

LIVING

This month: Sam tells all about David's dating habits in high school—the kinds of girls he likes, who he dated, where he went on dates and many more secrets you're dying to know!

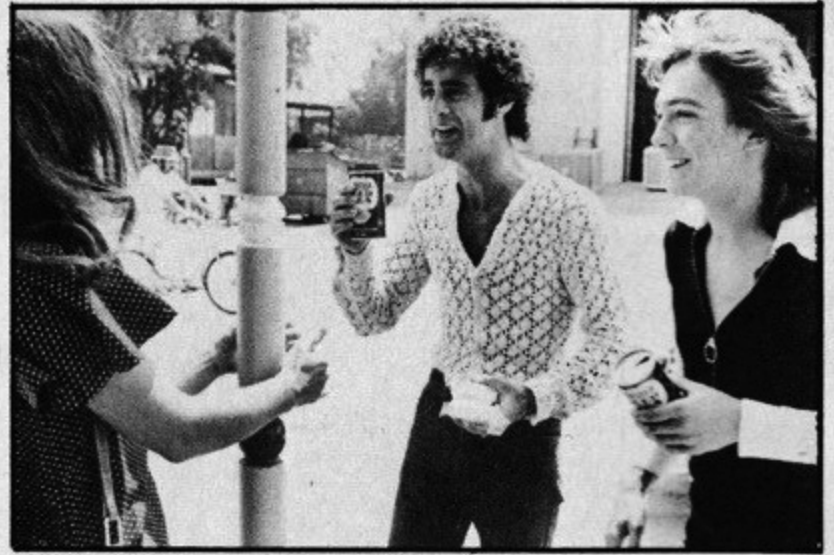
Well, this month's chapter is going to be different from the last few! Instead of concentrating on our "sloppy" but comfortable house in the Hollywood Hills, we're going to hop into a time machine and go back to David's high school days!

Of course, it's not such a giant journey in time, but that's just as well because I've got kind of a punk time machine! It's just my memory, and I always used to think I had a really good one, but lately David's been telling me that I remember everything wrong! He keeps threatening to publish *his* memories of *my* high-school days! Just between you and me, I hope he never does it! There are some things that my parents still don't know about!

ALWAYS LIKED GIRLS!

The subject of this little journey is something very close to David's heart—girls. As long as I've known David there have been girls in his life, which is just the way he's always wanted it! David is one of those lucky people who seem to get most of the things they really want, and the girls could sense that. In fact, I think that's one of the reasons girls like him—he seems like a guy who's really got things under control, and every time something works out well, it makes him even happier! Girls like guys who are happy, because most girls know that it isn't always easy to be happy, and it shows a guy's got strength.

I really think that it's David's happiness which is partly responsible for his success—and even in high school people could see it. Happy people make others feel good, and I think that's the reason that David was so popular in high school. Everybody liked to be around him because he was so much fun and girls were no exception.



GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS—that's always been David's number one hobby and he wouldn't have it any other way!

And then there was the fact that he was a surfer. There were lots of beach girls who liked David a lot, and there were a few that he dated for a while. This came in really handy, because this was about the time that we went from junior high into high school, and that's tough on a boy. I mean, here you've been a big 9th grader, with all the girls looking up to you, and suddenly you're a measly little 10th grader in this giant high school, and all the girls are going out with the older guys!

This happened to us, and we really weren't ready for it! All the girls we knew were suddenly only interested in 11th and 12th grade guys. These were the same girls we'd gone to parties with and danced with. I mean, we knew them pretty well! The parties were typical Jr. High school parties, with a record player going and a few



TODAY, DAVID LOVES talking with fans of all ages—especially if they're female. He really likes reading letters, especially from girls, 'cause he says it helps him to understand them!

people sneaking into dark corners to kiss, and everybody carrying on like lunatics and having a good time.

Anyway, these were about the only girls we knew well at all, and all of a sudden they weren't even looking at David and me! So it was really nice when the surfing scene put us into contact with some new girls!

It was important to David for another reason, too. There was a girl that he had really liked in junior high, the first time that he'd ever really gotten serious. He'd been dating since about seventh grade, and there were lots of girls he'd liked, but this was the first one he'd ever really thought he might be in love with! (Incidentally, you can stop waiting for her name because I'm not going to use it. David's afraid it might embarrass her, and he doesn't want that to happen at all!)

WOULDN'T SEE DAVID

Anyway, he'd been trying to get this girl to go out for some time, but she just wasn't interested! This was really a new trip for David, because most girls he asked out were really happy about it! He carried this torch for the better part of a year, and then when we got into high school she instantly started to go out with this big, tall senior who played line on the football team, and it really tore David up! To make it worse, most of the girls we knew were friends with this girl, and they all knew how David felt—and you know, high school girls