

DAVID'S THREAT: "I'm Gonna Grab YOU, Little Girl!"

WHEN A national television magazine recently printed a story on David Cassidy, it said—among other things—". . . but 13-year-old girls can get to be a bore to a mature-type like David." The moment that magazine hit the newsstands, the letters started pouring into *SPEC* and *16* magazines. Some David Cassidy lovers were hurt, some were shocked, some were heartbroken and some were furious. Some very firmly, but gently, reminded David that 13-year-old girls were the ones who had made a star of him, that they would be his fans forever and grow up with him, and that to love 13-year-old girls (or *anyone*) was a beautiful and appropriate thing to do.

DAVID LOVES ALL GIRLS—YOUNG AND OLD

But even more stunned, shocked and furious than his fans was David Bruce Cassidy himself! The fact of the matter is—David had *never* said such a thing! David adores 13-year-old girls. The truth is—he loves all the girls in the world!!

David puts it this way—"How could anyone find a 13-year-old girl boring? At that age, girls are more energetic, effervescent and delightful than ever!" David went on to—finally—sum it all up by saying, "I just can't be responsible for what some magazines say I've said. Those who care for me will simply have to trust in *me*—and when they hear negative things, I hope they will be good enough to remember the things they read about me in *SPEC* and *16*, and not jump to any hasty and harsh conclusions."

All of this talk from David took place in the suite he had reserved at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank, New Jersey, when he was appearing at the nearby Garden State Art Center in two "in-person" concerts. Between shows, David, *16*'s Editor—Gloria Stavers—a photographer from *Life* Magazine and a writer from *The Rolling Stone* hurried back to the Molly Pitcher Inn so that David could rest. This was the first live concert David had done since his painful gall bladder operation. The scar—about six inches long and in his upper right abdominal area—was covered by a tight wrap-around bandage. After the first concert it was throbbing painfully—and David, quite naturally, was very tired. But as he rushed through the lobby of the

inn on the way up to his suite, David noticed a cluster of very young girls. They had obviously somehow found out where David was staying and were standing in a little group near the door, hoping to get a glimpse of him. David waved to them as he passed by and much later, after he had rested, he asked *16*'s Gloria Stavers if she would go back down to the lobby with him so that he could meet these kids. "They've been waiting a long time to see me and I'd just like to say hello," David said.

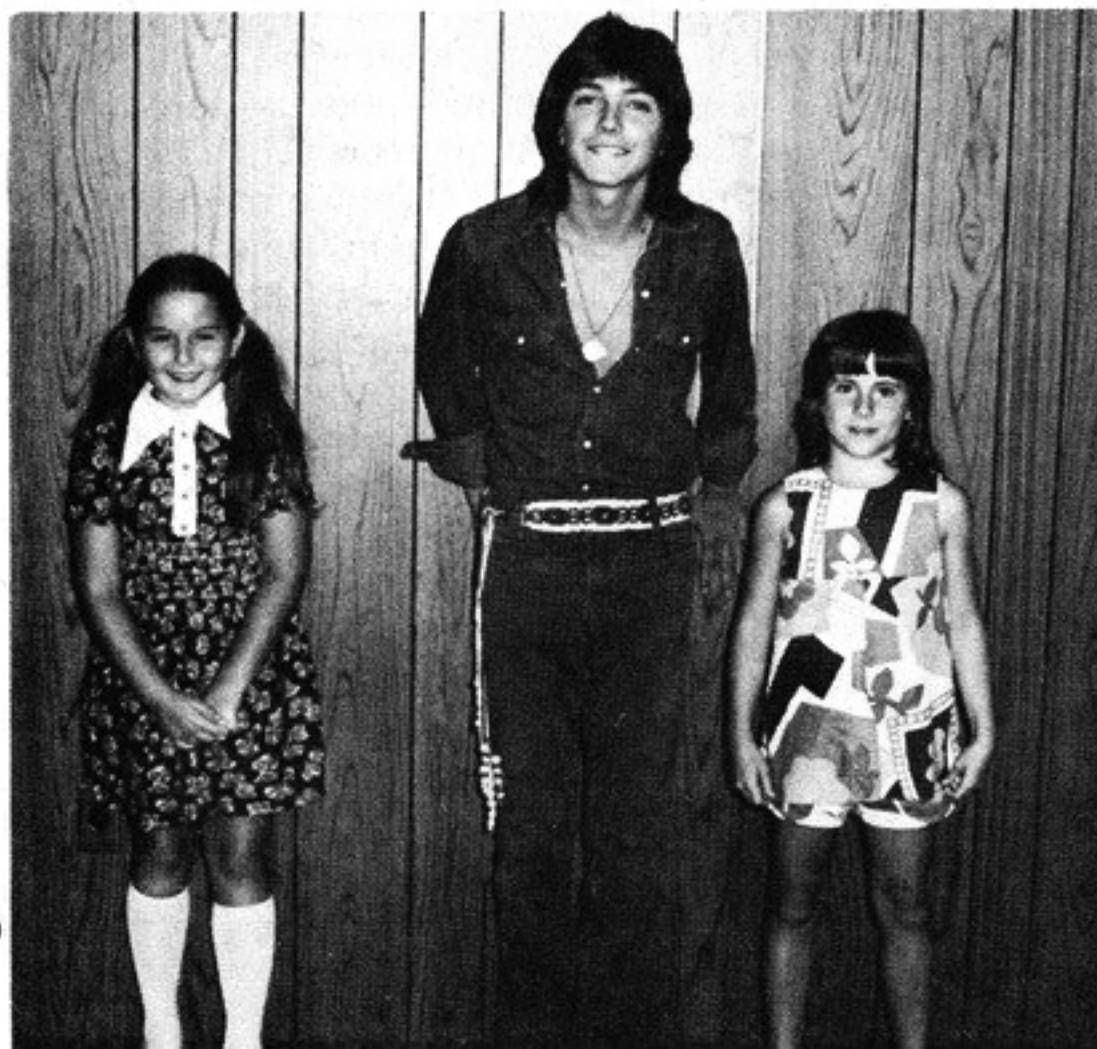
"Fine," Gloria responded, "and I'll bring my camera along—just in case they'd like to have their pictures taken with you."

THRILLED LITTLE GIRLS!!

Well, it should come as no surprise to anyone that the girls in the lobby were not only ecstatic and thrilled to meet the boy of their dreams—they were also completely overwhelmed by the fact that David *wanted* his picture taken with them! The first two little girls to be photographed with David were an interesting mixture. One of them—Lisa—was a bit shy and stood a foot or two away from David. The youngest girl—Debbie—wasn't quite so shy, and she moved closer to David as all three stood and smiled for *16*'s camera. A little while—and about 20 pictures—later there was still one young girl left. She was a little bit shy too, but David took care of all that by reaching out, putting his arm around her and *grabbing* her! "Come and be close to me," he said. And Caryn—still clutching her Coke cup—joyfully obliged.

All of this happened at the same time that a national television magazine was accusing David of finding young girls boring! If you'll take a good look at these pictures, you'll see that that's *hardly the case!* Not only does David love *all girls*—he finds the *young ones* especially appealing! Since David will be traveling all over America on weekends this winter and next spring, doing "in-person" concerts, one day he will undoubtedly come *your way*. And when he does—little girls, you'd better *be prepared*—cos David Cassidy might very well reach out and grab *you!!*

Lisa, David & Debbie



Caryn & David

