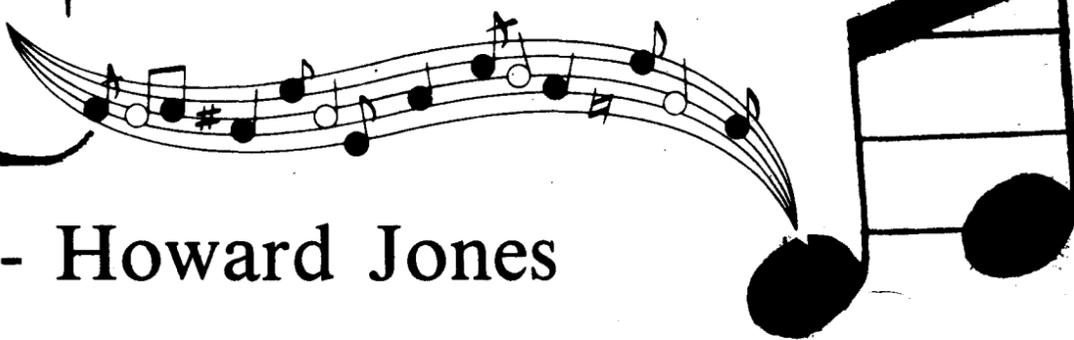


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“Dream Into Action” - Howard Jones

by John Dunnavent

Howard Jones' new album is a welcome relief. "Dream Into Action" is a joyous, upbeat celebration of life. Jones has separated himself from the chic cynicism of much of today's music, choosing instead to present his own optimistic views on life.

The keynote of this album is honesty. In a perfect world, this is the music that Howard Jones would choose to play. With this confidence he delivers an album of admittedly commercial music that manages to rise far above its genre.

"Things Can Only Get Better" states,

"Future dreams we have to realize/A thousand skeptical hands/Won't keep us from the things we plan/And do you feel

scared - I do/But I won't stop and falter/And if we threw it all away/Things can only get better"

In "Life in One Day", "Try to enjoy the here and now/The future will take care of itself somehow/The grass is always greener over there."

These line are delivered with

such conviction that one is compelled to believe them. The backing music is heavily synthesized, infectiously upbeat and highly danceable.

The songs "Dream Into Action" and "Like to Get to Know You Well" continue in this vein. Heavy brass lines and layered synthesizer tracks sup-

port a plea for more honest relationships.

"Just want to reach to the real you inside/Forget cold glances and rejections/Leave the things that separate/Build a trust that we can stand on"

In light of the rising controversy over rock lyrics, it is more than welcome to find a

rocker with a positive message.

The album is not without its faults, however. Several of the songs border on mushy sentimentality. I also don't believe this album will reach those listeners completely opposed to commercial music.

However, I certainly can say one thing; When I listen to this album it makes me feel good.

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they will exchange raffle tickets for a few cigarettes or tobacco.

The Athletic Director, Bud Smitley, said there is more student involvement this year to help make the Smokeout a success. Smitley said he hopes the Smokeout will make everyone more conscious of the dangers cigarettes pose to health.

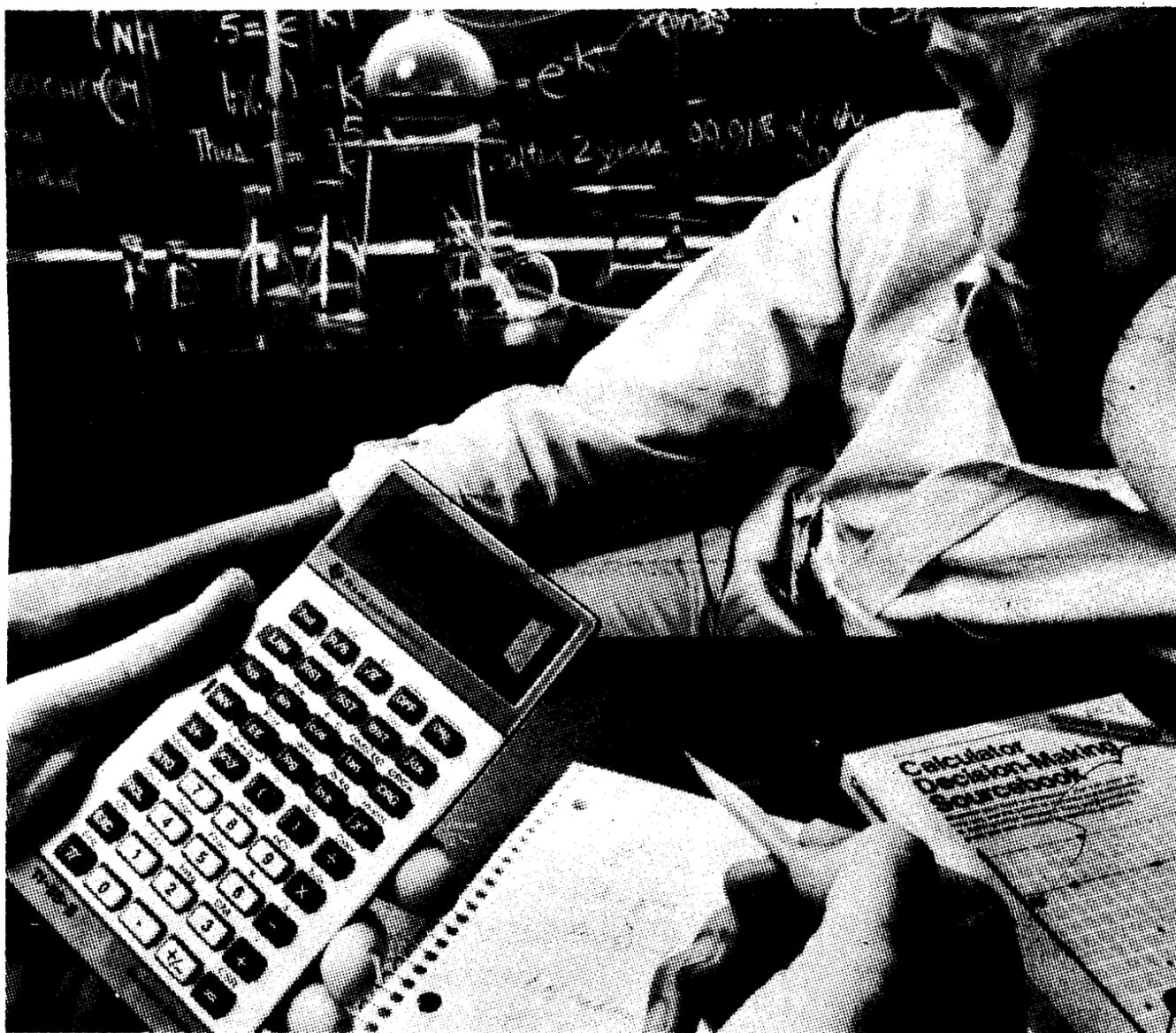
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flows in Wideman's writings.

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