

DAVID CASSIDY- Afraid Of Girls? Kisses? Love?

A SWINGING young bachelor in Hollywood is expected to lead a certain kind of life, one that's filled with parties and fun. People expect him to be seen at all the "in" nightspots and discotheques and at the most important premieres and openings. And, of course, he's supposed to be with a different girl almost every time. Gossip columns will often run photos of him and one of the girls he's currently dating—sometimes he'll even be shown kissing her!

Sound like fun? Well, it may be a dream-come-true to many young actors, but not to David Cassidy. David has little to do with the Hollywood dating scene. He never goes to discotheques, and he's rarely seen at parties and premieres. And he isn't photographed with a girl he's dating—if he can help it.

When a young star chooses to keep his private life as private as David goes, people often think it's because he's shy, because he's afraid of girls and of falling in love—or of being hurt by the girls who might want to date him only because he's a star.

Is that David's problem? Is he just too shy to be ready for dating and kisses? Deep in his heart, could he still be afraid of love?

Not at all! David's one of the most enthusiastic girl-watchers around. And he's certainly not afraid to date them, as any girl he's gone out with could tell you.

It's just that David doesn't like to take a girl to a crowded, noisy place where they can't really talk. "I like to dance sometimes," he says. "But in a discotheque, you usually can't even do that because everyone's pushed so close together."

Besides, David thinks most Hollywood discotheques are filled with a lot of phony people, and he'd rather not be around them. He just can't stand people who put on an act!

Actually, David goes out quite a bit, but it's usually to quiet restaurants where he can really talk, to friends' parties, to movies, or just for moonlit walks along the beach. When he asks a girl out, David wants to be with *her*.

But even though David dates a lot, could he still be afraid of kisses and love?

Hardly! David thinks kisses are very beautiful moments. "But they should be personal," he adds. Although David doesn't mind kissing a girl for the movie or television camera, he feels that "a real kiss, a kiss you give someone you

care about, is different. It's not meant to be shared with a lot of other people."

David admits, though, that sometimes he feels just a little bit shy about kissing a girl for the first time. But what boy doesn't?

And now and then it may take him awhile to ask the girl out in the first place. "Sometimes it's hard to meet girls," he says. "People don't realize how much of your time acting can take up, especially working on a series. It often doesn't leave much time for meeting new people."

Needless to say, David's extra-glad whenever he meets a girl he really likes. What's she usually like? Well, David's dated all different kinds of girls. But the qualities they all have in common are intelligence, a sense of humor, interest in others, liveliness and the knowledge of "who they are." David says that he usually notices girls with long, blonde hair first. "But it's inner beauty that really counts," he adds.

Is David looking for one special girl? "Not yet," he says. And since David plans to stay single for at least ten more years, he's sure to enjoy a lot more dates and kisses with quite a few girls. It should be fun—for everyone!