As gas prices continue to climb, some students are forced to change the way they commute in order to save cash at the pump.

Many are driving shorter distances, eliminating trips and in some cases, looking for a more fuel-efficient vehicle. "It makes me just want to sell my truck and get a car," Fresno State student Anthony Velasquez said.

Those who commute often find themselves spending hundreds of dollars a month on gas just to get to school. Is there anything that can be done to alleviate the situation? Nursing major Chelsie Grossman has a suggestion. "Maybe look to carpooling rather than driving two separate cars," Grossman said. "Don’t forget things at home."

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EDITORIAL
Happy April Fool’s Day

With the exception of a small handful of die-hard Kiss concertgoers, you may have noticed Friday’s entire edition of The Collegian was published in lieu of America’s favorite fake holiday, April Fool’s Day. Whether it was Kiss heading the re-opening of the outdoor amphitheater or a Hillside High。(omitted due to irrelevance) all eight pages were filled with whatever blatantly satirical stories The Collegian could muster.

In case you were wondering, a few students did call the newsroom asking for Kiss concert tickets. And, as a result of our faux story about Pedro Ramirez and Neil O’Brien becoming friends, O’Brien asked Ramirez out to lunch. Ramirez declined.

But, as holds true with any issue, satirical or serious, some articles were taken less with a grain of salt than with a grudge. A few feelings were hurt, and maybe a bridge or two burned. The Lopes family may not grant us any more interviews. The burned. The Lopes family may not be hurt, and maybe a bridge or two was taken less with a grain of salt.

Regardless, we make no apologies, and we remain confident that we lived up to the April Fool’s Day billing and distributed a newspaper that the student body was very interested in. Yes, we did run into some issues using the sports section in particular, and a small uproar from the lacrosse community that refused to accept the humor in an article poking fun at the program’s on-field troubles. We also learned a valuable lesson in how to properly publish images of public figures.

But save for a few that decided not to read the articles with a sense of humor, many found it hilarious. Most found it a riot. Some took a different approach, and that’s OK.

That’s just the price of being a news media outlet. The Collegian fully understands that with every issue, some backlash is inevitable. Although it may come as a shock, we are genuinely concerned when a reader or a group of readers is hurt by a story. We value all of our readers. We pay attention to all criticism of us, and decide if it’s valid or not. In this case, we feel confident that we put out an excellent paper.

In hindsight, could things have been handled differently? Can they always?

Our overriding concern for the April Fool’s issue, however, was to make students laugh. And judging by the positive feedback that poured into the newsroom and popped up online all day Friday, April Fool’s edition was a success, whether or not it left a few bad tastes in readers’ mouths.

POLLS
Should alcohol be served at Fresno State football games?

Yes (54%, 72 Votes)

No (25%, 33 Votes)

People drink before going there anyway. It doesn’t matter either way. (25%, 33 Votes)

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NEW YORK (AP) — Best Buy Co., TiVo Inc., and Walgreen Co. are the latest in a seemingly endless string of companies to warn over the weekend that hackers gained access to customers’ files, including email addresses.

The companies all use the same marketing and communications vendor, Epsilon. It’s a leading marketing services firm that sends more than 40 billion emails annually and has more than 2,500 clients including seven of the Fortune 10. Epsilon, based in Dallas, issued a brief statement on Friday saying “a full investigation was under way” following the discovery of the breach of some customer client data. The company said that information obtained was limited to names and email addresses and that “no other personal identifiable information associated with the names was at risk.”

Epsilon spokeswoman Jessica Simon declined to comment further late Sunday.

The companies affected said Epsilon informed them of the breach and told them the compromised files do not include any personally identifiable information stored with the marketer. However, hackers could use these email addresses to trick customers into providing more personal information such as Social Security numbers.

Best Buy, the nation’s largest consumer electronics chain, tweeted a link to a statement Sunday, saying it was doing its own investigation of the breach. It also reminded customers to ignore emails asking for confidential information. And Delaware-based Barclays Bank, which issues Visa credit cards on behalf of LL Bean, sent emails to its customers warning of the breach but assured them that their credit card numbers are safe. However, it cautioned they could be subject to spam seeking personal information.

TiVo and Walgreens issued similar warnings Saturday.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. and grocery operator Kroger Co., which also use Epsilon to send emails, said Friday they had been affected by the breach. JPMorgan said the files concerned did not include customers’ financial details.

FUEL: Students looking for ways to save money

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local transit is an option. Would some Fresno State students consider hopping aboard a Fresno Area Express bus? The fare is just $1.25 each way.

“Never,” political science major Anthony Avila said. “I may drive shorter distances, but there’s no way I’d take a bus.”

Public administration major Paul Myers would take the bus only as a last resort. “It would have to get to the point where I couldn’t find a friend to ride with,” Myers said. “Or maybe if it gets to $7 a gallon.”

