

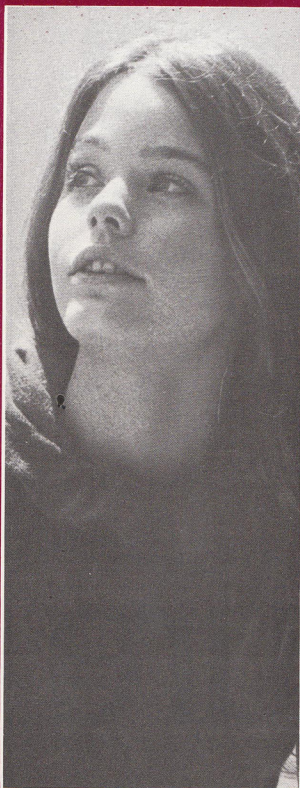
Susan Dey's Parents Tell:

“WHY OUR DAUGHTER FEARS THE MEN SHE DATES”

be trying to use the name she already had, take advantage of her, because he had nothing at the moment. That planted a doubt in her mind, and I think she had to sit with that for awhile, stop dating and come to an answer within herself.

“She realized she would always have to wonder, when meeting a man, ‘Is he attracted to me because I’m me, or because I’m Susan Dey, the actress?’ ”

No wonder, then, that Susan’s happiest romance came last spring, when she returned to New York for a few months of modeling. There, she met a boy who had never heard of Susan Dey before. “He was a graduate student at Columbia, in the field of public health,” Mrs. Dey related, “and he had completely different interests from Susan. There was nothing serious about their relationship—she liked him, and they had fun together. This is the kind of person she wants to meet—a man with whom she can be her-



self, and from whom she can learn about things completely removed from acting.

“Susan will never fall for a swinger,” Mrs. Dey stressed. “That is the kind of person to whom she’s definitely not attracted. She would never be swayed by fame or popularity—her values are too solid. She is a very good judge of character.”

Susan was partially prepared for the Hollywood scene by her highly successful modeling career, which began at the age of 15. Both Susan and her older sister, Leslie (now married to Jon Kramer, a photographers’ representative), were involved with summer bookings in New York. “Susan adjusted to this work better than Leslie,” Mr. Dey recalled. “Leslie was always extremely conscious of the phoniness involved; Susan was, too, but she always managed to find something to make it fun. She’s a born performer, and loved being in front of

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