Imagination can survive today

By LEANNE ALBERTA

Can poetic imagination survive in our technological world? Can the modern poet be creative in the atmosphere of today's processed and programmed world?

William Stafford believes the answer to both these questions is yes. Stafford, a professor of English at Lewis and Clark College, spoke Thursday morning in the University Union. His lecture was the third presentation in the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities' lecture series "Imagining the Imagination."

"I believe that there are patterns, or what I like to call myths, that govern everyone's lives," Stafford said. "The first myth is called the 'Sorcerer's Apprentice' or the 'Jack In The Beanstalk.' It deals with the reality that once you start something, like nuclear weaponry, you can't stop it."

"Another myth deals with redemption of the first world? Can the modern poet be creative in the attitude of imagination?"

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Stafford believes the power of imagination is present in all people. He feels that the writer or poet acquires his involvement in the world, but stays free of current formulas or formed imagination.

"A writer doesn't view perceptions only to embody them in language, rather he or she finds a way into a process that brings about new views that would otherwise never been seen," Stafford explained. "There are great opportunities and great hazards in the realm of imagination."

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Legislator claims both sides are to blame for deficit

By Karen Ellichman

America's national deficit can be erased by a three-programmed program of controlled defense spending, controlled entitlement spending and a flat federal tax, according to Congressman Leon Panetta, D-Central Valley.

Panetta, who spoke to about 100 people Oct. 25 in the University Union, was the second speaker in a series sponsored by the Young Democrats and the Political Science Club about the presidential elections. The four-term congressman is running for re-election in the 16th Congressional District, which includes the San Luis Obispo area.

The budget and the size of the deficit relate to every other national issue, he said. Because the state of our economy will determine if we have the resources to deal with other issues. We are now in a recovery, inflation is down and unemployment is holding. But how strong will that recovery be in the future?

Panetta said that although President Reagan contends that inflation rates are not related to the size of the deficit, that statement contradicts Reagan's earlier beliefs. "Which were true," said Panetta, who serves on the House Budget Committee.

With the federal government borrowing 70 to 90 percent of private savings to fill out its budget, the congressman said, the impact will be felt in small businesses, the trade balance and America's overall economy.

"There's not much mystery about who's to blame," Panetta said. "Everybody is to blame for the $200 billion federal deficit. The Democratic administration favored its own kind of spending and the Republican administration favored its own kind of spending, and both had to borrow to pay for it."

The congressman gave his personal plan for dealing with the federal deficit. First, he said, the president and Congress need to jointly control the growth in defense spending. "No more blank checks to the military," he emphasized. Panetta said a growth rate of three to five percent is realistic, but that America's leadership needs to question spending billions of dollars on systems such as the MX missiles, that cannot be justified diplomatically or militarily.

The second part of Panetta's deficit reduction plan is to control the growth of entitlement program spending. The congressman said that 46 percent of the federal budget goes toward entitlements, including all welfare payments such as social security, military and other entitlements. Medicare and farm subsidies. Six percent of the entitlement spending goes toward programs for the poor, he added.

Panetta said the middle class enti­ lishments need to be attacked more sharply. "No more automatic, across the board cost of living increases," he said. He also mentioned the alternate health care programs and more foreign trade to develop trade and developed to aid in making those reductions.

The congressman's third part of his plan to reduce the deficit is simply to "raise sufficient revenues to pay the bills." Panetta supports a flat federal tax, believing that an approach will eliminate loopholes that allow people in higher tax brackets to cheat. "The congressman said A.V. was asking for a guarantee that 71,620 would be paid to them for the year. However, Creighton and his staff found that most A.V., equipment the school provides in old and new equipment that they want to use.

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Improving relations

Cal Poly and the city must improve relations.

It’s a goal to which both sides often agree, that sometimes the concept is diluted into so much rhetorical oatmeal.

The current joint effort by the campus community to alleviate the tensions between the two is noteworthy. The most recent, and the most significant, was the decision made by the ASI and the City Government to call for a noise ordinance to be established in the South Campus area.

The noise ordinance is an important step in the right direction. It is a symbol of the city’s commitment to improving relations with the university.

