## Baker reported to consider national sales tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican for a "national sales tax" to finance U.S. military spending and pare ballooning budget deficits, sources said vesterday.

guarantee it will even be proposed.

"There has just been some discussion about it no written proposal," the source said. A spokesman for Baker declined to confirm that such a proposal is under consideration. But the sources, who insisted on remaining

the plan with Treasury Secretary Donald T. The idea would be to provide money for defense

anonymous, said Baker, R-Tenn., has discusse

such as a "sales tax" which would be in effect faster removal of price controls on natural gas, to creased excise levies on tobacco, alcohol and

Sources said it is not believed that such a such a tax.

revenues for 1983 and 1984. The defense budget for 1982 is projected to be sources of revenue to help shrink budget deficits more than \$180 billion The plan for the national sales tax is among

have under study as they search for methods to the proposals under discussion. shrink the budget deficit. spending "entirely from one source of revenue" Baker himself renewed his call yesterday for small increases in several taxes, such as in-

Baker said he favors a "phased and gradual" and \$70 billion over the next three years. There was no indication of the level at which decontrol of natural gas along with "some kind of But Baker, echoing a comment made by Fi-Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. is considering a plan such a tax might be imposed or what goods would tax." An aide said he was referring to a "windfall nance Committee Chairman Bob Dole, R-Kan., expire gradually on about 60 percent of the profits" levy like the one Congress imposed on the said, "I think that when you have a whole bunch of Polls show that increased defense spending oil industry two years ago.

ly, purely in a talking stage" and there is no of lessening traditional opposition to higher taxes. mate of how much money could be generated by as several smaller ones. measure would be enacted next year — an elec- The Tennessee Republican made his comments tion year — although the aim would be to provide as he told reporters GOP senators are still in the be limited to actual increases for the 1983 and 1984 "list-building stage" as they search for new fiscal years.

> Separately, one source indicated that a valuenumerous plans that congressional Republicans added tax, a type of national sales tax, was among limit," he said. President Reagan has asked

over the next three years.

nation's natural gas, so-called "new gas," and

them (tax increases) it's much more difficult." end on Jan. 1, 1985. The balance of the nation's gas enjoys widespread public support, and linking a The proposal is virtually certain to draw opposi- He said it might be easier to pass one larger tax supply would remain under controls even after One source, however, insisted the plan is "pure- new levy to the military budget might be one way tion from industry, and Baker provided no esti- that would generate the same amount of revenue that date. He also said that he still expects Congress to pass a tax bill next year. But he said the bill may 1985

> Tax increases for the current year are a "diinishing possibility," he said. "Three or four billion (dollars) would probably be an upper Congress to approve \$22 billion in tax increases Republicans had been considering relatively over the next three years, including \$3 billion this

The Reagan administration has been considering submitting legislation to lift all controls by

Baker has long been an advocate of removing ontrols, each time advocating an accompanying A "windfall profits" tax would be levied on the additional income a company would receive for

its gas because of decontrol. Reagan's position on such a tax is unclear. He promised last summer in a handwritten note to Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla., that he would veto

Lawyer: Taxes sinful to Amish

an Amish employer who refuses to pay denied other religious groups that desire rather than defy their religious beliefs. Social Security and unemployment com- to withhold tax payments for governpensation taxes told the Supreme Court ment activity they find objectionable. vesterday that forcing him to do so would "In 1970, the 9th Circuit Court of Apsaid Lee, who had watched presentation compel him to sin in the eyes of his peals ruled against a group opposed to of the arguments. Attorney Francis X. Caiazza said the portion of income tax that went for de-

Amish, if required to pay such taxes, fense funds." Wallace said. would be demonstrating mistrust in the The Amish controversy arose when the 1977. Originally, he filed for a refund, but providence of God to meet community Internal Revenue Service told Lee that now he says he doesn't expect to recover welfare needs. That, in turn, would tempt—he owed about \$27,000 in back payments.—the money because that would compound them to rely on the outside world for help The IRS said Lee, who employed other the sin he believes he committed by in taking care of their own. "What they are doing by putting mon-business, had not paid Social Security or ey into the Social Security System is federal unemployment taxes from 1970 denying their belief that the future is through 1977. He had also failed to with- tions similar to the Amish request for

"The Amish take care of themselves in wages, according to the IRS. their own communities. They are al- The U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh resisted paying taxes because they didn't ready performing for themselves what ruled in Lee's favor, based on a 1965 law want their money going toward a practhe state sees as its compelling interest." providing a Social Security tax exemptice of which they disapprove?" Justice But attorneys for the Justice Depart- tion for self-employed members of reli- Lewis Powell said. "That could have a ment, which sued Edwin Lee of New gious sects opposed to public insurance. devastating effect on the Social Security Castle, Pa., in 1978 over his failure to pay

The Justice Department, arguing that tax. wouldn't it?" the taxes, acknowledged the Amish be- the exemption is invalid for those who When Justice William Brennan asked lief that all forms of insurance are sinful work for Lee, then took the case to the what the position of the Amish would be if but argued that Social Security pay- Supreme Court. The court is taking the general revenue tax funds are used

ments are taxes and thus cannot be case under advisement.