There are ways to conserve gas, like buying a larger amount of food when one goes to the grocery store, so trips can be reduced.

Replacing worn out spark plugs can also be beneficial. According to the National Car Care Council, worn spark plugs can cost you up to 2 mpg in fuel economy.

Also, investing in a new gas cap can help keep your hard-earned money in your wallet. A faulty cap could cost motorists more than $50 a year due to evaporation. Make sure your tires are properly inflated, too.

AAA offers help to motorists who want save money on gas. Their website, www.aaa.com, provides gas price tools as well as online, tips on conserving gas and information on alternative fuels and commuting options.

Still upset? There is a web site titled “I Hate Gas Prices,” to where enraged drivers can go and vent their frustrations.
Library provides hands-on study material

By Sarah Thomas
The Collegian

When studying for a class or preparing a research project, students can utilize services in the Henry Madden Library that provide more than just books. According to the Henry Madden Library website, the library physically contains more than one million books and is the largest academic library between Sacramento and Los Angeles. The library has subscriptions to over 60,000 online journals, magazines and newspapers, and access to a large collection of electronic books. However, at times it’s more efficient for students to study more than what books can provide. The library offers services relating to subjects such as teaching preparation resources, political and government information, research and archives.

One department in the library is the “Music and Media Collection” located on the third floor. The collection contains approximately 22,000 CDs ranging from Western art music, jazz, musical comedy, popular music and cultural music. The collection also contains spoken recordings including poetry, plays and speeches.

Business major Dallas Kimbler is enrolled in a music class that requires her to listen to music clips outside of class. “My professor assigned certain songs for us to study, which are available at the music collection in the library,” Kimbler said.

Kimbler is able to rent the CDs she needs for her class and can return them when she is finished, similar to checking out a book. CDs can be checked out for up to seven days. Also available for check out is the media collection, which contains more than 7,000 videos, in both video home system and digital videodisc format. There are also 12 iMacs computers available in the media department: eight for general student use and four in a media room containing specialized graphic design software.

Computer graphic design major Houa Yang is a student assistant at the Music and Media Collection center. Yang is able to learn about the media software on the iMacs and helps other students who are learning about the same products.

“The media room has computers that students can use for art and computer graphic media,” Yang said.

The iMacs computers consist of programs that are not found on general computers, and can be expensive for students to purchase for themselves. For students who would like to utilize extra services in the library, but are unsure where to start, the website contains a “Need help? Ask!” button located on the library homepage. The ask button provides students the opportunity to communicate with the references department of the library to receive information about library services, including instant messaging, e-mail addresses and text messaging.

“The library has many services, but this encapsulates what we want to achieve references,” Allison Cowgill, head of reference for the library, said.

Cowgill said that each academic department throughout the university has a designated librarian, which can be viewed on the website. Every student on campus can find help for any assignment by contacting one of the assigned librarians.

There are services throughout the library that can benefit students in any major or field of study. While some aspects of the library can be more obvious than others, such as the presence of books, there are many services that students are unaware of.

Cowgill said that the best way for students to take advantage of the extra opportunities in the library is for them to seek guidance from their designated librarian to see what is offered.

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Music to their ears
High school musicians come to Fresno State to perform, learn

By Karlena Franz
The Collegian

High school kids from across the Valley invaded the music department’s concert hall Friday April 1 to perform in the 12th annual Fresno State High School Band Invitational.

Gary Gilroy, Fresno State’s director of bands, co-hosted the event with associate band director Tim Anderson. Students who were nominated by Gilroy to form the marching band council coordinated everything from setting up to cleaning up.

“We are basically in charge of everything,” Lacee Sherman, marching band council president, said. “We set it all up, direct students where to go, and clean up with help from Dr. Gilroy. Today we got here at 7 a.m. and probably won’t leave until around 10 p.m.”

Saturday April 3 and Sunday April 4 is the 35th Annual Dr. Lawrence R. Sutherland Intercollegiate Wind Festival.

Sherman said they have been planning this event for about a month. This weekend was this band council’s first event for the upcoming season.

This year 15 high schools attended the event that Fresno State’s Associated Students, Inc. helped get fund. “We want ASI to know how much we appreciate the help and support in getting these events going,” Gilroy said.

Each school is given an allotted time to perform musical numbers that four judges listen to. These judges, however, give no scores or points for the performances, but rather give pointers and compliments to the students.

Once the school has finished its performance, the students got a chance to meet with Gary Green, a conductor at the University of Miami, where he gives feedback on the performance.

Green didn’t stop at just telling the high school musicians how they can do better, he actually had them pick up their instruments to show them.

“It’s so cool that we got him working at the event,” Gilroy said. “His knowledge is great for these kids. They really can benefit from this.”

Having the high school students on campus is a great recruiting tool that gives the students an opportunity to perform at a college, see college students at work and just gives them a positive outlook on what Fresno State has to offer.