The ASI and the City Government have both played an important role in this process. They have worked together to ensure that the ordinance is fair to both the university and the city.

In fact, the ordinance is a good example of how the city and university can work together to achieve common goals.

The ordinance was passed by a vote of 5 to 0, with one abstention. The abstention was from the ASI President, who indicated that she had a conflict of interest.

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Mysteries shroud hypertension

One of the most disturbing facts about hypertension, or high blood pressure, is its prevalence in our society. About one in four Americans suffers from it, in varying degrees of severity. Left untreated, the disease is a killer. It is the primary cause of stroke, as well as a major risk factor in heart disease.

Yet, according to the November issue of Science Digest, no one knows why hypertension occurs, how to predict who is likely to get it or even how to treat it safely. That’s why recent reports in the scientific literature have sparked considerable interest and controversy.

As an article in Science challenges one of the current theories about hypertension, namely, that too much sodium can elevate the blood pressure of certain predisposed individuals. (Blood pressure is the outward force exerted by blood against the walls of arteries.) Another article, in Nature, suggests that a chemical previously unidentified in humans plays an important role in the body’s regulation of blood pressure.

The Science article, written by David McCarron, director of the Oregon Hypertension Program, and his coworkers at Oregon Health Sciences University, is based on an analysis of the diets of more than 10,000 Americans. His results suggest that too little calcium — rather than too much sodium — leads to the development of high blood pressure.

From Science Digest.
money.

According to Perello, the major reason for the stores' reluctance to give credit is students' "overdrawing," or exceeding their balances. Perello said most credit sources still consider students in their late teens and early twenties "irresponsible."

"The day you graduate, get a job, and shoot into the middle income group, they'll be standing in line to give you credit," he said. "Until then, they'll do everything they can to keep you from getting it."

The basic department store charge application consists of a "revolving credit agreement" and various questions ranging from general information to personal references. The application will contain information on minimum payments, credit reports and finances charges for outstanding balances.

But credit cards can be safer than cash, and they teach you about the credit system.

The application portion of the form asks such questions as: living arrangement (own? rent? live with parents?), employer, present position and salary, other income sources, bank accounts, and other credit cards held.

To establish credit at this point to wait until graduation is a personal choice, made after assessing personal finances, preferences and ultimate goals. Until then, Perello advises, "Enjoy the freedom of cash while you can."

Parental influences

Psychologist says children marry the way their folks did

(AP) Many married couples are haunted by the ghosts of their parents. People tend to seek the kind of relationships in their marriages that they had with their parents or observed in their parents' marriage, reports Jeffrey Blum, a psychologist from New Canaan, Conn., writing in the November issue of Redbook.

"For example, if a woman is lucky enough to have had a terrific relationship with her father," Blum says, "she may recreate this fine relationship with her husband in her own adult life."

"If, on the other hand, that early relationship was unhealthy or destructive, a woman may unconsciously create that same unhappiness in her marriage."

Some people pick partners who possess some of the same negative traits their opposite-sex parent exhibited — someone cold, perhaps, or weak — in the subconscious hope that in marriage they will be able to rectify what was "wrong" in their relationship with that parent.

Another way in which we may recreate old patterns is by projecting all the negative characteristics of our opposite-sex parent onto our own."

"Blum explains. "To complicate matters, the marriage partner then may resent the spouse for those very traits, even if they are imaginary."

I participate in this "negative transfer" by assuming that my wife is angry at me about something I have done, when in fact it doesn't bother her at all," Blum says.

"For example, I am so sure that my wife will be upset about something I plan to do—such as going alone to spend an evening with old college friends—that I start acting sneaky about it way in advance. My sneakiness does upset her—even though she originally felt fine about my plans to see my friends."

"At times this pattern becomes so obvious to me that I wonder if I actually want my wife to become angry so that I can absolve myself of my guilt over seeing my friends alone or because anger is familiar and comfortable to me—part of my own early experience of love."

Communication is the key to getting rid of childhood ghosts. Blum suggests man and wife each write for 20 minutes on a subject such as "What makes my partner angry" or "Why my spouse loves me." He says there may be wide discrepancies between what your partner thinks and what you know to be true of yourself.

