

with **DAVID**

By His Roommate, SAM
PART I

of each other anyway, because I was completely hung up on this girl that I was madly in love with, and I spent every available minute with her, but now that David was going to another school, we sort of drifted apart for a while. I still saw him from time to time but we went through a period where we weren't quite such close friends.

ACTING BECAME IMPORTANT

And, this was the time that David started to get really serious about going into acting. I had sort of figured that I was going to college (mostly because I couldn't really think of anything else to do) but David had been really thinking about his future and his talent and things like that. I wish I could tell you more about this really important part of his life, but I'd be making it all up if I tried. All I really know is that David was kind of a goof-off because school was so unchallenging until the time he started going to the other high school, and when I got to be really good friends with him again, he had already decided that he was going to be an actor!

But that's actually getting ahead of my story. During this time we still saw each other from time to time. We double-dated to places like drive-in theatres and we went to places on the Sunset Strip. Actually, whenever either of us was dating a girl for the first time, and we weren't sure that we were going to be able to think of enough things to talk about, we'd just suggest a double date! Sooner or later, everybody would start laughing, because David and I had a lot of funny stories about stuff that happened to us, and that would break the ice.

GOING TO CLUBS

In fact, I just thought about something that happened on a double date. We always liked to go see the new rock and roll groups, and Los Angeles is full of great clubs where young groups can play before they start making records. One night we went to the Kaleidoscope, which is this huge place on Sunset that used to be



Moulin Rouge, where beautiful girls went around on a revolving stage in the 1930's. Anyway, in '67 it was a place where rock and roll was played, and we took two dates there on a Friday night.

There was this huge knot of people in the center of the floor, and we all wanted to know what was happening, so we just waded in. There, being pressed from all sides, and looking a little nervous about it, was Davy Jones! Well, our dates were thrilled, and I felt a little jealous, but David was silent for a long time. Finally I asked him what he was thinking about, and he told me that he was wondering what it felt like to be mobbed

that way. He said that he had felt the strangest sensation while he was looking, as if all that had happened to him, at some point in his life.

Now that I think back on it, I wonder if maybe David somehow knew that it would happen to him thousands of times in the future! I've seen David get mobbed several times now, and each time I've remembered the look on his face as he watched Davy Jones that night in the Kaleidoscope.

Next month I'll tell you more about our days at school and how we became very close friends again after graduation, I'll tell you how David really felt about that "momentous" day in our lives! See you next month, right here!