

## 'Metal Fatigue' is tiresome

Allan Holdsworth is a phenom. He inspires awe in amateur guitarists and strikes terror in the souls of professional guitarists. Eddie Van Halen, perhaps the premier contemporary rock guitarist says, "Holdsworth is the best in my book. He's fantastic. I love him."

Who is this masked man? And what rock has he been hiding under?

As it turns out, Holdsworth hasn't been hiding, rather, he has been quietly melting the vinyl of various jazz/rock groups including Soft Machine, U.K., and also Bruford and Gong. While he is a legend in the guitar-playing community, the "average" listening audience hasn't heard of him. With his new album, "Metal

Fatigue," he seems to be trying to convert the heavy metal/hot guitar audience. Yet, he has failed in several aspects.

Although the guitar playing is hot, the lead vocalist, Paul Williams, and the vocal melodies leave much to be desired. A perfect example is the title track, "Metal Fatigue," which begins with a screaming guitar intro that would certainly make Van Halen jealous. It soon degenerates into an exercise of bad vocalization.

On the other hand, the album is saved by the track entitled "Devil take the Hindmost." On this track Holdsworth goes all out, displaying the guitar technique that has made him famous.

Amazingly fast, fluent, melodically complex runs are balanced by swooping feedback notes; it must be heard to be believed.

Holdsworth is a master of the modification of electric guitar sound (he doesn't employ a keyboard player). Yet, even "Panic Station," the closest thing Holdsworth has gotten to hit material, can't save him. Again, totally uninspired vocals and vocal melodies destroy an admirable attempt.

If your interested in checking out Allan Holdsworth at his best don't buy "Metal Fatigue," but his earlier album "Road Games" is great stuff. Happy Listening!!

- Jon Dunnavent

## permits

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"is they are so old and have been so over-used that only much time and assessment of each unit could uncover the needed improvements."

"One of the big things," said South, "is to try and develop facilities as students develop their education."

Williams emphasized the hard work behind the facelift and urged students to appreciate what has been accomplished.

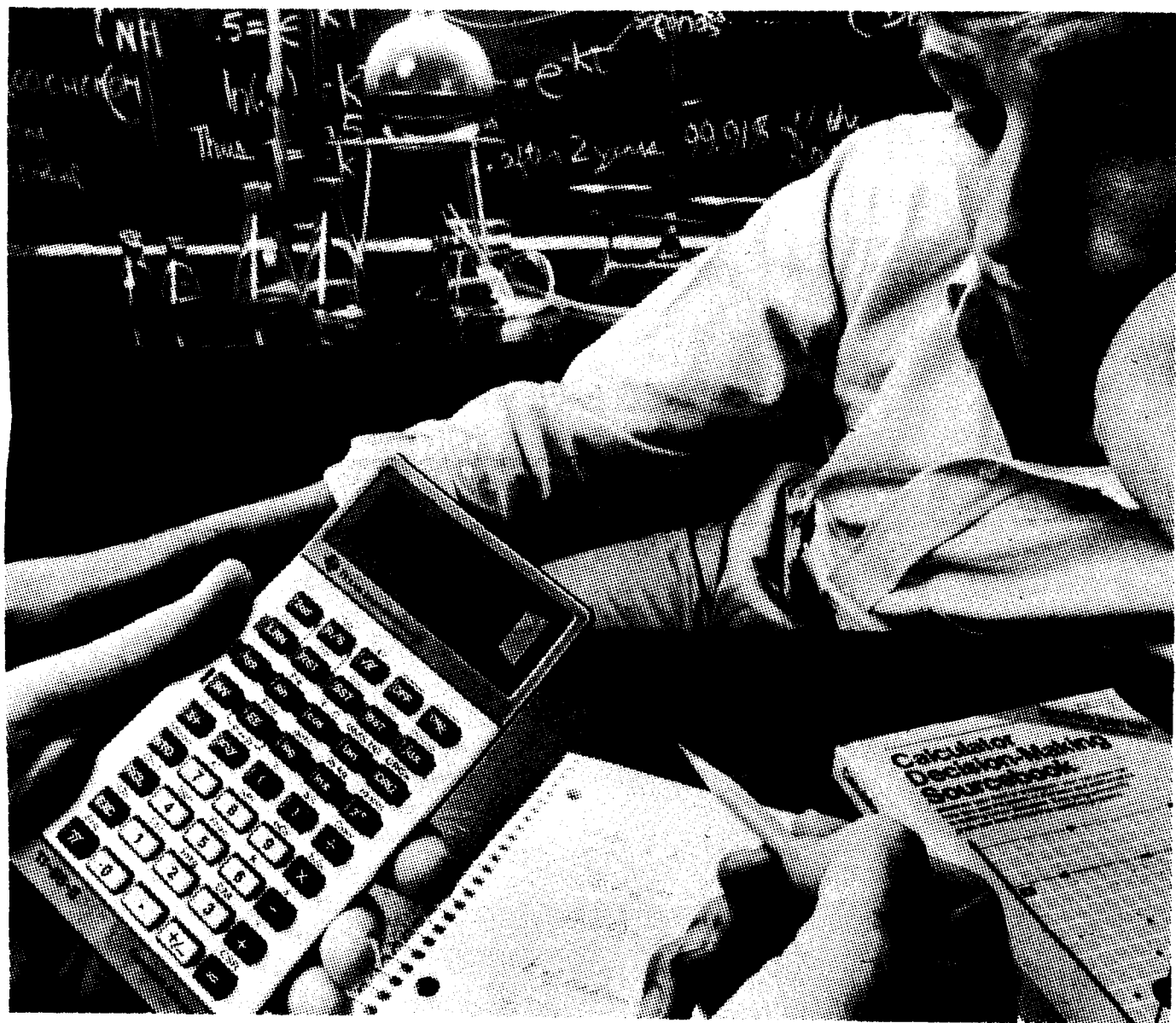
"We hope the students can appreciate what we have done thus far and we hope to do more renovations in the future," added Williams.

## Letters

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when an individual student at the cash register gets priority over a professor calling to find out what has happened to the books for his Fall course, which he ordered in June. Or why those books were returned as overstock from the last time they were used, and now cost the student more? Does answering these questions belie a faculty oriented bookstore? Hey, we're all happy to finally have something approximating a real college bookstore. And I for one am very pleased with the new manager; I had a chance to meet her over the summer, and she is an energetic, on the ball, and pleasant woman. But please, let's work together. A quality education that students of this campus can be proud of is what we are all after. Let's not confuse the education of students with the whims of either students or faculty. Let's not confuse the education of students with the whims of either students or faculty, or with what is administratively expedient. And please, Mr Editor, let's not confuse the hardhitting and the controversial with what is merely thoughtless.

John A. Teske, Faculty



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