

LIVING

This is it!

The only exclusive column written personally by David's best friend and roommate Sam Hyman. Here you'll read about the REAL David from one who knows him better than anyone else! Sam will be telling you intimate secrets about what it's like to live with David. So, be here every month for all his exciting stories!

Changes.

I guess we all go through changes every day of our lives. No one ever really stays the same, even if they feel like they do. People are always **happening**, changing, moving around, becoming something and someone else.

That little burst of philosophy was inspired by a year or more of living with your friend and mine, David Cassidy. David has to be the change champ of all time! His whole life has changed almost unrecognizably, both on the inside and the outside.

Outside, of course, you all know about. He's rocketed from obscurity to being one of the world's top superstars (he **hates** to be called that, but I can't think of anything else) and that's not all. Three years ago, he could barely afford patches for his jeans, and now he's got enough money to do or buy anything he wants!

He used to be able to hitch-hike up and down the Sunset Strip just like everybody else. Now, if he stuck his thumb out, there'd probably be a six-car collision as people tried to squeeze in to pick him up!

MORE THAN ANYONE!

He used to sit alone on the beach for hours, just watching the sea and the



DAVID'S CHANGED IN many ways and that includes his appearance!



ONE FEELING DAVID hasn't changed is his love for children. Almost his very first week on the PF set 3 years ago he was helping little Sue Crough!

sky doing their things, but now the only beach he can sit alone on is one that no one's discovered—and there aren't any!

He used to wonder if anybody loved him—and now he gets truckloads of mail from girls who tell him that they love him more than anyone else in the world...and when he does a concert, they show him how much they care! As far as love goes, he feels like he's the luckiest person in the world—in fact, he worries that he's getting so much that it isn't fair to other people!

But those are mostly **outside** changes, and you already know about them. It's the **inside** changes that I mostly want to talk about. Living in the same house with David, I've been able to watch how his success and fame have changed the way he **really** is, deep inside, and let me tell you, there have been some giant changes hidden away behind that unreadable grin of his!

ALWAYS HESITANT

First, he's much surer of himself. When the show began, he was basically very shy, always hesitant to express his opinion. If he had seen a movie he liked, for instance, and he found himself in a group of people who were saying it was **terrible**, he'd just sit there and keep his mouth closed!

Now he tells them they're really nuts,

that it was a **great** movie, and what's wrong with them, anyway? He doesn't do it with nastiness, but he does let people know exactly where he stands!

Then there's the matter of **conceit**! I've known David for a long time—since junior high school—and I can tell when he's gotten more or less conceited! At first, when the record became a hit and people began coming up to him for autographs, his head got pretty big!

He'd been a little conceited in school, but it got a whole lot worse all of a sudden after he made it. But then, as the thrill of it wore off, he calmed down and began to realize that he should be **grateful**, not proud, and he began to straighten out!

And the **really** big change came while he was in Europe. He came back from sitting on those mountains in Switzerland with a real **humility** in him! I haven't heard him say a thing since then that was anything but considerate, kind, and thoughtful about other people. Something about those mountains really straightened his head out!

When I first knew David, he was really stingy with his emotions, and if he liked you he was sort of afraid to show it. In high school there were girls that he had **terrible** crushes on, who never even knew it! It was like he was afraid to allow his emotions to