The most important step in getting rid of the past is to understand it. Blum recommends that marriage partners make a list of all the traits they associate with their parents, from who was boss to who saved money to who did the dishes. Compare these descriptions of your parents' marriage with your own. There may be surprising similarities.

"Because we are human," Blum writes in Redbook, "the past is always with us. The more consciously we try to deny it, the more likely it is to come up and bop us on the nose when we least expect it."

"No marriage is good or bad because it does or doesn't resemble the union of our parents. What causes trouble for spouses is the rigid expectations each partner may bring to the marriage."

From Redbook Magazine.
Can Poly win two straight football games?

Yale Keckin rolls around the left end in last week's game with Northridge. The Mustangs will travel to Moraga to play St. Mary's this weekend.

The Californa Angels apparently will make a serious attempt to re-sign free-agent outfielder Fred Lynn, although his agent says "it's impossible at this point to predict where he will play in 1985."

Lynn, who hit 23 homers and drove in 79 runs this year, filed for free-agency Wednesday along with Angels outfielder Gene Garber of the New York Yankees. Tug McGraw of Philadelphia and Rollie Fingers of Oakland were also among the players to file for free agency. Until the draft entry draft on Nov. 8 in New York. Players have until Monday to file for free agency. Those who do not sign will go through the re-entry draft.

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by JILL PERRY
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California and volleyball go together like July and Coppertone. So what makes Nebraska's women's volleyball team think it can travel to Santa Barbara this weekend to score a victory over the No. 5 ranked Cal Poly spikers?

The Mustangs will spend one day this weekend trying to show 10th-ranked Nebraska that Californians know their sport, in the UCSB Tiger Tournament. They're a good team and we're going to have to be brave and courageous. We're making some adjustments right now," head coach Mike Wilton said.

The team is making adjustments in personnel to prepare for the match against the leading hit percentage school in the nation. "They have a 336 spiker proficiency average and ours is only .240 or .250," he noted. 

Adjustments are also necessary to fill the gap since one of the team's best hitters, junior Ellen Bugalski, will not be able to play due to a family tragedy. Her two older sisters were killed last Friday in a head-on collision in Mexico and the funeral will be held tonight in her hometown of Aptos.

"We're trying to do a better job of preparation. We're going to have to do a better job of executing and not just rely on courage. Playing without Ellen will be a big adjustment, but we'll be alright," he said. 

The play in this inaugural tournament will begin with a match against unranked Loyola Marymount, tonight at 4 p.m., in UCSB's Robertson Gym. Then on Saturday the spikers will face Nebraska at 10 a.m. and the final match of the weekend will pit the Mustangs against UCSB, another unranked team, at 8 p.m.

The next Mustang home game will be against Fresno State next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The spikers beat Fresno in three games earlier this month and Wilton is looking forward to playing them again. 

FOOTBALL

St. Mary's Gaels are led offensively by quarterback Buddy Phillips who completed 37 of 96 passes with six interceptions. Phillips has gained 506 yards and scored three touchdowns. The top receiver for St Mary's is wide receiver Marty Storti who has caught 20 passes for 317 yards with 3 touchdowns. Storti has also scored three touchdowns. The top pass defense for St Mary's is junior Marti Storti who has averaged 37 yards per kick while averaging just over 11 yards per punt return, and about 22 yards on kickoff returns.

The Gaels should prove to be tough on defense, led by senior inside linebacker Kevin Will. Will holds a team high of 105 tackles, including 3 interceptions, 3 quarterback sacks, and 40 unassisted tackles. And just as impressive is junior outside backer Jim Wardy who has 92 tackles, including 12 quarterback sacks.

St. Mary's has held three opponents to under ten yards rushing this season. Next week the Mustangs return home to host Boise State.

UCSB hosts

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) - UCSB's mens' and women's cross country championships Saturday. 

The meet is 5,000 meters for women and 10,000 meters for men and will begin at 10 a.m. PDT.

The Gaels, ranked 16th in the nation, is favored to win the men's championship. The competition will be the second for the PCAA women.