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:

"TELL IT LIKE IT IS" — Pg. 18 — From your letters, we know that this is one of your favorites of the Tiger Beat regular columns, and because of this, it's one of our toughest to produce. What I mean is—David and Susan get so many letters, it's terribly hard to choose which ones will be answered each month in the magazine. We leave the decision up to them! After reading through all the letters received each month, David and Susan pick out the ones they feel are most important to be answered immediately. Then, I meet them at the Columbia Ranch and wait for breaks in the filming and we all sit down with the tape recorder and they tell me exactly how they'd like the letters answered. Because David was very concerned that only a portion of the letters could be answered each month in print, we decided that starting with the next issue we would use smaller type so more letters could be answered personally each month. So, be sure to watch for the answer to YOUR letters here every month!



David and I check his column.



Sharon and the Osmonds in Colorado!

"THE OSMONDS' WINTER WONDERLAND" — Pg. 16 — I couldn't have been more thrilled when the Osmonds asked me to join them for three days in Colorado as they filmed some Japanese soft-drink commercials. And when I found out their shooting schedule conflicted with the Tiger Beat deadline I couldn't have been more disappointed that I had to say no! Wouldn't you have been? I knew, though, that YOU would want to join them, if only through a number of exclusive photos, so our own Sharon Lee bundled up in her warmest clothes and flew to Colorado with the Osmonds. Naturally, she had the time of her life, I mean, how could you help but have a ball with that wonderful family? Though they all complained a little about their "freezing" hands and feet, Mrs. Osmond kept everyone smiling by baking a huge batch of homemade hot sweet rolls and hot chocolate. After three days, Sharon and the Osmonds flew home and Sharon admitted she wished they could have stayed another week. At least!

"TiGER BEAT MEMORY BOOK" — Pg. 47 — This is a new Tiger Beat features that we're super excited about! The exclusive color photos of Jack Wild and Kurt Russell are the first in a long series of photos backed with personal statistics to fill your Tiger Beat Memory Book. We have marked places for holes, so that you can keep them in your school notebook or in a special "memory book," filled with all your faves. We'll be featuring two stars every month, current faves and faves of the past. You won't want to miss a single issue and every month your memory book will grow and grow. Like all features in Tiger Beat, we are eager to hear your suggestions about who you'd like to see as part of the Tiger Beat Memory Book. If you have a fave, whether he or she be in TV, recording or movies, just let us know and sometime, we promise, they'll be included in YOUR very special book. So, don't hesitate to write to me in care of Tiger Talk and KNOW that your letters will be read and appreciated!



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!