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.