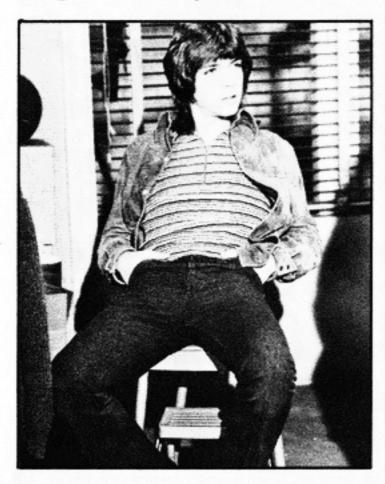
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT YOU'RE MARRIED. IS IT TRUE?

Judy Campbell Seminole, Fla.

If I'd gotten married every time people said I had, I'd be in jail right now with six angry wives waiting on the other side of the bars! I hope I can stop this particular trip for once and all by making you a solemn, crossed-heart promise: I will never get married without letting you know. No one is more important to me than you are, and I promise to never sneak around, seeming to be one thing and actually being another! Okay?



THIS MIGHT SOUND A LITTLE DUMB, BUT DID YOU EVER GROW A BEARD, OR WANT TO? ALSO, ARE YOUR DRESSER DRAWERS MESSY?

Robin Pollack New York City

What's so dumb about that? I thought about growing a beard, and I even tried it for about a week while I was in Europe, but I'm afraid I'm not fated to have a glorious beard and mustache. It comes in all scraggly and thin, sort of like a bunch of eyelashes that got lost! I finally got so disgusted with it that I shaved it off when I didn't even have a mirror, and I cut myself. That's it as far as beards are concerned! As for my dresser drawers, I try to keep them in order!

DAVID, DID YOU EVER RUN AWAY FROM HOME? THE REA-SON I ASK IS BECAUSE MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN GIVING ME A ROUGH TIME.

> Jo Anne Wetzel Cambridge, Mass.

I was about ten when I ran away, and I got as far as three blocks away! Then I heard the Good Humor man, and like a fool I went over to buy an ice-cream, and he recognized me and took me home. I don't think my parents even knew I had run away! But your situation sounds more serious than that. I don't think it's ever a good idea to run away from anything. You never know what you're running to, for one thing, and for another, most people find, no matter how far they run, they take their problems with them. The best thing to do is try to work the problem out, right there where you are!

I LOVE YOU, DAVID. WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL?

Roseanne Willetts Australia

Well, if I knew right then and there that this was the only girl for my whole life, I'd probably have to wait a few years, wouldn't I? I know I would, though. For real love, waiting is a small price!

MY GIRLFRIEND SAYS THAT YOU'RE BALD! SHE SAYS YOU WEAR A BIG TOUPEE, AND THAT'S WHY WE NEVER SEE YOU GO SWIMMING! IS THAT TRUE?

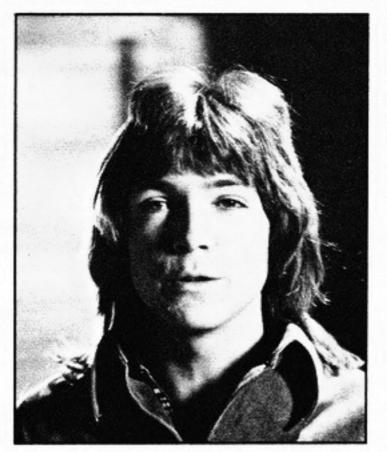
Puzzled Patty Agoura, Calif.

I'm sorry to disappoint your girlfriend, but all that hair is my own.

DAVID, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'RE ONLY FIVE FEET TALL?

Melinda May Atlanta, Ga.

Melinda, do you and Patty know one another? I'm beginning to think there's a bald dwarf with false teeth running around the country pretending to be me! The day he pops up on the cover of TiGER BEAT is the day I'll get really worried!



I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'RE TIRED OF PLAYING KEITH PARTRIDGE, AND THAT YOU WANT TO STOP DOING "BUBBLEGUM" MUSIC SO THAT OLD PEOPLE WILL LIKE YOU AS MUCH AS YOUNG PEOPLE DO! PLEASE, DAVID, SAY IT ISN'T TRUE!

Leah Marmor Plainview, N.J.

It isn't true.

What is true is that I hope to be changing throughout my whole life. I have to change, don't you see, because you'll be changing, too! Wouldn't it be a fine mess if I stayed just like I am now, and in three years you've changed so much that you can't stand me any more? I'm not "trying" to change, though. I'm just doing things naturally!



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF PROTESTORS AND DEMONSTRATORS AND PEOPLE LIKE THAT?

Marti Strycklin Vancouver, B.C.

Well, it kind of depends. I think that demonstrations, if they're peaceful and legal, are a good way to bring something to the people's attention. The constitution gives us the right to assemble peacefully any time we want! But I don't like violence, and I think that demonstrators who break windows should be treated just the same as anyone else who breaks a window on purpose! It isn't right to use your rights to step on the rights of others!

WHAT DO YOU HATE MOST ABOUT BEING A STAR?

Liza Penner Des Moines, Iowa

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That's an easy one: Getting up at five-thirty in the morning!

That's all the space I've got for now.

Take care of yourself until I'm with you, and remember that no matter whatever may happen—I Love You!