Wallace said the Amish are unreason- destroy the Amish community because WASHINGTON (AP) — A lawyer for able in asking for special treatment members of the sect would be jailed "I do feel they would resist paying Social Security no matter what is ruled, the Vietnam War that wished not to pay a Under protest, Lee has already paid

> Amish at his small farm and carpentry paying under duress. hold the taxes from his employees'

tax assessment for the first quarter o

exemptions based on religious beliefs.

During presentation of the case, several justices suggested hypothetical situa-

someday to fund Social Security, Caiazza

Czechs leery of contagious Polish unrest worked in the area for years and had tried to disassociate

OSTRAVA, Czechoslovakia (AP) — In this sprawling themselves from any link to Poland's new politics. But he conceded it "would not be quite truthful" not to mine and mill town just minutes from the Polish border. admit that some of the Polish workers in Czechoslovakia. Czech officials clearly are wary about the potential spillovespecially younger ones, were sympathetic to Solidarity, er of unrest from their Warsaw Pact neighbor. Western diplomats report being unable to meet officials Poland's huge independent labor union. "Naturally if some actions taken by Polish workers in this northern border district, where in some villages, contact with Poland can be as simple as passing something over the backyard fence.

meant violation of our laws, steps must be taken in agreement with those laws." he said without elaboration. Visiting journalists are tailed by carloads of police Bazanowski denied that any strikes inspired by those in Poland had taken place. "There might have been cases of somebody sitting behind a shed not working, but not a Officials insist, however, that the problems that cropped up when Poland's labor turmoil started 14 months ago are declared strike," he said. The Czech official added that the importing of Solidarity

leaflets and other material had been attempted but did not pose a problem in the Ostrava area because authorities "do not tolerate it." The border area also has been affected by the shortages of food and other consumer goods that are the most visible signs of Poland's battered economy Bazanowski said that last fall Poles began coming across the border to buy everything they could from

buses," he said. "They bought out everything, especially Czech officials contend the buying flood was so strong that it could have been met only by doubling the supplies normally provided to Ostrava.

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North Moravia has a population of 1.96 million, of whom

68,000 are ethnic Poles with Czechoslovak citizenship. Still

more Poles commute to work in the area from Poland

Czechoslovakia went through its own period of liberali

zation, which was halted by the intervention of Soviet and

Unconfirmed reports have circulated for months i

Czechoslovakia of unrest in the ranks of Polish workers in

Czechoslovakia, of isolated work stoppages, of Poles being

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Daily Collegian Staff Writer A novel of intrigue and suspense is again on the markets, and this one could definitely vie with "Day of the Jackal" for popularity. "Red Omega" has everything from the interpersonal relationships of the

few U.S. agents working on Project Sunflower to the international ramifications of that project — to kill Soviet leader Josef Stalin. And the plot is good; it's actually plausible, a rarity among spy novels in which the entire world is at stake. A purge is sweeping through the

Soviet government in 1953, because Stalin has learned of a plot to overthrow him by someone in the close inner governmental circle. The man they're looking for is Omega, a top Soviet official who had been passing key Soviet documents to the United States to ensure himself\_a necessary 'position in at least one of the governments and a the government is to murder Stalin. The murderer the U.S. agency needs to Spain — looking for his mother who up there in his bed!" to complete Project Sunflower must be he sensed was still alive — and final Gail does keep Cabeza in check

throw-away assassin. sisco Franco in Spain as a result of the plot is revealed. devastating death of his father at the The innocent pawn in all this? A Aside from the one sixth-sense pitfall

what he thought would be other commuenemy to him. the land for the good of the people. In Russia, he became disillusioned with Stalin's paranoic way of running Wiz" - who, aware of her habit of cies and contradictions of lovalties in the country to benefit the very few elite

backs, the reader is slowly allowed a in Moscow to do their job. oners, including Stalin's first wife, were Cabeza has been chosen for the project: For anyone who enjoys good suspense constantly tortured into confession — of "'General Cabeza is anticapitalist, spy stories, "Red Omega" tops the list. anything anti-government — then sent anti-American — hence the very last The emotions and political implications

