

hurt them. If I possibly can, though, I do tell the truth and try to be honest.

FaVE: HOW DO YOU ACCEPT CRITICISM FROM OTHERS?

DAVID: Pretty well. It depends on what it's for and who's giving it to me.

FaVE: IS IT EASIER TO TAKE FROM OLDER PEOPLE:

DAVID: That depends too! Some older people don't know what they are talking about where someone younger does know! I can take it if I think the person is qualified and experienced enough to offer constructive criticism to me.

FaVE: DO YOU EVER HATE OR DISLIKE YOURSELF?

DAVID: I don't hate myself, but sometimes I do dislike myself when I think I've done something dumb!

FaVE: WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO ON A RAINY DAY?

DAVID: Stay inside! I like rain, but it kind of depresses me. I never walk in the rain, I like to run. Walking is like letting it get to you, while if you're running, you are sort of attacking it!

FaVE: HOW DO YOU GET OUT OF A BAD MOOD?

DAVID: By working at getting into a good one! Nobody can help me do it—I have to sit and think about what's bothering me for about half an hour.

FaVE: DO YOU FIND LIVING WITH ANOTHER PERSON ANNOYING AT TIMES?

DAVID: Sure, once in a while even the best of friends can bug each other. But I live with someone because I can't see spending a lot of money just to be alone in a house. When you have a roommate, you both share some of the responsibilities, which makes it more convenient. What I like is when my Mom is visiting from New Jersey. She stays with me and takes care of the cooking, dishes and stuff that just piles up otherwise!

FaVE: IF YOU HAD A CHOICE OF ANYWHERE TO LIVE, WHERE WOULD IT BE?

DAVID: I'd love to move to Canada! But the drive to work would be too much! I think Malibu Canyon is a great place to live too.

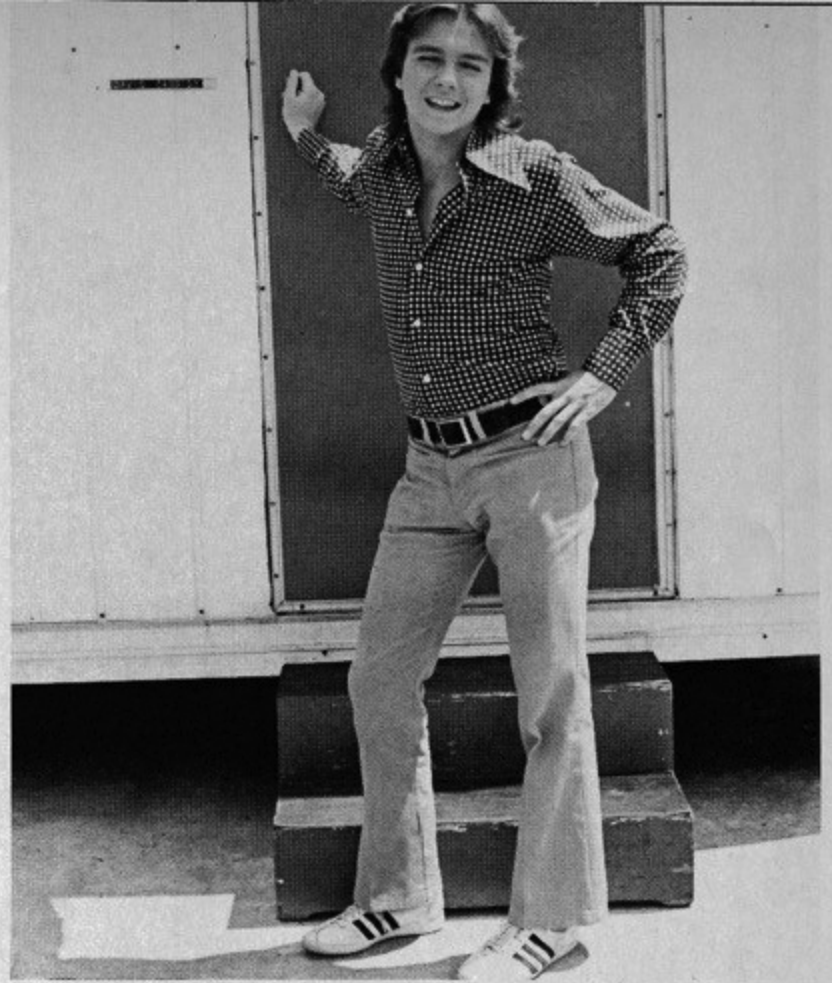
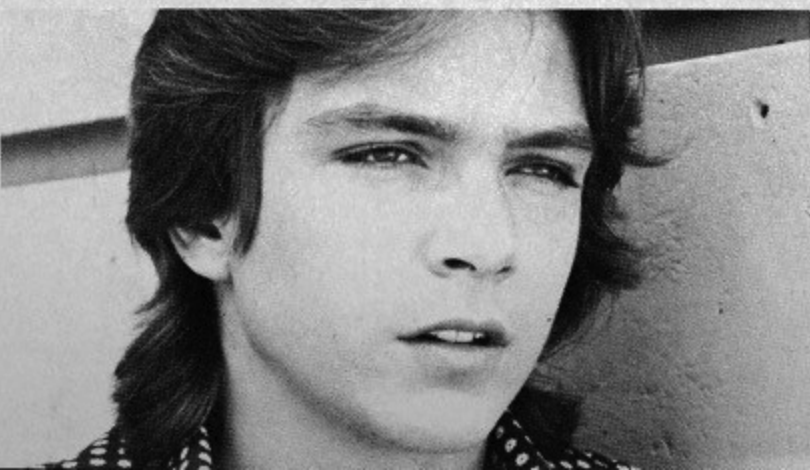
FaVE: WHAT ARE YOU MOST AFRAID OF?

DAVID: The darkness at night, a little. To me it signifies the unknown. You never know what lurks behind the door. I really try not to think about any kind of fear too much. We are all confronted with a fear of something or the other.

FaVE: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CHILDREN?

DAVID: Well, I know that I want some of my own someday. I really like them—they're so aware of things. My younger brothers are like that.

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FaVE: DO THEY EVER ASK YOU FOR ADVICE?

DAVID: Sure, sometimes, especially the oldest one. They sort of look up to me, and not because of my being an actor. I'm their big brother.

FaVE: WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE THEM IF THEY WANTED TO ACT?

DAVID: No, because they are too young, and I think getting into acting now would make them miss too much. Some child actors grow up too fast.

FaVE: DO YOU FEEL IT'S BAD TO GROW UP TOO FAST?

DAVID: It can be. Sometimes you aren't ready for the things that happen to you. I don't know if 'growing up' are the right words . . . it's easing yourself into it and taking on responsibilities that deal with things besides baseball, football, etc. I believe it's better to slide into it like I did. There are too many things to worry about when you're little. Let grownups worry about money, or being a star!

FaVE: IS THERE A DAVID CASSIDY THAT NOBODY KNOWS?

DAVID: Yes, there's a side of me that only I know, which I think is true about almost anybody.

FaVE: DO YOU GET UPSET WHEN FALSE THINGS ARE PRINTED ABOUT YOU?

DAVID: Yes! Even if a story says good things, if they aren't true I get angry because they're painting a false picture—creating an image that isn't really me! I don't think this is fair to me, or to anyone who reads about me either! I much prefer to do my talking for myself, like I'm doing with you right now!



In our next in-depth talk with David he goes into the way he feels about love, marriage and divorce! You won't want to miss Part II of this series in January FaVE, on sale November 24th!