



# *Biosphere*

## The Weekly Bulletin of Biology

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

Dr. Charles “Brad” Schuster, New Mexico State University

*“Merging Classical and Molecular Approaches to Understanding Cytokinesis in Animal Cells”*

- **Research Awards**—Assistant Professor Gini Vandergon and colleagues were awarded \$400,000 from the California Science Project Teacher Retention Initiative to work with inservice teachers at high-risk schools to prevent them from leaving the teaching profession
- **Editorials Published**—Professor Steve Oppenheimer published an editorial in *Fortune Magazine* on the investment habits of Nobel laureates and in the *American Society for Cell Biology Newsletter* challenging universities with large endowments to forego indirect costs from granting agencies to mitigate the research-funding crisis
- **Professional Presentations**—Former graduate student Jolene Pucci (MS 2006, Advisor: Dr. Schiffman) presented a paper based on her MS research at the *California Botanical Society* and received an award for best presentation in the Conservation Biology session • Associate Professor Bobby Espinoza was an invited panel member for a Diversity Forum and presented a departmental seminar at the University of Northern Colorado
- **Outreach**—Professor Maria Elena Zavala will be included in a 24-page educational booklet featuring American Women, which will be published by the Detroit Free Press and distributed free to students and teachers • Graduate student Taylor Anderson-McGill (Advisor, Dr. Karels) helped Assistant Professor Gini Vandergon at Sepulveda Basin to train high school students who are considering careers as science teachers
- **Award Announcements**—The Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program application deadline is 8 March and the California Pre-Doctoral Program deadline is 28 March; for more information please contact Hedy Carpenter at (818) 677-2138