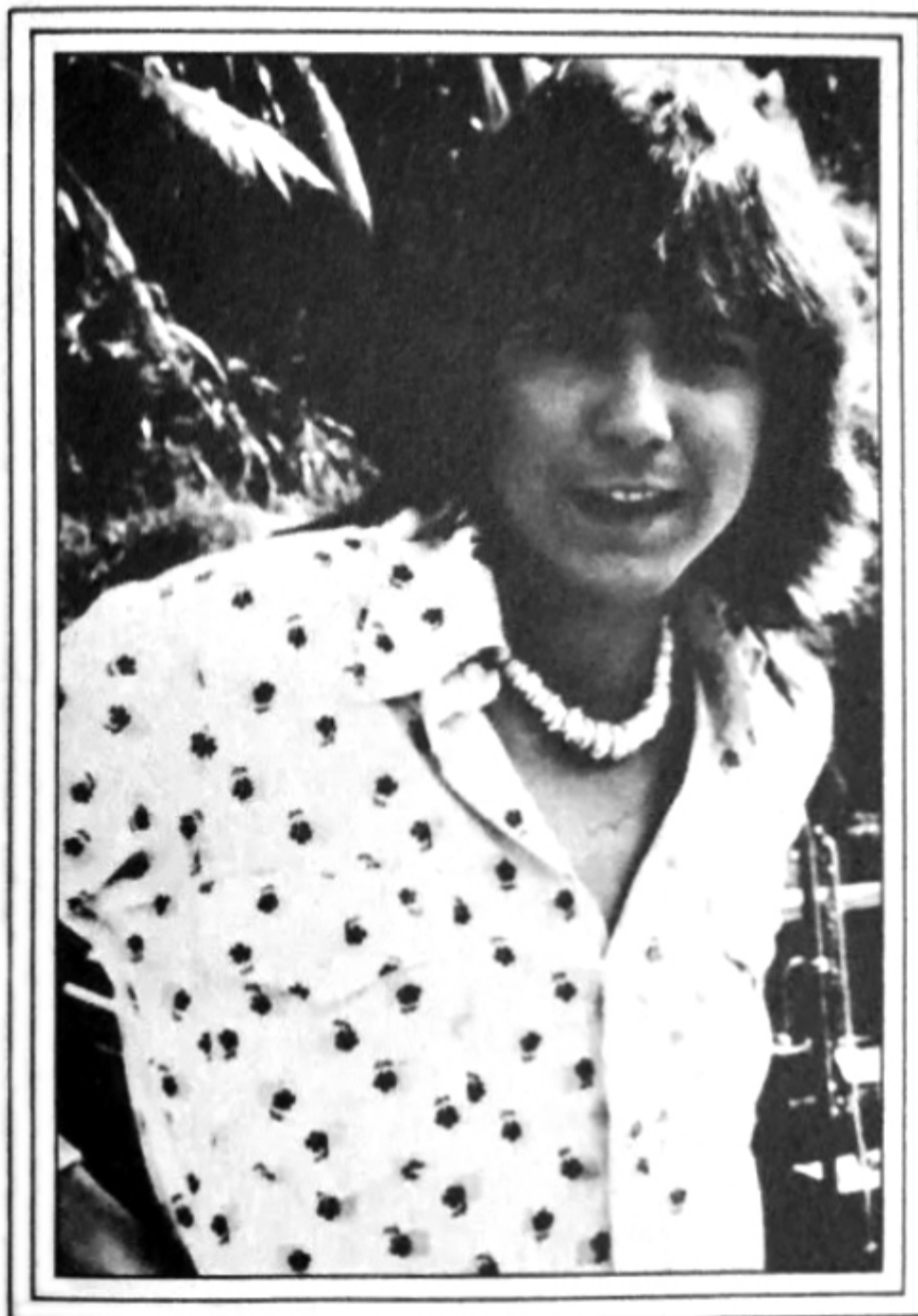


David Cassidy

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on lyrics so I dig a lot of what Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen and Cat Stevens do. But then again, I like out and out rock when I'm in that sort of mood. You have to go a

long way to beat Led Zeppelin but there are some great American rock bands too. Alice Cooper brings a smile to my face every time I see him!

Mirabelle: Do girls count as hobbies with you?

David: No way! No matter how fleeting the relationship, I figure any human being is too precious to be considered a hobby.

Mirabelle: Do you ever wish you had more time to devote to your interests?

David: Not really. I think I've got a pretty good balance between work and play. My work means so much more to me than any of my hobbies and to be honest with you, if I got involved with something exciting like a major film or world concert tour, I leave my hobbies and don't give them any thought.

Mirabelle: You do some charity work which, if not exactly a hobby, is a very rewarding way of spending free time.

David: You're right. It is rewarding. I'm coming to the end of my second term of office as National Youth Chairman of the Special Olympics, a charity for mentally retarded youngsters. I like to do what little I can to help people who need it. God knows, I've been fortunate in life so far. It's nice to be in a position to be able to give as well as to receive!

Mirabelle: What does travelling do for you?

David: Exhausts my body and broadens my mind!

Mirabelle: And meeting people?

David: Uplifts me. There's nothing to beat talking to people from backgrounds and cultures different from your own. I enjoy conversation — the deeper the better. Sadly, I rarely have time to get to know people well the first time I meet them but I manage to look in on them on return visits. It's nice to have friends waiting to welcome you in the four corners of the globe.

Mirabelle: Is there anything you might take up in the near future?

David: Brick-laying if my home in Hawaii doesn't get a move on! Seriously, my spare time is well-taken care of!