

Being David's stand-in was a kind of natural way for a friendship to start, and over the months Jan felt that she and David were growing closer and closer. At first Jan was delighted to have a friend like David, and she found herself looking forward more and more to going to work every day. But gradually Jan felt herself becoming discontented. Although their friendship continued, Jan began to feel little twinges of jealousy when David would occasionally date an actress who guest-starred on the show, or invite a girl to visit him on the set.

She realized she was falling in love with him.

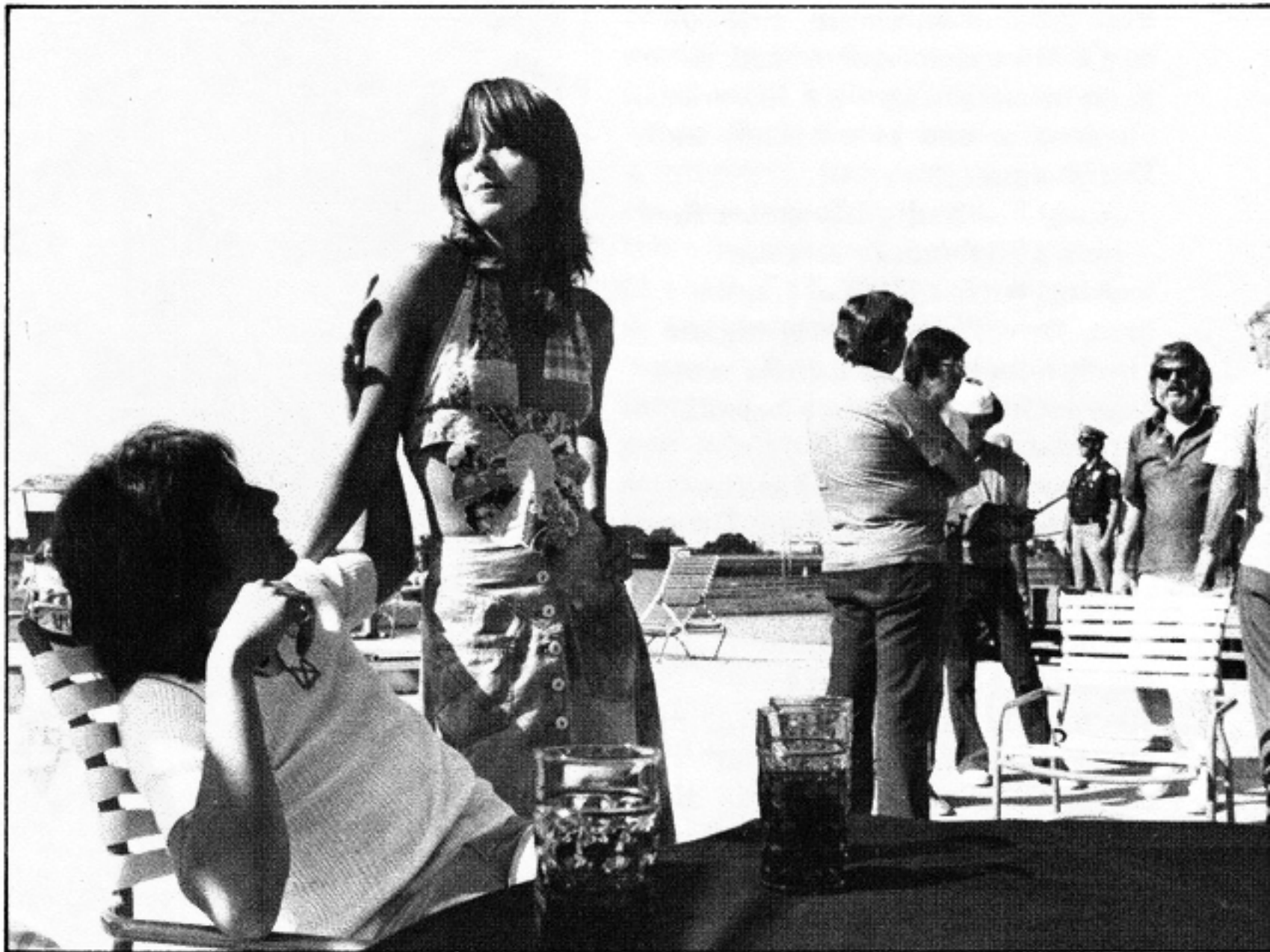
But she also knew she musn't let David know this, not until she was sure he felt the same way about her! So Jan waited, until it was announced that the whole cast and crew of *The Partridge Family* would go to Kings Island, Ohio to film a segment at an amusement park there.

The week in Cincinnati was one Jan would never forget. David spent almost every free moment with her. They had breakfast together, they had dinner together, David took her to the amusement park in the evening, and they stayed up until the wee hours of the morning having serious discussions about philosophy and what each of them wanted from life.

Jan had never been so happy! She was sure that soon David would have to say something to her about the way he felt! She knew David had told her he probably wouldn't get married before he was thirty, and that he wasn't looking for a steady girl yet . . . but if it just *happened*, there wouldn't be much he could do about it, would there?

Right after that wonderful week in Kings Island, "Partridge" broke for a four-week vacation, and David flew to London for TV and radio appearances. Jan didn't see him again for almost a month... until just this week, when "Partridge" went back into production.

Probably no one will ever know exactly what happened between David and Jan. David is too much



of a gentlemen to ever speak of it to anyone, and out of loyalty to Jan, no one else on the set will venture any opinions, either.

But it looks like what happened was that Jan had hoped to be able to turn her friendship with David into love. Perhaps she told him how she felt and, finding he didn't return her love, she was too embarrassed and hurt to think of having

to continue to work with him every day. Perhaps she had to run away and be alone to sort out her thoughts and feelings about David.

Jan had made a gamble. She staked her job and her friendship with David on her ability to win his love, and she lost.

She was the girl David couldn't love.