

# David's

## personal letter to you

Hi there!

This is Keith Partridge calling from college . . . And there was I thinking I'd gotten through with school for good and all! Still, I've got to admit that I've taken to it a lot easier when it's just part of a script than I ever did when it was for real!

It's quite a good idea, when you come to think of it. 'Cos I guess I presented the scriptwriters with a kind of a problem when I decided to quit the series. But, instead of simply writing me out in the last episode of this series, they've decided to phase me out and prepare the way right through this season.

### CRAZY RUMOURS

Which reminds me . . . I had Pat on the 'phone to me a week or so ago, asking me if I really was leaving the Partridge Family, because she'd heard a rumour that I'd decided against it after all.

Till then, I'd thought that she might be one person who could turn a deaf ear to some of these crazy rumours that get going. But I couldn't get too mad with her, 'cos I realised that she only wanted to get things straight so she could tell you the real story.

Well, believe it, the real story is still the same as it was the last time I wrote you . . . I plan on leaving the Partridge Family at the end of this season. From the start of filming, my contract requires me to complete twenty four shows. So, at the end of those twenty four episodes, Keith will simply disappear into the mists of college life!

It's far too early yet to say whether I'll ever be making any return guest appearances on the show. I figure that could be kinda nice, because that way I'd get to meet up with all the folks I've been working with for

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so long. But I guess I'll just have to wait and see.

It'll depend on so many things . . . like how the scriptwriters feel about writing me in now and again, and on how many other commitments I have to take up my time. Still, you can be certain of one thing . . . Keith Partridge may be losing touch with you . . .

But *David Cassidy* will never do that if he can help it! Okay?

So far, I can't think of anything really special or newsy that's happened on set. Except that little Ricky Seagul has now taken the Partridge stage over! He's real cute and he can twist everyone around his little finger . . . Not just the girls either! He's gotten Danny, Brian and me running around after him too!

I guess he's just the sort of a kid you simply can't help loving, and I surely hope that his loveability will come across on the screen! That way you'll soon get to understand the way we all feel about him here!

### EXCITEMENT COMING

I gather that there's some excitement coming up in a week or two . . . I haven't seen the script yet, but I know that the episode after next is scheduled to be filmed on board a luxury liner! That means that we all turn sailor for five days or so and leave L.A. for a cruise along the coastline.

Although I don't know anything about the story-line, I did insist on seeing a picture of the cruiser. And, man, on a ship like that, it just can't be bad! It's a real beaut of an ocean-going liner called "Fair Sea". So right now we're all hoping that her name will serve as a lucky charm! An entire team of sea-sick Partridges would not be a

