



Hi!

Here I am again, back on my special page for another issue. Things have been happening pretty fast since the last time I got to talk to you through TEEN WORLD Magazine, and I'd like to give you a quick run-down.

First of all, shooting for this season's "The Partridge Family" is all wrapped up. We finished the last show in November, so I'm free for a little while. The thing I want to do most now is take a few weeks off for a vacation. The last vacations I took were to Hawaii and the Grand Canyon . . . this time I want to go to Europe. I hope I can take five or six weeks and just travel around, see the sights and soak up the atmosphere. Plus get a good rest while I'm at it.

Another thing—the mail has really been piling up, and I love it. But if I don't get to answer your letter, in this column or by mail, please don't think I don't appreciate your writing. I do, honestly—there's just not enough time or space to answer all your mail. Please keep it coming, though, okay?

. . . Which brings us to the subject of this column—your letters and my answers. This issue, I've noticed a lot of mail asking about the kind of girls I date and the kind of girls I'm attracted to generally. For example:

**Dear David:**

**I really like your singing, and "The Partridge Family" is great. But what I wanted to ask you was what kind of girls you like best and what you like them to wear.**

**Hazel Sukal, Vancouver, Canada**

**Dear David:**

**I hope you don't think I'm being nosy, but I have to ask—do you have a girlfriend? And if so, what is she like? Thanks, and I hope you don't mind the question.**

**Myra Jean Davenport, San Jose, Calif.**

Whew . . . those are some pretty tough questions, but I'll try to answer them as honestly as I can.

First of all, I don't have a steady girlfriend. So no matter what kind of crazy rumor you hear, don't believe it.

Second, I don't really have a picture of an "ideal girl" in my head, either. I feel that having a preconceived idea of the girl who'll be perfect in my life would put unnecessary limitations on me. And it might eliminate some very groovy girls I haven't met yet who could

fall into that not-for-me category for one reason or another. So I really can't say "this is my ideal kind girl"—until I actually find her.

To be perfectly honest, though, there are some things that turn me on and off about girls. But please remember that these things aren't rules; they're really very loose. It all depends on the individual girl. A trait I don't care for in one girl may not bother me at all in another. As I said, it all depends. But in general:

1. I don't care for nail polish. Colorless is fine, but I just don't like red or that new brownish-purple on a girl's nails. I guess it has to do with naturalness. I think girls make a mistake when you try to look phony, artificial or like somebody else. You always look prettier when you look sweet and natural.

2. I'm turned off by girls who join everything—every organization, every cause, every movement. It's great to believe in things and to work toward them . . . but I feel there's a difference between that and jumping on the "causes bandwagon." one shows real involvement; the other is sort-of selfish.

3. I like girls who aren't too sophisticated and phony to have old-fashioned fun. I'll give you an example. Once some friends of mine played a joke on me and filled my living room with blown-up balloons. I'd planned to have a small party that night—three or four couples. But when we got to the house, there were the balloons . . . wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling balloons! It was wild! So what did we do? We turned the party into a balloon tennis match, balloon baseball game, balloon bowling tournament, balloon catch—and had a great time! My point is that my date could have let us know she thought playing with balloons was childish, and ruined the party. But she didn't. And I like that.

What else do I like and dislike about girls? As I said, I don't want to restrict myself. So that's all I'll say for now. Besides, I'm out of space. See you next time.

This is YOUR page, too. You can write to David, ask him anything you want to know about "The Partridge Family," himself, members of the cast, his past or future, his opinions—anything! Send your letters to:

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