



DAVID CASSIDY TALKS ABOUT THE ORDEAL OF HIS EMERGENCY OPERATION— Why He's Afraid To Face Major Surgery Again!

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■ David Cassidy is back in the news again. The handsome young star of the *Partridge Family* television show seems to have been in the news ever since his television show started. In his promising career he has had many unusual and interesting experiences and confrontations. The news of today is that David was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation.

David Cassidy is the son of the famous singing actor, Jack Cassidy and the stepson of Jack's wife, Shirley Jones. Shirley was originally the star of the *Partridge Family* show but that billing is not so certain now that her stepson has earned his way into the limelight. It would be more honest to say that now David and Shirley are co-stars of the show. And it is important to stress that David earned his own way into the spotlight. He auditioned for the show just like everyone else and it was through his talent that he got to where he is now, not through friends and relatives, as some people have suggested.

David has packed so much excitement and activity into his twenty years of life that it would be utterly impossible to talk about it completely in the limited amount of space here. So we will skip over his early childhood and look at some of the things that have happened in his life up to and including his recent emergency operation.

When David's parents, Jack Cassidy and Evelyn Ward, first got divorced, David lived with his mother and stepfather and so didn't see too much of his father for some time. He remembers, "My dad and Shirley" (Continued on page 56)

A few evenings before his emergency operation, David had a night out with his dad and step-mom. He felt healthy until his collapse.