

WHAT OTHER QUALITY ATTRACTS YOU TO A PERSON?

I'm immediately drawn to warm, friendly people. I think that's why I liked David right away! He really cares about people.

TELL US ABOUT THE FIRST TIME YOU MET DAVID.

It was at the screen test for the show. I was sitting with my agent, who noticed David walking in. He said, "There's a good-looking guy!" and I looked up and saw David smiling at me. He seemed so nice and friendly that I had to smile back, even though I was a bundle of nerves about the test. Then he came over and introduced himself. He could tell how uptight I was, and he was so helpful, explaining what was going on, etc. Just talking to him was such a relief!

YOU HAVE BECOME VERY CLOSE FRIENDS SINCE THEN, HAVEN'T YOU?

Yes, we have. I can talk to David about everything—he's someone I can be completely honest with! We don't agree on some things, but it's great to be around him.

DID YOU EVER DATE DAVID?

Not really, no. When I first came out to Hollywood he knew I didn't have any friends, and he took me out to a movie a few times. But there's never been anything romantic between us. Before Jane and I found a place to live he tried to help us, and he introduced me to some of his friends. But our relationship is just one of very close friendship, that's all!

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY DOING ON DATES?

I just like to have fun, really, doing all sorts of different things. When I find someone I'm interested in, I can spend hours just talking over a cup of coffee. I never feel I have to go out to be entertained. Just being with someone I can relate to is enough!



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DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOING STEADY?

I don't believe in it if it means locking myself up to one person, because I definitely haven't had enough dating experience. When I was 15 and 16 I went with a guy and we had a great relationship. There was no ring or pin involved, but I didn't see anyone else, and I know now that that was the age I should have been dating more than one person. There's too much I have to learn, and the only way you learn things is through other people.

HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE THE WORD "LOVE?"

It's a strange word to me, because I can say that I love my parents, I love Jane, I love David, and all three are on different levels. And when I meet the man I'll want to marry, that will be another kind of love!

WHEN YOU LOOK AHEAD TO YOUR FUTURE, WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Well, professionally I'd like to go into movies and also act on the stage. That would be really great, because there's such a difference between live acting and doing it on film. You either are going to make it or fall flat on your face because there's no cutting! I hope to get some background by doing plays that run for a week or so in small towns. I could do them when the Partridge show is on hiatus. I know I have so much to learn about acting, and I'm looking forward to getting some stage experience!

WHAT ABOUT LOOKING AHEAD IN YOUR PERSONAL LIFE?

I don't look too far ahead. I've come to the decision that if I don't like something about my life, I'll do my best to change it. But I have no set pattern in front of me . . . I've just got to feel my way and see what happens!



"It upsets me that I'm not outgoing enough . . ."



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