

its kind. It wasn't long after that that David switched again and eventually graduated from Rexford High. Shortly thereafter, he left for New York to pursue his acting career.

"I continued my education by enrolling at Los Angeles City College as a Theatre Arts major and later as a Cinematography major. I also started studying acting there, which I knew I had always wanted to do. David got a part in a Broadway-bound show called *The Fig Leaves Are Falling*, which starred Dorothy Louden. He would call me from places like Philadelphia and advise me on certain things—for instance, he didn't feel studying acting in a college was a good way to start a career. He felt I should be out in the world and studying at a workshop or acting school. I felt his advice was sound and dropped out of college and started looking for a way to earn money.

"David's show folded after a short run in New York, and he returned to Los Angeles. By the time we decided to become roommates and found a place in Laurel Canyon, I had found a job as an apprentice film editor at Synchronfilm in Hollywood. David actually returned to test for a movie he never got, and I guess he liked it better here than in New York. It was in those days that we had the most fun. Every time we were really low in funds to pay our bills and rent, David got a *Mod Squad* or something just in the nick of time.

"I had decided to put my acting career aside while I fought my way in the real world becoming a film editor's assistant. I met a girl who was studying acting, and she encouraged me to get back into it. David tried to warn me about what the hardships ahead were like, and I remember him telling me, 'I'm glad that's behind me now. I wouldn't want to be in your shoes.' I began to pursue my acting career by studying at, of all places, Screen Gems (the studio that gave us *The Partridge Family*) under coach Jed Horner, at fifteen dollars an hour, I might add. I couldn't continue this too long. For in a while, I got involved in a new business, the merchandising of products at David's concerts. The items I packaged were posters two feet by three feet in color, an eight by ten glossy, two sheets of David Cassidy love stickers and two different concert books, (one for the concert, the other called *Dynamic David*). It's really funny to open the box and see your high school buddy called 'Dynamic David' on the cover of a magazine. I think one of the reasons David values my friendship is because I had to grow with him, and that's probably why we're still good friends.

"I had taken six months off my acting career and travelled with David as he fulfilled his play dates all over the country. Now that I've got the business organized, I can turn back to my acting career. At one point recently, I was offered a small part on *The Partridge Family*, but I chose not to do it because it was rather small and, although there would have been a good publicity tie-in with David, I'd rather make my big splash on my acting ability and not my friendship with David. It would be nice to guest on any show, but if it were David's, people would think he got it for me, and that's just one of the problems of being his roommate."

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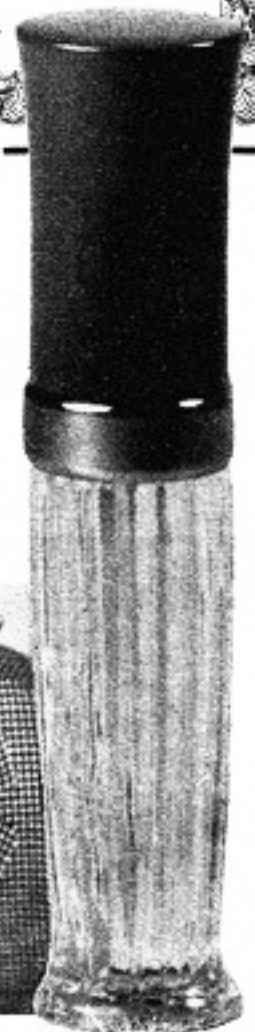
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