



■ Rumors have been floating around Hollywood for some time now that David Cassidy, hot new star of **The Partridge Family**, is planning to marry. And that his bride-to-be is pretty Judy Strangis of **Room 222**.

But the rumors are groundless. David says that he and Judy are just "good friends", and he denies that he has any plans to marry in the near future. "Not now," he says. "I'm absolutely not ready."

When will he be ready? "I don't know. I might stay unmarried through my twenties." (He's 20 now.) Why so long? "I think you go through a lot of changes within yourself during those years, a lot of maturing. I had a long talk with my father about that. You know my father and mother married when they were terribly young. They both went through so many changes. They weren't really right for each other when they started out, and after like five or six years . . . they were totally wrong for each other chemically. It's sad—but it's a fact. That's what life is all about; and rather than go through something as unfortunate and unpleasant as that can be"—he remembers how unhappy it was for him when his parents broke up and he was only five—"I would rather stay the way I am." (continued on page 79)