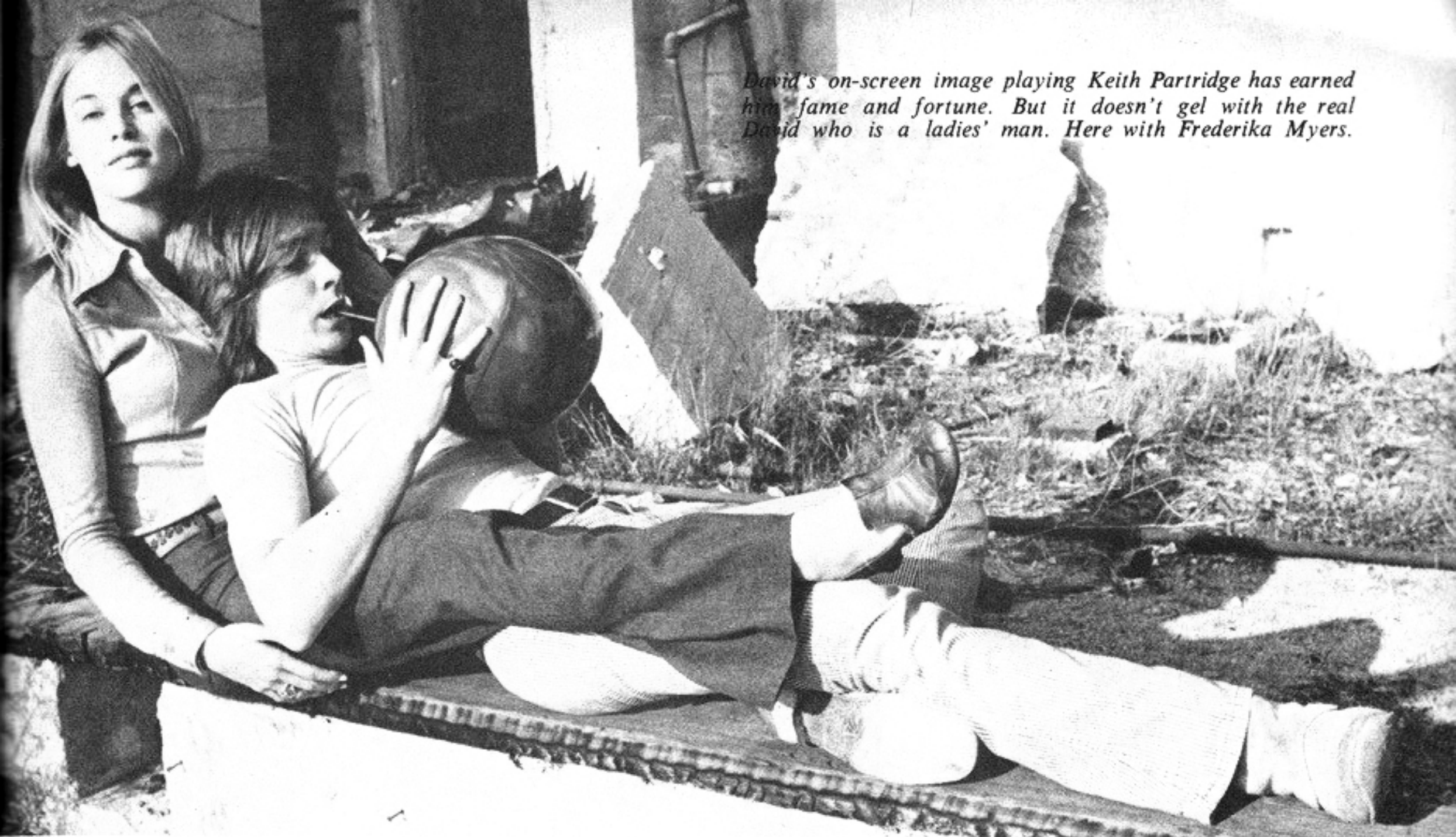


David's on-screen image playing Keith Partridge has earned him fame and fortune. But it doesn't gel with the real David who is a ladies' man. Here with Frederika Myers.



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# DAVID CASSIDY'S DESPERATE STRUGGLE TO REFUTE RUMORS THAT HE'S THAT KIND OF MAN:

*When Jan Freeman, David's stand-in on the show, was interviewed by our sister magazine, Movie World, last year, she said she'd never dated David. Well, the girl's wish came true.*



**"I DON'T SIT HOME AND READ COMIC BOOKS... I HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH WOMEN... I'M A REAL MAN!"**

Watching that boyish, eighteen-year-old Keith Partridge on ABC-TV each week, one tends to forget that there's a real life-and-blood man behind the part. But David Cassidy, who works very hard to convince you of that adolescent's reality, is much more than an imaginary teen-ager, making music. On the contrary, he's an aggressive, vocal person, so much so that he's been making some waves lately with his penchant for honesty.

"I'm tired of people thinking I don't do anything but sit home and read comic books," he complains of the teenybopper image others (Continued on page 58)