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- **Awards**— Sarine Shamarian (advisor Dr. Oppenheimer) won a Southern California Academy of Sciences Fellowship • Azalia Contreras (advisor Dr. Oppenheimer) won a Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship.
- **Publications**— Dr. Steve Oppenheimer, his former students Maribel Alvarez, Jennifer Nnoli (both now in Ph.D. programs), Virginia Hutchins-Carroll, Dr. Ed Carroll, Jr. (Dept. Chemistry), and Ziba Razinia (also in PhD program) have had a paper accepted in the journal *Zygote* • Dr. Paul Wilson is a co-author on a new paper published in *The Bryologist*.
- **Grants** — Dr. Steve Oppenheimer was awarded a \$100,369 NIH continuation grant for his research on cell adhesion • Dr. Peter Edunds received a \$109,000 NSF FSML grant to purchase a boat for the Richard B. Gump South Pacific Research Lab in Moorea
- **Professional Meetings and Workshops this summer** — Peter Holmquist and Dr. Mike Summers presented at the Cyanobacterial Workshop in Wisconsin in June • Jennifer Hedger, Joe Ireland and Dr. Mike Summers presented at the American Society for Microbiology Meeting in Toronto in May
- **More Summer Travels** — Dr. Peter Edmunds, Danny Green (grad student), William Goldenheim (grad student), Nick Colvard (REU student from UCLA), Abby Dobbs (undergrad from Northeastern U), Craig Didden (HS teacher from Viewpoint HS), and Tung-Yung Fan (collaborator from NMMBA in Taiwan) all worked in St. John (USVI) in support of Dr. Edmunds' long-term research project (21st year) funded from NSF-LTREB and Puerto Rico Sea Grant (22 July - 20 August) • Dr. Peter Edmunds, his students Danny Green, Hollie Putnam, Nancy Muehllhner (and their tech, Mike Murray) worked in Moorea, French Polynesia, for NSF-LTER research from 1 April - 15 May • Azalia Contreras (advisor Dr. Oppenheimer) spent the summer at UC Santa Barbara on a summer research/pre-doctoral fellowship.
- **Graduate opportunity** • Dr. Tim Karels has an opening in his lab for an MS student to begin Spring 2008 working on a project on the endangered giant kangaroo rat in the Carrizo Plain National Monument. Contact karels@csun.edu