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- **Darwin Week** — Charles Darwin's 200th birthday on February 12th is almost near and CSUN is going to celebrate with a week (Feb. 9 - 13) of special events, performances, talks, and symposia. For more information and schedules visit <http://www.csun.edu/darwin> The site will be updated regularly as more information becomes available.
- **Research Funding Awarded** — Dr. Pete Edmunds has very recently been awarded two NSF grants. The first grant (\$447K over 5 years) in Long Term Research in Environmental Biology will fund his 23rd to 27th year time series work in St. John, US Virgin Islands. The grant will also support grad students, K-12 outreach and high school work here in California. The Second grant (\$591K over 3 years) through the Biological Oceanography program is to fund his research on effects of global climate change on coral larvae ecophysiology. All of the work will be completed in Taiwan, support graduate students, and also bring a post-doctoral fellow to his lab.
- **Publications** — Dr. Steven Oppenheimer and students Azalia Contreras and John Vitale, and colleagues Ed Carroll and Virginia Hutchins-Carroll had a paper published in the journal *Zygote* on Exogenous hyalin and sea urchin gastrulation. — Dr. Dave Gray and colleagues had a paper accepted for publication in the *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* on the Jamaican field cricket and two new sister species — Dr. Jim Hogue and colleague have published a paper on the distribution of the mayfly (*Caudatella edmundsi*) in the journal *Pan-Pacific Entomologist*