

me for it but they all said "Aren't you going to ask to see his ID?" It's like a ritual, I guess, to show your ID the first time."

Although David spent most of his birthday with his closest friends, he didn't forget his many fans—and they certainly didn't forget him.

Weeks before his birthday—and probably for weeks afterwards—cards and gifts and things started arriving at the Partridge Family Fan Club for David. Everything that was sent to David at several other addresses—Bell Records or Screen Gems or even here to FLIP—was forwarded to the fan club.

After a while the mail was stacked up to the ceiling and flowing over into the halls. It was quite a showing of the affection David's fans have for him!

When David saw how much had arrived he knew it would take him forever to open it all himself, so he asked six very, very close friends to come down and help him open his birthday mail.

The seven of them opened presents and read cards for over two hours solid and still didn't finish it all. But eventually it was all opened and David just couldn't believe that that many people wanted to wish him a happy birthday. It certainly was one of the happiest birthdays David will probably ever know.

And now his bedroom at home is filled with some of the things he received, so he's surrounded every day by reminders that thousands of people care very much about him—and you can be sure that he cares just as much about his fans.

David Cassidy's 21st birthday was indeed a very, very special occasion!

