



# Biosphere

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

### No Biology Colloquium

#### *Cesar Chavez Holiday*

- **Grant Awarded**—Graduate student Hollie Putnam (Advisor, Dr. Edmunds) has been granted an award from the National Science Foundation's *East Asia and Pacific Summer Institute* program and the *Taiwanese National Science Council*, which will sponsor her research in Taiwan this summer at the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium. Hollie and Taiwanese researcher Dr. Tung-Yung Fan will study the effects of temperature on corals
- **Paper Published**—Former graduate student Jonathan Williams (MS 2006; Advisor, Dr. Allen), Professor Larry Allen, Assistant Professor Mark Steele, and Dan Pondella (Occidental College) have a paper in press in *Marine Biology* entitled: "El Niño periods increase growth of juvenile white seabass (*Atractoscion nobilis*) in the Southern California Bight"
- **Professional Presentations**—The following graduate students in the Marine Biology program presented their research at the *Benthic Ecology* meeting in Atlanta: Daniel Green (Advisor, Dr. Edmunds), Stacy Kreuger (Dr. Dudgeon), Mairead Maheigan (Dr. Edmunds), Nancy Muehllehner (Dr. Edmunds), Abigail Poray (Dr. Carpenter), Melissa Spitler (Dr. Carpenter), and Christina Vasquez (Dr. Dudgeon); their travel was sponsored by the Department of Biology and the Graduate Research and Sponsored Projects Office • Nancy Muehllehner also represented the Department of Biology at this year's *Emeritus Luncheon* by presenting her research on the effects of increasing carbon dioxide on the growth of stony corals
- **Letter to Editor Published**—Professor Steve Oppenheimer had a piece published in the *Los Angeles Times* over the weekend that touts CSUN as a better choice than the so-called "best" schools for students who seek research experiences that can land them in the top graduate programs in the country