at a student's request.

"Mobility training is not a mandated service at post-secondary level... Now, do we do it? Of course. We'll do it if a student comes into the office for example, or if they are just having a heck of a time trying to get around. Of course we'll [show them around]," McKinley said.

In the case of a visually impaired student who attended FC during the summer. She was provided with a "mobility trainer" for a one-week period through an outside agency.

McKinley embraces the concept of universal design, a term that was coined in the construction industry, but has been expanded to include education.

"Educators have taken it a step further and called it 'Universal Design for Learning' What that means is that we try to design things universally, so that all people can access them," McKinley said.

"All students should be aware of all their fellow students' needs and safety issues. If they see a safety problem, maybe they can report it for someone. Don't wait for a staff member to see it. Students outnumber [teachers]. There's a lot more of you guys out there," McKinley said.

## Hispanic Students Greet Success at FC

Hispanic students at FC were honored with scholarships, a local celebrity's speech, and "The Mariachi Divas" last Wednesday.

By Elcid Martinez  
Hornet Staff Writer

The trumpets, violins, congas, chimes, guitarron (a big guitar), and uela (a little guitar) filled the quad with the rhythms of Mariachi music and Hispanic pride. The FC crowd was impressed with the long and powerful notes the "The Mariachi Divas" held when they sang.

A few students from the crowd, following the invitation of the band, got up and danced to the fast paced "Cumbia". As the boys and girls paired off, even a few inspired teachers joined in the celebration.

The performance was sponsored on Sept.13 by the Latino Faculty and Staff Association in honor of its third annual Student Success Orientation. It was also, in part, a celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event later moved to the front of the campus theater. Students were invited over to a Student Services fair, which informed them about financial aid, Hispanic clubs, career opportunities and the Cadena Transfer Center.

Those in attendance were treated to guest speaker Vera Jimenez of Channel 2 News, inside the campus theater. She spoke on the subject of success.

"Success depends on how you measure it. It varies from person to person," Jimenez said.

Jimenez recounted how she recently participated in a triathlon. One of the events was a half mile swim in the Pacific Ocean. The problem for her was that she could not swim. A self admittedly horrible swimmer, she did not give up and practiced endlessly with her swim coach.

For her, the measure of success was not to win the race, but to make it out of the water alive.

When she first started her career, she was pulled off the air at KFVB radio. She didn't surrender to despair, but went on to become the most watched early morning TV traffic reporter on CBS 2 News.

For Jimenez, success is not what is defined in the dictionary. It is not favorable outcomes, wealth, position or fame. It's waking up every morning and facing your struggles as best you can and learning from them.

As she finished her speech, Jimenez left the audience with one last bit of advice. "You don't get anywhere in life without a lot of hard work and asking for a little help," Jimenez said.

According to a short biography

written by CBS 2, which was handed out to those in attendance, Jimenez was born in Mexico and moved to Garden Grove at the age of three. She broke into the news business as a traffic producer and began as an airborne traffic reporter for KNX radio.

She is a graduate of Bolsa High School in Garden Grove. Jimenez earned her A.A. from Santa Ana Community College and graduated with honors from Cal State Long Beach, where she earned her B.A. in Religious Studies.

Jimenez will be joining Kent Shockneck, Susan Rico and John Elliot behind the anchor desk to launch the station's new "CBS 2 Time Saver Traffic" reports on Monday Jan. 19.

She is also a returning student; you may see her around because she is attending FC. According to her she may have failed her first two tests.

The first ever Enrique Zuniga scholarships, created by the Latino Faculty and Staff Association, were handed out to two students.

Enrique "Qui Qui" Zuniga is a well-esteemed former student, football player and retired counselor from FC.

According to the LFSA the recipients exuded the characteristics they saw in Mr. Zuniga. They include modesty, humility and treating people with dignity and respect.

One of the mothers of the recipients accepted the scholarship on behalf of her daughter, Patricia Amoroso, a student at Cypress College. Patricia was not able to attend because she was working for the State Department of Agriculture.

The other recipient, Maria Del Pilar Hernandez, was a student at FC and is now transferring to Cal State Fullerton University. She was in attendance and received her certificate and scholarship money on stage in front of the audience.

"I hope to become a role model in guiding Latina women towards a future of education, by being a recipient of the Zuniga scholarship I will continue to be a proactive participant in our community, including remembering and reminding others, si se puede! (yes, you can!)," Hernandez said.

Both of the recipients were part of the Puente Project, a state-wide transfer-preparation program geared toward helping under-represented, motivated students by promoting transfer, student success, and community leadership.

As the day settled toward completion, the audience came outside of the campus theater and feasted on the cool breeze in the air and a small banquet of free Mexican food. The line grew with students, satisfied not only in their stomachs but in their minds, where anything seemed possible.



Sholorship Awarded-Enrique Zuniga(center) and Laura Huerta, a FC counselor(right) stands with Zuniga Scholarship awardee Maria Del Pilar Hernandez(left).