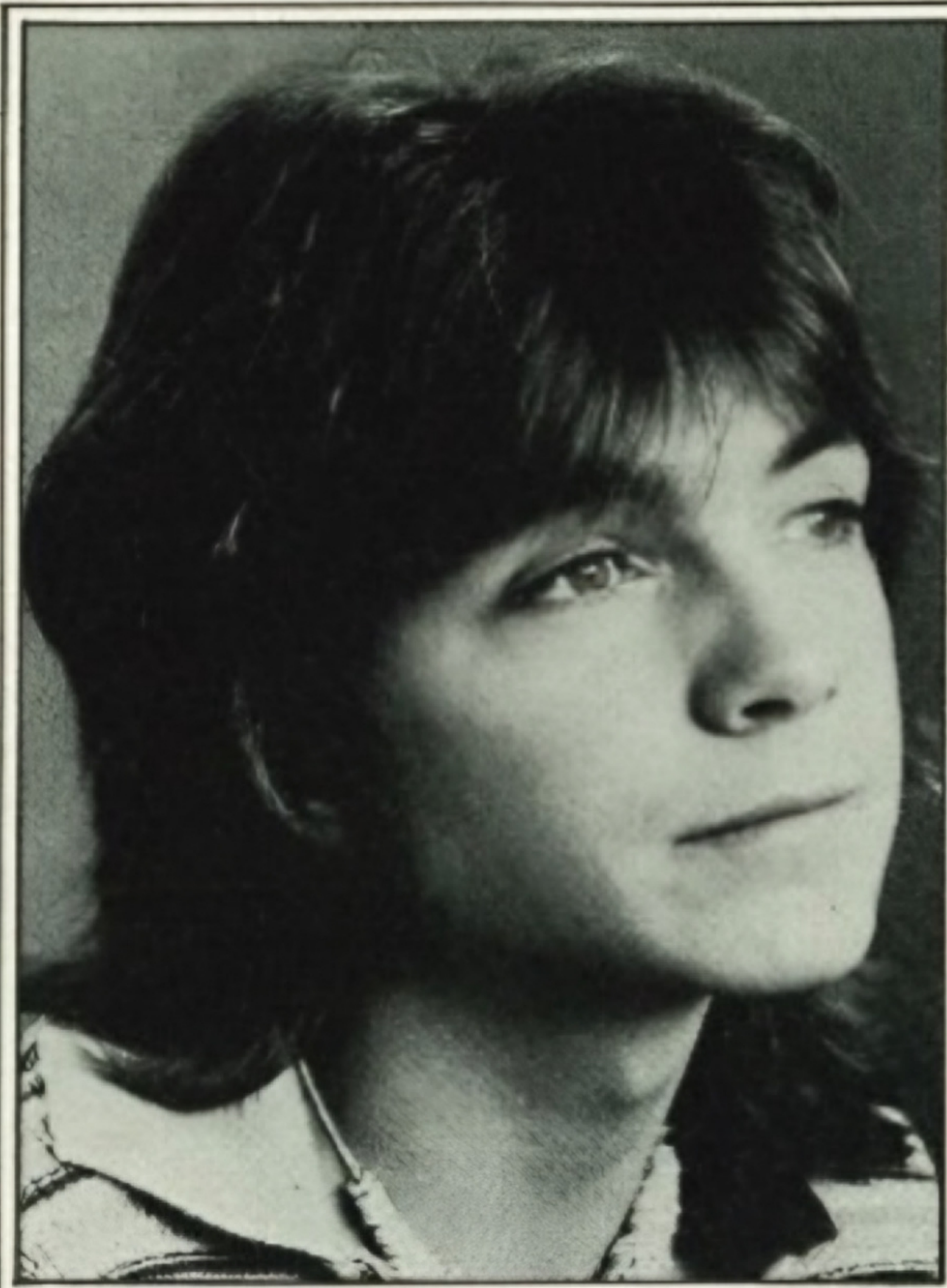


Though he appears to have all the characteristics of a true extrovert, David Cassidy is basically very sensitive. The Cassidy behind the quick smile and the charming manner is easily hurt and cares strongly about the people close to him. But who are the people who mean the most to David? HIT! caught him in one of his more reflective moods and found out!!

"These days," he said, "I'm a little bit more wary of people than I used to be. I used to get involved with people very easily, nowadays I'm a bit more cautious, 'cos in the business it's often hard to tell who your real friends are."

"The people that mean the most to me are people like Sam, my very best friend. He's always with me. He'd often come on tours with me, and I was just so grateful that he was there. Sometimes I'd be so tired I'd think I was going crazy and as if I couldn't go on. Sam would be the only stabilising factor around, he was just great for me."

Sam, of course, is a friend of long standing. David met him long before he made the big-time. But he never forgot his friend, and invited him to share in his good fortune, which includes the use of his fabulous Hollywood home. But then, once David takes you for a friend he will do any-



thing for you. Sometimes he wishes he didn't care so much about people....

"It really broke me up when my parents split. I'd always been quite close to my father, and my mother meant the world to me. I don't see so much of my father these days, but my mother is a regular visitor, she's a marvelous person. She knows just how to cheer me up when I feel a bit low. I'd do anything for her. Actually, the break-up of my

parents' marriage did have one good thing about it, it introduced another new person into my life who I'm close to. That, of course, is my step-mother, Shirley Jones. She really is great. When we were on the set, Susan Dey and I would always run to her with our problems. That was the nice thing about *The Partridge Family*, Susan and Shirley really were a family to me. We had some great times shooting the series.

"The other person who's always been good to me is Ruth, my manager. She's helped me along all the way. I've known her since I was a little boy because she's my father's agent as well. I couldn't have wished for a better person, she always does what's best for me."

"Without these people around me, I'm sure I would never have managed to survive the pop machinery!"

People in general obviously mean a lot to David, but what about that one special person?

"I wish I had a special girl, I really do. But so far there just hasn't been time! I know it sounds corny, but it's true. So far I have yet to meet a girl who really matters, but I hope that one day I'll find someone."

With Britain being one of David's favourite places, it just could be that that very special person might be YOU!

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