

David's sexuality is never more evident than when he is performing.



His biggest complaint about fame is that he can't go anywhere without being mobbed. Also, he's moved 3 times in one year.

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Not long after the famous Burt Reynolds centerfold appeared in *Cosmopolitan* magazine, David Cassidy followed suit and bared his frail body for another national publication. Unfortunately, while Burt's hairy nudity created mild hysteria among females from eighteen to eighty, the naked exposure of young Cassidy in the rock music tabloid, *Rolling Stone*, was greeted by a totally different kind of reaction. Hollywood columnists and commentators expressed disgust, fellow performers ridiculed *The Partridge Family* star, and mothers of pre-teens across the nation were shocked. And David's fans, those thousands of little girls who decorate their bedroom walls with photographs of the dimple-cheeked actor and carry David Cassidy lunchboxes to school, were bewildered and hurt by their hero's actions. All they could do was ask, "Why?"

It has been established that the average David Cassidy fan is a girl of eleven or twelve. Too old to play with dolls and too young to go out with boys, she is caught in the space between childhood and adolescence. She is no longer a little girl, but not quite a teenager. She is at that awkward, impressionable age where she is suddenly beginning to develop an awareness of the opposite sex. However, shy and uncertain, she reaches out to idols such as David and centers her dreams around them. She spends her allowance on magazines with names like "Fave" and "Groovy Guys" which tell her what David eats for breakfast, what kind of toothpaste he uses, and other matters that are so very important to Cassidy fans. She unabashedly declares her love for David /continued on page 70