

thing—she won't necessarily be a blonde. I get a lot of letters asking me why blondes are so popular. I really don't know, unless it's that their hair catches a guy's eye first. As for me, I'm not partial. Coloring really doesn't matter to me.

**What three tips would you give a girl who wanted you to like her?**

To be honest—that's number one on my list. Just *never* lie to me, *always* tell the truth. Be happy—I don't mean make a *strained effort* to be happy, but generally be a person who is an optimist and in a good mood, instead of being a pessimist in a dark mood. Last of all, I like a girl who isn't afraid to show me that she likes me. I don't mean jump all over me or anything like that, but don't be uptight or elusive about liking me.

**What type girls do you dislike?**

*Ego-maniacs—girls who are concerned only with themselves. Dishonest and evasive girls—girls who are plastic, phoney and put on airs.*

**What would you do if you suddenly inherited a million dollars?**

I'd faint! Actually, I don't know what I'd do. I suppose I'd invest it. I'm practical. I'm *not* a spendthrift. But if there was a little extra I'd probably spend it on all the wrong things—things I'd buy on impulse at the moment.

**Of all the places you've been to in America, which would you like to go back to?**

*I'd love to go back to Carmel Valley—which is at Carmel, California, a hundred miles south of San Francisco.*

**Why do you remember this place in particular?**

Because when I was 13 and 14, I went to summer camp there—and it was the most beautiful place in the whole world. It was really unbelievable.

**What was the biggest thrill of your life?**

*When I got the role in my first Broadway play. After going through two months of auditions, they had it down to two of*

*us guys. It was my fifth audition and while I was standing up there on the stage they told me the part was mine. I almost fainted. By the way, the show only ran for one night!*

**Who helped you most in your career?**

At the risk of sounding conceited—*me!* I studied acting in New York and Los Angeles.

**What advice would you give to young people who want to go into show business?**

*In the end, no matter what happens, you are the one who helps yourself. You must prepare yourself and your talent—and you must go forth and make your own breaks.*

**Who are your closest friends?**

I have few very close friends. I consider my dad and Shirley Jones good friends. There's an artist named David Green who's been a good friend since the eighth grade—and my roommate Sam and a boy named Steve Ross.

**Of all the performers you've worked with, whom do you admire most?**

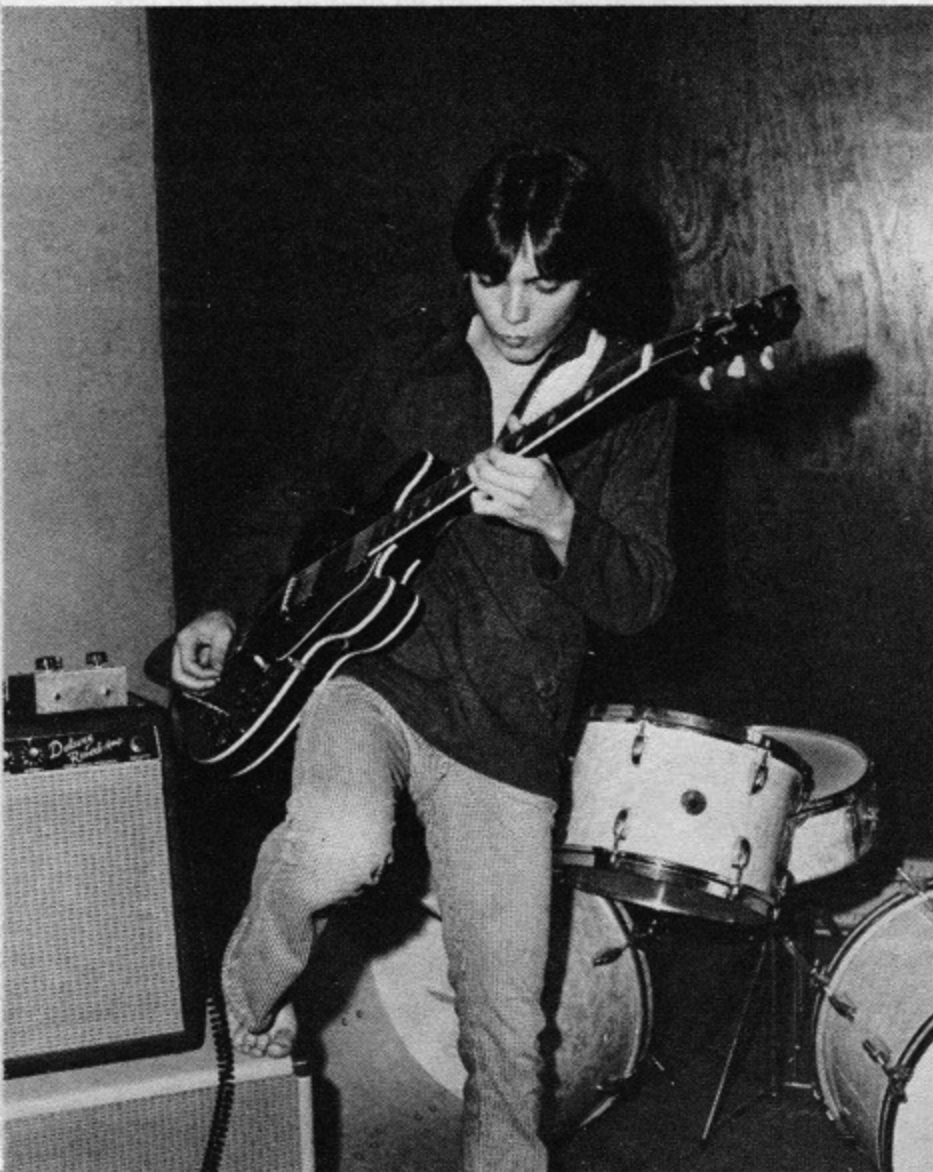
*Robert Young of Marcus Welby, M. D. He has such a warm personality and such a great film technique that—well, I just really admire him.*

**If you could go anywhere you wanted to on a vacation, where would you go?**

I'd like to go to Amsterdam or to the island of Jamaica. I've heard lots of groovy things about these places from friends of mine who went there.

**For your fans and friends who want to know you better, what's the best place to write?**

*You can write to me at 16 Magazine, 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022. And if you really would like to get to know much, much more about me, just look on Page 11— and find out how!*



David practices with his electric guitar.



Perched on his Mustang, David plays "ball" with "Heesh" and "Sam".