"I just can't believe it," said one of David's dates to her roommate.

And the other girl agreed, "That really is far-out."

What is it about David's dating behavior that shocks and surprises some girls?

David is a young man who can be light-hearted about a lot of things, but on the subject of love, he is serious. He doesn't believe that love should be a casual sort of thing. And unless he really has strong, deep feelings about the girl he's dating, he doesn't kiss her, on a first date, or even a second or third.

He believes that kissing has become meaningless for a lot of young people, that girles just expect to be kissed on a date, whether they really feel anything for the boy or not.

There's no reason, David believes, why a boy and girl shouldn't date just because they like each other. But that's no excuse for a casual kiss, unless both of them want it.

"And I don't believe that a guy should ever tell a girl he loves her, just as a matter of course," David adds.

"On the other hand," he says, "I don't think you have to be deeply in love with a person to kiss her. It's more a matter of expressing your true feelings. If you have a feeling of warmth and tenderness toward a person, then a kiss is just a natural expression of those emotions—and that's good."

What David objects to is a meaningless, routine kind of kiss. He

feels that some young people get involved with each other before they really know what's happening. The first thing you know they're going steady, and everyone in their crowd accepts them as a couple.

David has often been questioned by fans and reporters about going steady and about his plans for marriage. He insists that he's not going steady with anyone right now, and that he certainly has no plans for marriage in the near future.

One thing you can be sure of—when David does fall in love, it won't be a casual thing. He will be completely devoted to the lucky girl of his choice, and she'll be the only one to get his kisses. And who knows?Maybe—just maybe—that lucky girl could be you!•

