Library of Congress recognizes former Fresno State professor

By Ana Mendoza-Santiago

The Library of Congress has appointed former Fresno State English professor Philip Levine new poet laureate consultant on Aug. 10. The U.S. Library of Congress appoints a poet laureate annually and describes the position as “the nation’s official light- ning rod for the poetic impulse of Americans.”

The appointee is awarded a $35,000 stipend to help him/her fulfill his/her duties. The 83-year-old former Fresno State professor and Pulitzer Prize winner Levine is “highly regarded throughout the literary community, and one of the most well respected living poets in the nation,” Associated Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities Jose Diaz said.

Levine taught in the English department at Fresno State from 1958 to 1992. He also taught at Princeton, Columbia and New York University adding to his long list of prestigious accomplishments. Levine is best known for his poems focusing on the working class in Detroit where he worked in an automobile fac- tory during his youth.

Former student of Levine and current Fresno State English professor Tim Skeen describes the announcement as “the best news to come out of Washington, D.C. in a long time.”

In a recent interview for The New York Times, Levine referred to his job at Fresno State as “not a good job, but a job.”

“Phil [taught at Fresno State] during some of the most interesting years,” Skeen said.

Fraternity safety issues arise after drive-by shooting

By Ana Mendoza-Santiago

Event safety issues flared up this summer after a drive-by shooting off Shaw Avenue at party hosted by the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity on Sunday, June 19.

After four individuals tried to enter the party and were denied entry, the suspects returned to their vehicle. A short time later they drove away, then opened fire at the attending crowd leaving two injured. The crime alert from the University Police Department released on Jan. 19 stated, “two people at the party were struck in their legs.”

Because of the incident, Pi Kappa Alpha is currently under review by Fresno State. Events organized by the fra- ternity have been suspended “to ensure the safety of the fraternity, campus and commu- nity members,” director of student involvement at Fresno State Sally Ramage said.

“We have given them the opportunity to meet with us before the beginning of school and at that point we will deter- mine what the future is, based upon their plan” Ramage said. “I have every belief they have been working this summer in order to secure plans to make certain that the organization has a safe future.”

The incident was one of a small handful of violent crimes that have occurred within a short proximity of the campus over the course of the last three months, of which included a June 1 stab- bing on Barstow Avenue by Cedar and Millbrook Avenues. “This incident was a ran- dom violent act against the students of Fresno State,” Pi Kappa Alpha president Michael Eberhard said in an e-mail interview.

Fresno State and University Police suggest that sororities and fraternities inform them of planned events throughout the school year.

“The incident was not relat- ed to the university. That inci- dent was related to the com- munity,” said Ramage. “There were individuals who were trying to interrupt and insert themselves into an event.”

Crimes close to campus have sparked awareness on the Facebook group “Revitalize the Fresno State Community” which currently has 1,058 members.

“People are being taught how to get into their parties. To maintain better control of a party Sigma Nu “normal- ly calls the cops for the bigger parties we have, or [private] security,” the member said. “Don’t think Phil had policing that night which is probably one more reason why it hap- pened.”

Kappa Sigma member Bryan Sortner said it is very common to have non-students trying to get into their parties. “The risk management takes care of that at the gate, to make sure we know the people that are coming in,” Sortner said.

A fraternity member of Sigma Nu, who requested to remain anonymous, said it is common to have “almost fights” or other problems at some fraternity parties. 

“We have the Greek com- munity, students, and then we have all the people who live in Fresno who try to come to ‘close parties’”, the Sigma Nu member said. “It’s a terrible situation when you have outside people who try to get in and it turns into fighting or they come back to retaliate. We have this happen here numerous times,” he added.

Drive-by shooting a part of increasing list of near-campus crime

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The State of The Collegian address

A summer vacation away from school is typically a welcome reprieve and as easily as it arrived back on May 19, Fresno State students like you and I now have 148 days of instruction to look forward to. But who’s counting, right?

Well, squeezed into those 148 days, the released Collegian staff, lead by yours truly, has accomplished 45 issues, five special inserts and an abundance of multimedia production by the production Collegian.csufresno.edu. Speaking of online, converging our print and digital website publication has been a focal point in recent semesters. We will take on an added importance in my tenure as editor in chief. In the journalism profession, this is the separating point from online is becoming increasingly blurred, with many pushing for website content to be the top priority.

