

DAVID AND MARY PAT/CONTINUED

What's it like to meet David Cassidy? Mary Pat Hensel of Albany, N.Y. can tell you, 'cause it happened to her this summer!

Mary Pat was the winner of FLIP's "David Cassidy Concert Contest," and her prize was two tickets to the concert David gave closest to her home during the summer. On June 27th, David sang at the Performing Arts Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., so Mary Pat and her mother drove up that afternoon to meet FLIP's Editor Valerie Berger for an early dinner.

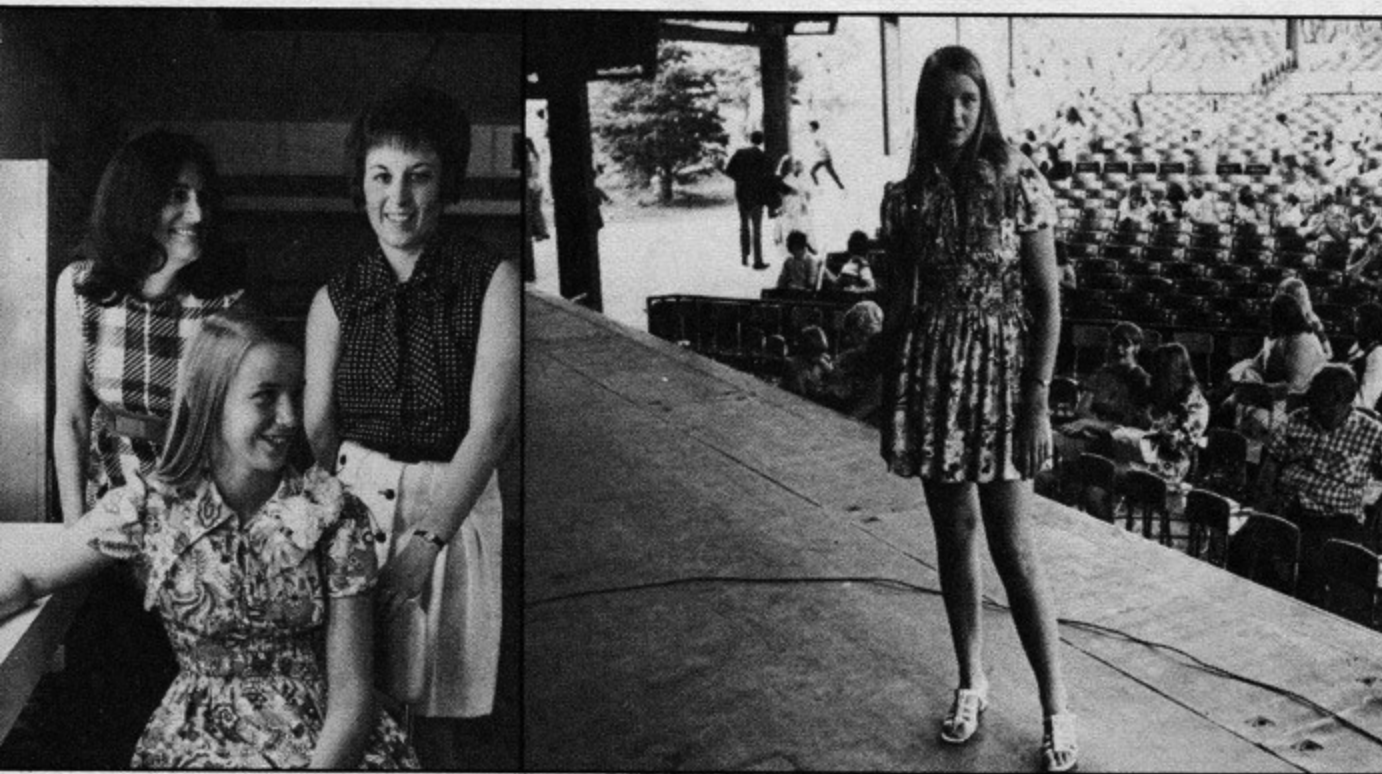
Mary Pat was looking forward to an exciting day—dinner in a delicious restaurant called The Trade Winds and then over to the Performing Arts Center for David's concert.

But she had a couple of surprises in store!

Mary Pat didn't know it, but David Cassidy knew that she had won the contest and was coming to his concert that night! So when Valerie called him at his hotel after dinner and asked if Mary Pat could visit him there before the concert, he said, "Come right over!"

Close your eyes for a minute and try to imagine how you would feel during those few minutes it took to drive over to David's hotel! 'Cause that's just how Mary Pat felt!

When she got to David's room, Mary Pat didn't even have to knock on the door, because as she reached it, the door was flung open and a whole bunch of people came out. The man who opened the door knew right away who Mary Pat was and invited her in.



After she left David, Mary Pat had a special backstage tour of the Performing Arts Center where David's concert was to be. This picture of FLIP's Valerie Berger, Mary Pat and her mother, Mrs. Hensel, was taken in one of the huge dressing rooms at the Center.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Performing Arts Center is its great stage, which is as tall as a ten-story building. An hour later, David Cassidy was dancing and singing on the exact spot where Mary Pat is standing here! Behind Mary Pat, the audience was already beginning to file in.

The moment that David introduced himself to Mary Pat, they began chatting away like old friends!

