Sixty years after it opened as a popular harness racing track and fairgrounds, Devonshire Downs is poised to reclaim its glory days—this time as a planned village-style residential community for Cal State Northridge faculty and staff. Nearly 160 two-story for-sale town homes will break ground on CSUN’s North Campus in fall 2008.

A spacious, well-equipped new Boating Instruction Safety Center (BISC) operated by Cal State Northridge opened its doors this summer at Castaic Lake. Built with grant funding from the state Department of Boating and Waterways, the 10,000-square-foot BISC at the Castaic Lake Recreation Area is one of just a handful of boating safety centers in California.

Three Cal State Northridge faculty members each have received a $12,000 fellowship from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation to support their research of criminal justice, retail and air quality issues that impact the lives of Los Angeles residents. The fellowship recipients are women’s studies and Chicana/o studies professor Marta Lopez-Garza, history professor Josh Sides and urban studies professor Ward Thomas.

Cal State Northridge’s Center for Cancer and Developmental Biology has been asked by the National Institute of Health to join in a global effort to fight cancer, in particular an international consortium that is trying to understand how cancer cells spread throughout the body. The Consortium for Functional Glycomics is a $41-million research initiative by the NIH to study cancer cells and the role sugar biology plays in spreading deadly viruses and bacteria.