With that being said, our multimedia staff, led by Associate Multimedia Director Dr. Tamyra Pierce, the Collegian and brings a lot of innovative ideas to the table – ideas we hope to introduce you early and often throughout this fall semester. On the editorial staff, we also have a list of fresh faces, with the exception of Tony Peterson, who just gave up his column to jump from editor in chief back to his native position as opinion editor. As always, it is our goal to provide you the reader

Dear Ben Ingersoll,

Congratulations on being hired as the 2011-12 Collegian editor in chief. When I was officially hired for the position, I was told I needed to leave a footprint for the future, to leave a mark on the hearts of subsequent readers and writers saying, “That’s what he did when he was editor in chief.”

My focus for this year will be to have the online publication “lead the news” by mining more news until Wednesday, Monday or Friday issues to hear of something that happened now. Our plan is to have an up-to-date, reliable online source of news that is followed up by a thorough report in the following publication. It is all part of an effort to generate a renewed sense of community, an effort that is geared toward rapidly growing our readership.

Of course, there are the awards we strive for, most notably the California College Media Association (CCMA) awards and even an average of 15 awards, four better than the previous year. But, to me, the awards issue will take care of itself. As we report to you, your editor, and provide you with worthwhile content that keeps you picking up the paper or surfing our website, the biggest reward is what you get out of it, not what we break.

Since the awards won’t be handed out until the end of the spring, you’re in line for a long evaluation is key for us to understand what we can do better. So, as always, I look forward to your “Here’s what you guys did right,” or “Here’s what they did wrong,” or even just “Here’s my opinion on the matter.”

So stop by, write a letter, even complain a little if you have to because that’s how we get better. But before you read The Collegian, and hopefully you’ll enjoy this semester as much as we enjoy serving you.

Editor in Chief

The Collegian's editors spend their summer?

Editor in Chief Ben Ingersoll:
The highlight of my summer was definitely going on an all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas for my best friend's birthday. Also, I became Uncle Ben on July 1 when Skywalker Jade Ingersoll was born.

Opinion Editor Tony Peterson:
This summer I went to Kenya, Africa. Needless to say, it was quite the summer. I saw 9,000 African congregates for a church service. I gave sheep, cows and mosquito nets to villages, pastors and tribal chiefs and I even got to go on a safari. (A lion looking straight at me was wonderful.) The sun bleached my skin and my yellow eyes is the most blood-curdling moment I’ve ever experienced.) For more information, you can visit my website, toptypersens.wordpress.com, or just visit The Collegian’s website.

Features Editor Thomas Pearson:
My summer was spent doing absolutely nothing. I woke up everyday at 2 p.m. and did nothing but lie around and go to the gym. I felt like my mind was decaying and I was wasting time. I’m happy for this semester to start because now I have a job and stuff to keep me busy. The soonest in which I think this summer was to make sure next summer I have a two-week vacation booked to Hawaii.

Webmaster Dalton Runberg:
The highlight of my summer was traveling to Las Vegas for the Electric Daisy Carnival. This three-day (or night, since it ran from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.) music festival featured more than 200 artists from the electronic music scene, and had nearly 250,000 attendees. I pushed my way through the sea of people to get up close to see artists like Tiesto, Feed Me, and Skrillex. The music, lighting, performers and my friends all made it an incredible and unforgettable experience.

Videographer Ezra Romero: I got a job in July so my summer was sort of cut short, but I was able to hike in Yosemite with my family and I had a great camping trip at the Ark Encounter in Kings Canyon. On the camping trip my buddies and I hiked 13 miles and later in the evening we encountered a drunk man from jumping into a raging river!
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turbulent times in the country and uni-
versity’s history, Vietnam, for example, the
protests, the riots of the farmwork-
ers, Cesar Chavez’s period,” Skeen said.
He was here during a very conten-
tious time, and I think that those times
brought the best in people, and brought
out the worst in people.”
Levine mentions and describes his expe-
riences in Fresno through several of
his poems. In one titled “The Silent
American,” he writes about living in
Fresno.
“Fresno is as much part of his work as
nouns and verbs,” Skeen said.
Levine currently resided in Fresno
and Brooklyn, New York.
“Phil’s presence is still very keenly
felt. What he thinks, what he says mat-
ters to us, it matters to the nation now,”
Skeen said.
Phil processed the images into his
poems,” Skeen added. “Living in Fresno while studying the poetry of
Phil Levine is like unraveling a sweat-
er to see where the ball of yarn came
from.
The master of fine arts and creative
writing program is one of the many
legacies Levine has created at Fresno
State. A program, which is “nationally
recognized,” Diaz said. “We have an
outstanding and distinguished faculty
who are award winning authors.”
Aside from his many accomplish-
ments, such as receiving a Pulitzer
Prize in 1980, a National Book Award
in 1989 and 1991, and a Frank O’Hara
Prize, Levine has also written 20 collec-
tions of poems.
A celebration to honor Levine is cur-
rently being planned by the MFA cre-
ative writing faculty and the Henry
Maddern Library. The event is planned
to take place sometime in October,
which is National Arts and Humanity
month.

