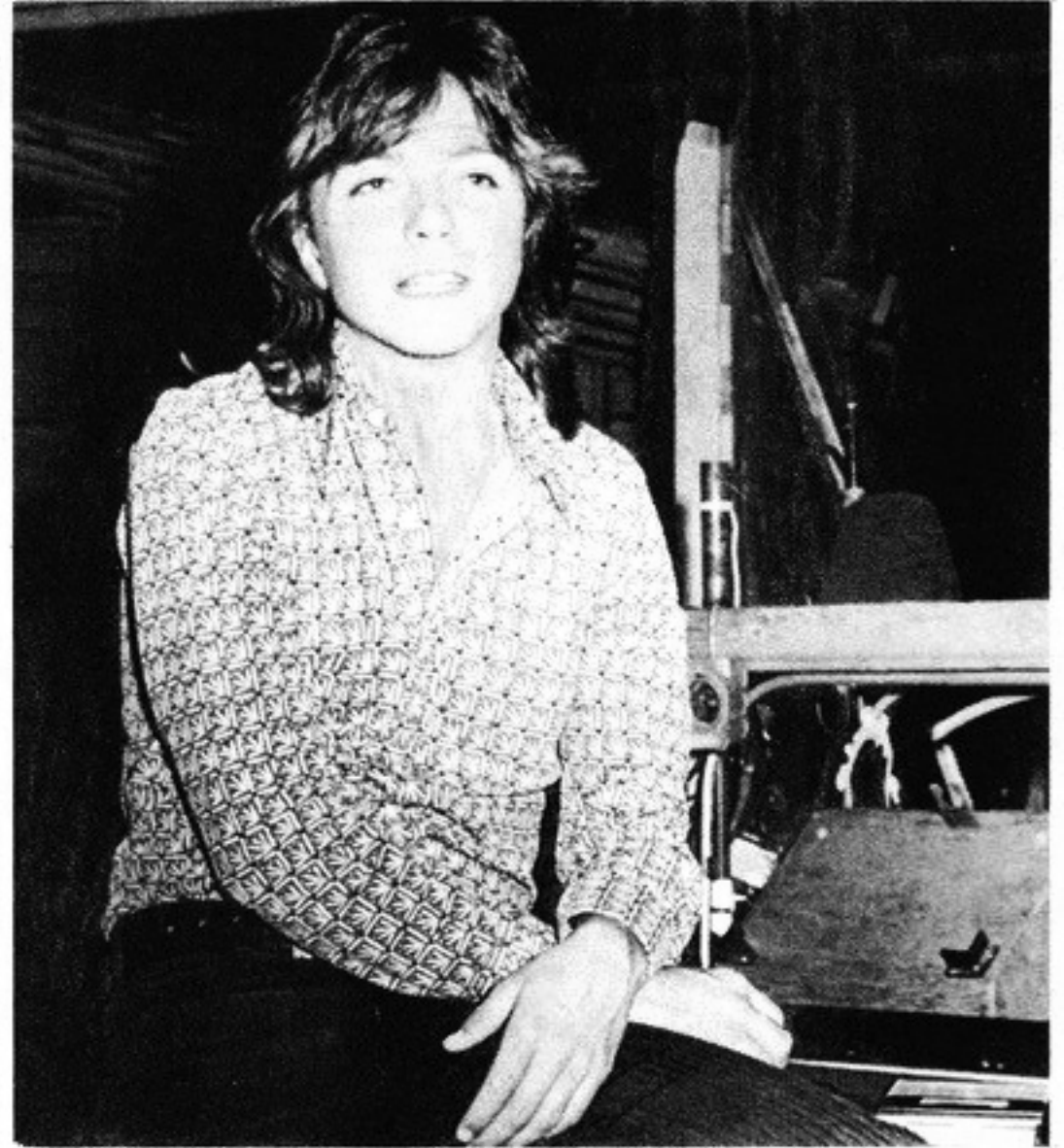


DAVID: "YOU'VE CHANGED ME!"



IF YOU'RE a true David Cassidy fan, he probably affects you quite a bit. You listen to his music, watch his TV show, go to his concerts, carry pictures of him in your wallet, hang others on your wall, write him long and loving letters and sometimes maybe even wonder what it would be like if he were your boyfriend. But have you ever thought about how you may be affecting David?

"In a roundabout way, my fans have caused my life to be changed quite a bit," he admits. "Two years ago I was living very differently. And I was a different person, too. But the success I've been lucky enough to have changed me a lot. And I figure my fans are to be thanked for helping to make me and 'The Partridge Family' successful."

Starring in a hit TV series can cause a lot of changes in a person's life and daily routine. And not all of them are good, however. Hours are long, schedules are hectic and demands are great.

"You know," says David, "if I weren't working on this series, I'd probably sleep until noon every day. I really

love to sleep late. But during the week it's impossible."

Not only is David too busy to sleep late in the mornings, he's also usually too tired to stay up late at night. Some nights when he gets home from the studio, he just about has enough energy left to eat dinner and look over a script or some new music before he flops into bed. Sometimes, though, if his work load is light, he might squeeze in a quick game of tennis with one of his housemates, Sam Hymon or Steve Ross.

David's always enjoyed sports, and that's another thing he finds too little time for in his new life.

"It's not only a matter of time, either," he adds. "I do have some free afternoons or evening to go someplace and do something I really like to do. But then I wonder what would happen if I got recognized. I find it difficult to go to public places just to enjoy myself—somebody always notices me."

Recently David had an experience along those lines. He's always loved playing basketball, he played on his high

school team and he joined a local YMCA so he would have a place to play. At first it was relaxing and quite enjoyable for him. But after a few weeks, people began to notice him. He wasn't just another guy anymore. He was David Cassidy, the star. Everyone wanted to talk and ask him questions and it just stopped being fun. So he gave it up.

David's dating life has changed, too. Though he was never really one for the discotheque scene, he probably has to think twice before taking a girl to a disco now. He's even been spotted just walking with a girl on a private beach. And immediately, a casual date is turned into a Big Romance.

According to David's mother, father, step-mother and close friends, he's always been a very private person. He likes to spend a lot of time by himself. And he likes to keep his private life separate from his business life. But for someone as much in the spotlight as he is, that's almost impossible.

A couple of times he's been forced to

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