Cal State Northridge business students in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program are offering free tax preparation through April 15 to low income families and individuals who need help preparing their state and federal income tax forms. Each year, more than 250 students go through an intensive training program preparing them to deal with most of the basic problems taxpayers confront.

Cal State Northridge's award-winning radio station, KCSN 88.5 FM, has done it again. The students and staff in the station's news department have won two “Golden Mikes” and a special merit award from the Radio-Television News Association of Southern California.

English professor Robert Chianese and educational psychology and counseling professor Janet Fish have been awarded Fulbright Scholar grants to lecture and study overseas this spring. Chianese will lecture in American Studies at the University of Plovdiv in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Fish will share research she has done on the cutting-edge preschool practices of a small town in Italy with educators at Catholic University in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Fulfilling a promise to the campus community, Cal State Northridge will start construction this spring on the university's second new parking structure—a 2,063-space facility to be built just south of the administration building. The $18 million project, funded by student and employee parking fees, will produce a net parking increase on campus of about 1,350 spaces when the five-level structure is opened by fall 2005.