

# BEHIND the SCENES at TiGER BEAT

Have you ever wondered just how an issue of Tiger Beat is put together? Have you thought about whether or not this star or that fave really wrote the article on which his name appears? I know you have from your wonderful letters and I decided it was time to let you become a part of the actual "putting together" of Tiger Beat. So, in this column every month, I'm going to take you "backstage" at Tiger Beat:



**BACKSTAGE IN CANTON, O.,** David shows Sharon Lee his new costume!

**"DAVID'S WILD, WILD WEEKEND** By Sam Hyman, David's Best Friend"—Pg. 10—The weekend before the "Partridge Family" went back to work in May, David Cassidy went on tour for three days. Naturally his best friend Sam was along and Sam recounts the weekend minute-by-minute on page 10. But this time was special because David also invited our own Sharon Lee along to cover his trip for our family of magazines—TiGER BEAT, FaVE, TiGER BEAT Spectacular and TiGER BEAT's Official Partridge Family Magazine. You can read Sharon's own true story of her fabulous weekend in the August issue of the Partridge Family Magazine on sale July 6th. When Sharon returned from her trip, she said she couldn't describe all the fun she had had traveling with David's whole troupe, but more than anything she loved talking to YOU. Usually we only get to "rap" with our readers through your letters to TiGER TALK and such columns, but Sharon was thrilled to talk with YOU in person!

**"DANCING WITH BOBBY** By Jean Fraser"—Pg. 26— Last month you saw Bobby's TV Special and you loved it, right? Well, I thought it was a fantastic half-hour, that ended way too soon. I was lucky enough to attend many of the rehearsals (and the actual taping of the very "live" segment at the opening of the show) and what I noticed over and over again was the closeness that Bobby kept with all those who were working so hard on his Special. In the years I've known Bobby, I've seen that he makes friends so easily. So, rather than write down my observations of the portions of the show that I saw in person, I asked the darling professional dancer who landed a job on the Bobby Special if she would write her impressions of Bobby for our readers. She loved the idea! During the two weeks she worked closely with Bobby and got to know him well. You saw Jean dancing right along-side Bobby on the TV and now you can take a peek at her "behind the scenes" view of Bobby!



**BEN ASKED ME** to help him pick out the shirts for our photo session.

**"HOME SWEET HOME WITH BEN MURPHY"**—Pg. 52—Visiting Ben at his home was really a fun "assignment" I arranged for myself and our photographer this month! I hadn't seen Ben for over two years! It was way back then that I had first interviewed Ben for a small story in TiGER BEAT following his appearance in the movie "Yours, Mine and Ours." I thought he was a doll then and I was really thrilled when all our readers began writing in about him when "Alias Smith and Jones" came on the air. Ben lives in a small, but very comfortable, apartment just a few blocks from Universal Studios, where his series is filmed. He had a break before they resumed filming in May and we took advantage of his free time and made the trek out to photograph him "at home." When we arrived, Benjamin was sunning himself out by the pool, thankful for a few free moments to catch some rays. Once inside Ben offered us some organic apple juice and when we finished we began shooting the groovy shots you'll see in this issue!

So, now you've had a glimpse of how Tiger Beat "gets together" every month, but there's much more in store. I hope you enjoy being a part of YOUR Magazine as much as we enjoy bringing it to you!

*Anna Ross*