Fraternity: Organizations
help revitalize community
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when there is a lot of people” living
together in a neighborhood.
“There is a lot of drinking but they
don’t really yell,” Fresno State student
Cellina Xiong said.
Xiong lives in an apartment complex
near Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Alpha fra-
terities.
“They have events about five times a
year. If they have an event during the
weekend, then it gets really loud.”
You have to consider that 28 college
men living together in one apartment
complex, that things will get noisy, but
I don’t feel that we are inconsiderate
of our neighbors,” Eberhard said. “We
keep our facility clean and we do our
best to give notices to our neighbors in
advance when we host social events at
our house.”
We hope to develop a neighbor-
hood watch in our area and hope-
fully that will strengthen the relation-
ship between us and our neighbors,”
Eberhard added.
Pi Kappa Alpha, along with other
campus organizations, are develop-
ing revitalization efforts along with
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LAUREATE: Levine’s Fresno
State legacy continues

Gadhafi nears his end
By Suliman Ali Zway, Hannah Allam and
Shashank Bengali
McClatchy Newspapers

BENGHAZI, Libya — The long, bru-
tal reign of Col. Moammar Gadhafi
appeared to collapse Sunday as rebels
swarmed into Tripoli, captured two of his
sons and set off wild street celebra-
tions in a capital that he’d ruled by fear
for more than four decades, Libyan and
NATO officials said.
With NATO bombings paving the
way, rebel forces entered Tripoli with
surprising ease and by early Monday
controlled large swaths of the city.
Gadhafi’s personal guard surrendered
to rebel forces, and live television foot-
age showed crowds of opposition sup-
porters in Tripoli’s Green Square —
the regime’s symbolic heart — unfurl-
ing the tricolor flag of pre-Gadhafi
Libya and smashing the ruler’s per-
traits in scenes that were unthinkable
just days ago.
It is historic,” Amal Abdelrazk,
a 42-year-old resident of downtown
Tripoli’s Andalus Street, said by
phone. “After 41 years, eight months
and 27 days, we witness this moment.
The whole thing is like a dream.”
As rebels partied in the streets,
hailed “as the victors of war,”
Abdelrazk said, rebel military spokes-
man Col. Ahmed Bani told McClatchy
Newspapers that his forces were hunt-
ing Gadhafi in and around Tripoli.
Gadhafi’s whereabouts were unknown,
but a U.S. official said, “We have no rea-
son to believe (he) has left the country.”
It marked a stunningly success-
ful final push by rebel forces — for
months described as ragtag and badly
organized, and thought to be reeling
from the mysterious assassination just
weeks ago of their commander, Abdel
Fattah Younes, a longtime Gadhafi
lieutenant who defected at the start of
the uprising. Younes’ death instead
appeared to embolden the rebels, who
in recent days routed pro-Gadhafi
fighters from the strategic town of
Zawiya, 30 miles west of Tripoli, and
swept into the capital Sunday with
little trouble.
Bani, the rebel military spokesman,
said that rebels from Zawiya were
joined by reinforcements of scores of
fighters from Misrata and Zlitan, two
other rebel-held cities, who landed on
a beach in Tajura, on Tripoli’s eastern
edge, arriving by boat shortly after
noon Sunday.
“It’s over. There is no more Gadhafi,
no more secret police, no more blood,”
Bani said.
By Thomas Pearson
The Collegian

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The team is psychology major Caffrey-Casiano.

“opposing views. I like the competition and I am very passionate about debate,” said Caffrey-Casiano.

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It's tough to be a diva these days

By Joe Bream McClatchy Newspapers

Cher never did it. Neither did Beyonce nor Britney.

