

"DEAR DAVID, WHY?"

AN OPEN LETTER TO TIGER BEAT!

The letter began: "Dear Sharon, Yesterday my girlfriend gave me a copy of a San Francisco pop magazine that ran an interview with David Cassidy, along with a nude (from the hips up) centerfold of this guy I've given my heart to for the past three years.

"In the article David says many things about where he wants to go in his career, how he wants to get into heavier music and an adult audience.

"That I can understand. Every musician strives to get better and reach out to more people, but David doesn't stop there. The things he says about his younger fans in this pop article are, to quote a top newspaper syndicated columnist, "unprintable in a family newspaper."

"Sharon, I cried when I read the interview. David puts all his fans down so terribly. He laughs at us. Why would David say such things when every month from the pages of Tiger Beat and FaVE magazines he talks to us about beauty, love, gentleness and caring? About how much he *needs* us?

"Perhaps David thinks we're stupid and maybe we are. After all, it's us, not the adults who spend our dollars buying his records and albums, his posters, going to his concerts, joining his fan club and watching him every week on "The Partridge Family."

"Has David's theory always been 'take the money and run?' It's not so much that we've made David's career for him through our weekly dollar handouts, it's the time we devoted to loving him, to believing in him, and sharing our lives with him that matters to us.

"But mostly it's our belief in something good and beautiful that might be destroyed. With one interview has David Cassidy wiped out three years of trust?

"Perhaps trust doesn't mean much to him, but to me and thousands of other girls my age, it's one of the most important things in the world.

"So, Sharon, what do we believe now? Has David been untruthful to you too? Did he mean anything he's ever said to us before or is this whole thing one gigantic mis-

understanding?

"I suppose although I'm terribly hurt and am writing this through teary eyes, I still love David, because I still hope there's a chance he didn't really mean those things he said. You see, I still have faith in him.

"Will you ask David, when you see him again, if it was something we did that made him hurt us so much? Maybe then, we'll be able to understand why.

With Love, Susan S.
New York, New York"

When I finished reading the letter from Susan, I, too, had tears in my eyes. Just like all of David's fans, I had trusted and believed. His words in the pop newspaper were against me just as much as they were against you and Susan.

The question must be answered by David himself and you can read his answer in the August issue of FaVE magazine on sale June 20 and in August Tiger Beat on sale July 11.