“They get to meet the music department faculty and see the facilities,” Shannon Weber, a music education major, said. “I think they really benefit from it all.”

Halfway through the day, the Fresno State Symphonic Band, led by Anderson performs for the high schools and later in the evening the Fresno State Wind Orchestra led by Gilroy performs. The high schools get the opportunity to witness firsthand what it’s like for a college to perform.

Webber said the high schools have to attend a number of festivals throughout the year and this one just happens to be one that some choose to come to. Schools from Clovis, Reedley and even San Luis Obispo show up to the festival. “It’s a really long weekend, but it is all worth it,” Weber said. “It’s what we call love for music.”

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Source: UrbanDictionary.com
Softball takes hold of WAC after sweep

By Brandy Flores

The Collegian

In the most anticipated matchup of the season, the Fresno State Bulldogs softball team swept the Hawaii Rainbow Wahine in a three-game series to improve their Western Athletic Conference record to 11-0.

Opening the series in front of a national audience on ESPNU Friday night, Michelle Moses led the Bulldogs to a 5-0 shutout victory at Bulldog Diamond throwing a no-hitter against the No. 20/25 ranked Rainbow Wahine.

“It feels amazing and it’s such an accomplishment not only for me but for this team,” Moses said after the game. “I just took one pitch at a time and didn’t think about the no-hitter.”

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Taking on the Rainbow Wahine Saturday and becoming only the 19th pitcher in Bulldog history to throw a no-hitter.

The Bulldogs will return to the road for a single game matchup of the season, the series sweep and earn the Bulldogs 2011's WAC Championship to.

Despite getting on the board first in the third inning, the ‘Bows were unable to get past Oakes and closer Moses to score again, and a home run by left fielder Andrea Ortega in the fourth sealed Fresno’s second straight victory over their tough WAC rival 2-1.

Moses returned to the mound in game three in a rematch against Hawaii pitcher, and reigning WAC Pitcher of the Year, Stephanie Ricketts. The two top starters engaged in a pitching duel that lasted six innings before first baseman Nicole Angene smacked a two-run homer to complete the sweep.

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Hawaii, who entered the series on a three-game win streak over WAC opponent Utah State, dropped to 3-3 in WAC play and 25-12 overall for the season. The series sweep was the first conference series sweep for Hawaii since 2008 when Fresno won each of the games by one-run.

“I know what I’m doing. And I just give the ball to receivers and make smart plays so I like it.”

With more knowledge of the playbook, Watson has shown he could very likely be the No. 2 man on the depth chart.

“Only thing that’s going to stop me is myself I believe,” Watson said. “I mean Kelly O’Brien is a great quarterback too that’s why we got him here. But that’s why they got me here too. It’s just a competition. There’s no beef between us. It’s just the competition to see who’s going to be the back-up and I wish the best luck to both of us.”

One thing that won’t stop Watson is his height, which plagues most quarterbacks who are not blessed with prototypical size. Watson is working to improve his accuracy this spring to help make up for his lack of desirable height.

“Accuracy, because I’m a short quarterback,” Watson said. “So people try to say ‘Oh, he’s a short quarterback. He can’t see over the line.’ but if I’m accurate that doesn’t mean anything. I can see over the line. I can do everything I want to do.”

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QB: Watson, O’Brien battle for backup spot
Carr’s backup still a question

By Jerry Huerta
The Collegian

At Fresno State, there hasn’t been a quarterback competition since the 2009 season when Derek Carr first arrived on campus.

Back then, there was a competition between Ryan Colburn and Derek Carr for the starting quarterback position. Carr was the young, early graduate from Bakersfield Christian High School and Colburn was the veteran who had been in the system for four years. Eventually, Colburn would win the competition, keeping Carr on the sideline during his redshirt season.

Fast forward to this spring where there is a quarterback competition, but this time not for the starting quarterback position. A looming question lies in who will replace Carr should he not be able to play. With Colburn now graduated, it leaves three quarterbacks for the 2011 season: Carr, Kelly O’Brien and Greg Watson.

Watson and O’Brien are battling for the backup spot after both redshirting last season.

Co-offensive coordinator Jeff Grady who works with the quarterbacks, talked about how the two quarterbacks have looked so far.

“They’re both doing good,” Grady said. “They both making progress everyday which is all you can ask. We’ve had our good days and some not so good days, but more good days.”

With the backup quarterback competition starting to heat up leading to this Saturday’s spring game, Grady described what the two candidates have to do to win this job.

“They need to learn the offense,” Grady said. “They need to learn the offense as a key component to winning the job. Watson used his redshirt year as a chance to learn. “It was funny because last year, even though I redshirted, I traveled with the team,” Watson said. “So I practiced and everything but this year I feel like I know the playbook way more. I know the whole thing pretty much so now I..."