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someone with a hatred for Stalin and brainwashing by the devious U.S. through her own lovalty to him and her his policies and an outsider who will be agents seeking to use him as their disloyalty to Kelland; and the love that develops between Gail and Cabeza re-That is why, at the onset of the book. But in spite of this crutch, Cabeza is a sults in a masterpiece ending. The one the reader gets to know Joaquin Cabe- good character and a marvelously thing Kelland had not figured on was za, the leader of the communist group crafty one who's survival actually be- that love - something his finely tuned who tried to defeat Generalisimo Fran- comes increasingly believable as the mechanical mind failed to take int

hands of a wealthy capitalist coal mine young, beautiful U.S. agent, named Kruse does an excellent job of weaving Gail. who failed on a previous mission his web by introducing some special As history relates. Franco won the by getting romantically involved with U.S. agents and Russian officials who struggle and took over Spain. Cabeza her contact, and eventually giving not only do their jobs well in the story was exiled and went to Russia to join away his position thereby leading the but serve their purpose well in the story

nists who believed as he did in sharing She is called back into play by the As for the political filaments of his almost-Vulcan super agent David Kel- web, Kruse has done his homework. land — known in the agency as "Mr. The reader is taken through the intricagetting too involved, uses her to seduce both the U.S. and Soviet governments Cabeza, to keep him from trying to as the story proceeds form Project series of beautifully handled flash- escape before Kelland can deposit them Sunflower's conception in Washington, picture of the Soviet prison — the Lu- At one point in a brilliantly written private Kremlin apartment — because bianka - where countless Russian pris- scene, Kelland reveals to Gail why of a seemingly minor detail left out.

> nan the MVD would associate with of Kruse's version of Stalin's fatal Uncle Sam. . . . So in the event of his stroke in 1953 stay with the reader long



Daily Collegian Staff Writer Few people who attended Friday night's Artists Series concert had probably heard of Gregory Allen before, but many, I'm sure, will be looking for him again. Allen, winner of the 1980 Arthur Rubinstein International Master Pi-

ano Competition, played with energy and sparkle rare even for the Series. Allen opened his program with Smit's "Variations in G" (1949). This strongly contrapuntal neoclassical piece featured a tempo rubato melody over a steady, almost plodding left hand. Allen handled the piece with ease. His expression was wonderful. The lyric melody was romantic, and its romanticism emerged even more in the hands of such a talented pianist. The next part of the program was two Chopin works — no doubt about it. One floated with a dreamy, cantabile, the other with a more military theme which gathered momentum and fury until it reached a tempestual pitch and then slowly released the tension

The first, "Nocturne in E-flat," had a soaring velvet melody over the marching bass. The effect in Allen's case was enchanting. The second, "Polonaise Fantaisie," started slowly, gathering momentum until it broke like a wave in the middle of the piece. It subsided gently like waves washing on a beach, then erupted again with a powerful scalar passage at the end played with great urgency by the skilled pianist.

in gentle waves

The next piece, Scriabin's "Sonata no. 7," was characterized by a dissonent, almost martial mood in the beginning and a violently thrashing motion in the second half of the piece. Allen handled this technically demanding piece as well as any of the others of the evening. This was one of the most exciting pieces on the pro-

"Nocturne no. 11 in F-sharp minor" by Gabriel Faure. It was a welcomed change from the crashing, dashing Scriabin. The Faure was delicate and soft, almost lulling the audience to sleep with its fragile melody and harmonies that were in the style of Faure — lush but not outrageously so. Allen completed the night with Rachmaninoff — lots of Rachmani-

First there was the "Prelude in A" melody. This piece was played deftly



Gregory Allen

as Allen brought out the simplicity,

The "Etude-Tableau in D" was rhythmically diverse. The rhythms involved would be tricky for any pianist, but Allen made it look easy as the piece reached beautifully to its cli-

Allen back out for several curtain

other Etude-Tableaux of the evening. this piece was designed for study first and practice second. It ended an en iovable and sometimes unbelievable evening with a pianist who is, if not anything else, able to please and impress a crowd with technique and style well worth seeing again. Editor's Note: Staff writer Scott

McCleary interviewed Gregory Allen prior to Friday's performance. Please Tableau in E-flat minor." Like the the interview.

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