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David Cassidy: 'It's been fantastic'

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"Hello Bekki? This is David." Nearly every teenaged girl in the nation would go into a state of shock at the sound of David Cassidy saying hello to her. The effect on a reporter several years past teenage was the same.

In an exclusive interview with *The Bulletin* yesterday, the reigning idol of the teeny-bop set talked about his career, his concerts, his future and his father.

David Cassidy has been a teen idol since the ABC-TV series "The Partridge Family" premiered. After two years of stardom, he's not ready to give up. "It's really nice — it's been fantastic for me," he says. "At times I get tired of being always on the go, not being able to go places." The lack of privacy is a problem, but he says, "I'm pleased about the situation — I don't regret anything."

His schedule leaves little time for privacy, anyway. He does "a lot" of concerts, and this summer he has been doing quite a few state fairs. During the filming of "The Partridge Family," he works on the show five days a week, records at night and does concert dates on the weekends. "There's not a lot of time for private life," he admits.

Some months ago, David caused a furor by posing in the nude for "Rolling Stone" magazine, and because of the accompanying article, which was filled with slams about his audience and revelations about his personal life. Commenting on the article and the reports which say he was misquoted and caught off guard, he says, "Yeah, I was misquoted a lot." He says that the article was used for shock value and that the writer dwelt on the negative. He dismisses the article

with the statement, "It's yesterday's news."

Some gossip columns have reported that David is preparing to make his first film, and that it will have an X rating. "There's been a lot of talk about it, but there's no particular one," he explains. "I'd like to do a movie if it is important to me and if I want to do it as an actor." Reacting to the reputed X rating, he laughs and says, "No."

He says that if the right picture comes along, he'll do a dramatic role. "I'll decide when I read it," he explains. "I have no desire to do TV — I have no desire to do the same thing I do every week. I want to do something that allows me to stretch my muscles as an actor."

After two years of "Partridge Family" songs, and cutting several records of his own,

David is branching out with his new album, "Rock Me Baby." Asked to classify the music he says, "I hate to label things. Music is so segregated now. But if everyone puts a label on it, and they will, I'd have to call it rock and roll."

He says that the album is a departure for him, and that he enjoyed doing it. "I wrote some of the tunes and it is a good extension of myself," he says. "It's a good representative of where I'm going — I want to keep growing." Judging his effort, he says, "I think it's a good album."

David's father, actor Jack Cassidy, and his step-mother and "Partridge Family" co-star, Shirley Jones, are in Indianapolis this week while Miss Jones performs at Starlight Musicals. In an interview on WISH-TV's "The Morning

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Minority jobs sought

A fall kick-off meeting of the Minority Job Task Force, sponsored by Anderson Chamber of Commerce, will be Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Decker Hall of Anderson College.

The thrust of the meeting will pertain to the important and sensitive issue of minority employment in the Anderson area.

Principal speaker will be Dr. James A. Joseph, vice president for Corporate Action of the Cummins Engine Company, Columbus, and executive director of the Cummins Engine Foundation.

Joseph was born in Opelousas, La., in 1935. Married and the father of two children, he graduated from Southern University

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DR. JOSEPH

'I don't regret anything'

One of the featured attractions at this year's Indiana State Fair will be two concerts Sunday by David Cassidy. In an exclusive interview with *The Bulletin*, the star of ABC-TV's "The Partridge Family" reviews his career and dis-

cusses where he may be going in the future. Still at the top of the list of teen idols, David says he has no regrets about what he's done so far.