



high school. And, it came in the form of a Broadway play, "The Fig Leaves Are Falling," which lasted for a grand total of four weeks.

When the show closed, David was crushed, but not defeated. Many people would have given up after a great disappointment, but David kept right on.

"Every actor," says David, "has disappointments like I did. Sure they get you down but you can't let them keep you there. You've got to fight—and work—for anything worthwhile."

And, to David, acting was worth the effort. Actually, the closing of the show turned out to be a big boost for David's acting career. A producer in the audience saw David and recognized his acting potential. He brought him to Hollywood and from then on it was one success after another—from guestings on "The Mod Squad," "Medical Center" and "Marcus Welby" to "Adam 12," "Bonanza" and, finally, his own series, "The Partridge Family."

What's in David's acting future?

"I'm not sure," he says thoughtfully. "Certainly another season of the Partridges. I'd like to do more stage work. You know appearing in concert is somewhat like stage work. Instead of remembering lines from a play you remember them from a song. I guess that's one of the reasons I like concerts so well. I'd like to do more of them and more acting. Then, perhaps, one day, someone will say 'there goes David Cassidy the singer—and actor.'"

THE 8 SIDES of DAVID

**DAVID
CASSIDY:**
The Friend

A good friend is perhaps the greatest gift a person can have. David Cassidy believes this and he tries hard to be a good friend in order to have good friends.

David has always been very popular, but he's only had a few close friends. His closest friend is Sam Hyman, his roommate of many years and now the one who lives closest to him. Sam and David became friends in high school and their relationship has grown over the years rather than lessened. The fame that David is faced with today hasn't changed his attitude about the basic things. Sam knows this and understands that David will really never change, at least as far as a friend goes.

David and Sam have a great friendship, but it's a silent one. They enjoy the same things like music and scuba diving and acting, but when they're together they don't really talk too much. They sort of understand what goes on in the

other's mind and nod this communication without speaking.

There have been several important animal friends in David's life. One was his dog Sam who died last year. The times they had together will never be forgotten by David and for a time after Sam's death, David didn't even want to think about his great loss. All his life David has had good relationships with his animals and he knows that sometimes an animal can be even a better friend than a human. There's a constant devotion from a dog that can come from no other relationship.

David is the kind of friend who remembers birthdays and will phone for no reason at all. He just wants to say hello and let the person know he's thinking about them. David isn't the type who is outwardly demonstrative about friendship. He shows his feelings in small ways but they're meaningful.

When David was very little he remembers having his mother tell him a story about friendship and what it means. The story said that sometimes people had to learn to be friends. It just wasn't something that happened. So David decided right then and there he'd learn to be a good friend. He started by being especially nice to a boy who lived down the street who was hard of hearing. A lot of the kids thought the boy was different because of this hearing problem, but David made a special effort to be nice to him and soon they were close friends. David discovered that friendship was something that you sometimes have to make happen and he's done this often throughout his life.