



to get in to see David and the rest of the cast, because *The Partridge Family* was her favourite show.

"David didn't waste any time. He was on the phone immediately, and in no time at all, the girl was admitted and personally escorted to the set, where she met David and all the members of the cast. She was given lunch, and David made sure that everyone signed an autograph for her.

"So you can see, David is more than my friend, he's a great guy as well."

Of course, David is pretty well known to readers of this magazine as a generous and considerate guy. But it's pretty nice to hear that someone as close to David as Sam is not only likes David, but admires him as well.

Susan Dey, another one of David's close friends, has always been quick to point out that David is very high on her list of favourite people.

SUPERSTAR

"It's funny, really, to have watched David come from a promising beginner to a superstar in a matter of a few years.

"And it's even funnier when you realise that David hasn't changed at all in so many ways.

"I don't mean that he hasn't grown as a person or as a professional," Susan was quick to point out. "What I mean is that, even though he's at the top of the entertainment world, David still hasn't changed in his relationships to other people. He's still the same friendly, considerate guy.

"For instance," Susan continued, "when David and all of us were working frantically to finish *The Partridge Family* series, things got pretty tense.

"The scriptwriters had been on strike, and we were hopelessly behind schedule. And nobody was more anxious to get things finished than David.

"It was his last season, and he was naturally eager to get on with what he wanted to do.

"But I can't remember a time when David was anything but pleasant, co-operative and helpful. Every time things looked like disaster, David would always be calm and cheerful.

"It really helped ease the situation, too, 'cos I know sometimes when I wanted to scream, David would somehow notice it and come around and chat for a minute.

"He just never managed to get one of those massive egos that some people develop. I can't remember a time when David ever used his star status to get what he wanted.

"That's pretty rare in the entertainment world, and I'm really glad that I got a chance to meet David, and work with him."

Jan Freeman is a name you'll probably remember. She served as David's stand-in on *The Partridge Family*, and left before his last season to go to college.

A stand-in's job is one of the most thankless in Hollywood. It requires standing under blazing hot lights for long periods of time, with people coming up and sticking light meters, tape rules and all kinds of things under your nose.

After long, motionless minutes, some one then tells you to get lost! Then the star comes in, and the acting begins. The only time anyone says anything to you is when you've goofed. And it's

unusual if the person you're standing in for even knows your name.

Happily for Jan Freeman, this was far from the case with David. She told me "I remember my first day on the set, when the show began, I was really scared. After all, not only had I heard that stand-ins were the lowest form of life, I was sure that David would resent the fact that his stand-in was a girl.

STAND IN

"So you can imagine how surprised I was when David walked up and said 'Hello. I hear you're my stand in.'

"'Oh, uhmm, I'm David Cassidy,' he told me . . . as if I didn't know!

"From then on, we were pretty good friends, on the set and off. David never once pulled this 'I'm a star, you're nothing' business that some people do.

"I can remember hearing about one former star who used to hire his own stand-ins, and then punish them when ever he was upset!

"I've never seen anything that bad, but I *have* seen some pretty big names use their stand-ins as scapegoats. It can be pretty bad, too.

"But I can never remember a time when David didn't have a smile and a good word to say for everyone, myself included."

Well, it's little things like that that make people confess that David is a truly nice guy (just in case you were in doubt!).

I don't know what more I can say, except that this court finds David Cassidy (as well as his friends) GUILTY of being a very nice guy!