



# *Biosphere*

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

### Biology Colloquium (Friday 2 PM in EH 2132)

Dr. Frank Talamantes

Health Science Center, Texas Tech University

*“Health Disparities: A National Crisis”*

- *Student Research Presentations* — as reported in the last issue of *Biosphere*, many CSUN undergraduate and graduate students have been representing our department at professional meetings in their research areas. Here are some additional presenters:
  - **Meeting of the American Society of Microbiology, Southern California Branch** — Graduate students Adorina Moshava and Arbella Moshava (both advised by Dr. Murray) both presented posters
  - **Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego** — Graduate students Odette Arman and Deborah Nambi (both advised by Dr. de Bellard) presented a poster and a talk, respectively • Dr. de Bellard also presented a poster for a high school student (Lisa Rotenstein) now currently at Harvard
- *Equipment Donations* — Drs. Malone, Stein and de Bellard acquired close to \$50K worth of equipment and lab supplies from the Amgen fair on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>
- *Collaborative Teaching Abroad* — Dr. Robert Espinoza (currently on sabbatical in Argentina) is coteaching a 2-wk graduate level herpetology course with his Argentine colleagues. Dr. Espinoza will teach labs and computer simulations on thermal biology and diet evolution to students from all over Argentina who have traveled to Salta for this course
- *Faculty Publications* — Dr. Paul Wilson and colleagues have a paper out in the *New Phytologist* • Dr. Steve B. Oppenheimier, Dr. Edward Carroll (Dept. Chemistry), Virginia Hutchins-Carroll, and Cathy Coyle-Thompson had a paper accepted for publication in *Acta Histochemica*