Katy Perry changes outfits eight times during just one song on her current concert tour.

That may sound excessive, but what concertgoers see when Perry performs "Hot N Cold," illustrates how hard it is to be a music diva these days. You have to get the attention of the media as often as possible.

The attitude of music lovers can be summed up in a song by another vintage diva: Janet Jackson's "What Have You Done for Me Lately?"

Perry seems to release a new single every five weeks. Jennifer Lopez zoomed up the charts with "On the Floor" in May, then disappeared as soon as "American Idol" went off the air. After three No. 1 Utah tempos, Rihanna released a so-so ballad, and suddenly Nicki Minaj has replaced her in the hearts of dance-pop fans.

"The appetite is insatiable," said Rosenberg, just back in New York after a trip to Sturges, S.D., with client Stevi Nickis.

When Madonna was starting out in the early 1980s, Rosenberg had just a few targets: Rolling Stone, MTV, "Entertainment Tonight," major newspapers, key radio stations and maybe People magazine. Nowadays, PR involves maintaining a website and Facebook pages, posting regular tweets, singing on TV ... morning shows sell albums, late-night shows add cachet _ getting plugs on such sites as Perez Hilton and TMZ, scoring magazine features in the likes of Cosmopolitan and InStyle, and walking the red carpet at endless award shows and movie premieres.

R&B star R&B star Keri Hilton fondly remembers what it was like to be a fan of Janet Jackson or Whitney Houston and have them disappear from the media moment. For her, "fans expect much more," Rosenberg said. "They used to get gobs and gobs more money today but they're losing their privacy.

"There is no privacy," interjected Lori Barghini, Cobbs' radio partner. "Look at Cher. She has embraced Twitter like a 21-year-old."

Cobbs, who dishes daily about her "bagel boy," asks radio personality Julia Cobbs, who dishes daily about celebrities on "Lori & Julia" on the Twin Cities station MyTalk. "Who wants to be on 24/7?"

"Lori & Julia" and any commentaries Cobbs makes about the Grammy red carpet riding in an egg, wearing a dress made of raw meat on the MTV awards or being interviewed on "60 Minutes." As gossip-loving radio host Cobbs puts it: "Lady Gaga dresses for Halloween every day _ sometimes three."

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Enter what Rosenberg calls the Glam Squad: the team of hairstylist, makeup artist, wardrobe stylist and designer who now have the media moment. For her, "fans expect much more," Rosenberg said. "They used to get gobs and gobs more money today but they're losing their privacy.

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Longtime country queen Reba McEntire, who has scored a No. 1 Nashville song in each of the past four decades, knows the landscape isn't the same anymore. "It's unfortunate," she said.

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By Jerry Huerta
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The Fresno State football team will be heading into this season with a lot of promise, and possibly even more pressure with a high profile quarterback, a plethora of returning weapons and a sleek new uniform look.

Now, fans can feast their eyes on one more new feature to the Bulldog football program: brand new state-of-the-art field turf.

The athletic department gathered around $1.2 million dollars to turn coach Pat Hill’s brand new state-of-the-art field into a reality.

Since breaking ground in mid-June, the new field turf will face into a reality.

The department is familiar with the skill players that we’d like to get matched up in situations where they could really use a high-profile quarterback, like A.J. Ellis and other guys we had last year where it was raining and the field conditions were horrible.

For our opponents, I think it’s going to be exciting,” said Logan Harrell, who is the senior defensive lineman and the running backs skill positions,” said Joe Wade, who is the head coach.

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Head coach Pat Hill gave some thoughts on the new field turf at Bulldog Stadium.

“The turf is something that’s very special to us as a program because it gives us a field to practice on year around and knowing they’ll have a playing surface that is going to be consistent. Our kids love playing on field turf. They know exactly what they’re going to get on every cut.”

Now, players will not have to worry about problems with the field in terms of weather during the sloppy late-season home games because of the new surface. Last year, poor field conditions presented problems for the football team towards the end of the season.

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“The turf is something that’s very special to us as a program because it gives us a field to practice on year around and I know our players will really take advantage of that.” Hill said.

“Now, we’re guaranteed that field is very important. Now, we’re guaranteed to have good footing for every game that’s played at Bulldog Stadium and that’s a big deal. I think we have some outstanding skill players that we’d like to get matched up in situations where they could really use their athleticism.”

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