

# MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Julie Rainbow has been uncontrollable this week. When I told her I was planning a feature on Mistletoe Magic she decided that she does the research work! . . . And you know what that means! No male who entered her room passed her 'test'—some even liked it. We usually get deliveries of post a day, but since Julie began her research we suddenly found that the old man who brings the mail started popping in every five minutes with a letter!

Love, love, love,  
PAUL

## MAEL MEETING

I thought I'd write and tell you about the time I met Russ Mael. It was last weekend and I was staying with my aunt in the country. There I was digging carrots when none other than Russ starts climbing over the fence. Well, it was just a little field so I just told him straight. "This field ain't big enough for the both of us," but he just laughed. He told me how he'd always

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wanted to dig carrots so I agreed to teach him. As he had a concert that night he couldn't stay long and he left after a short 'Amateur Hour'. Trouble was I'd forgotten to warn him about the swamp and I found him

ain!  
was just sitting here feeling the glow from my face and I decided to pick up my pen and pad and pen and tell you all so we could share this warm and cozy moment.

What would you like to be if you were not an actor or singer? — Lindsay Lohan, Peterborough.  
I went through thinking I wanted to be all kinds of things — fireman, policeman, doctor, lawyer and pilot, but I guess the one I loved then and now is animals. So I'd be very happy working with animals. I suppose I could be a farmer, rancher or horse breeder or, by going back to school, a veterinarian.

How many times did you wear the clothes you wore for concert appearances? — Katy Watson, South.

That's tough because there's no set answer. Before the start of a multi-city tour I get together with my manager and my mother and we decide what changes should be made in my costume — if any. Usually I wear six or more costumes and then rotate them during the tour. That gives enough changes, so I don't have to worry about getting a fresh costume for each performance. But the cleaners and rush changes plays havoc with everything, and by the end of the tour, the costumes are pretty tatty and ready for retirement'. As to the number of times I wear each one — I just know.

# Ask David Anything!



"I'D BE VERY HAPPY WORKING WITH ANIMALS"

Q. How long does it take you to learn your lines? — Eve Bennett, London.

A. Learning lines for television is not as difficult as you might think. You really just have to learn a few lines at a time 'cos they film it in short takes. Then,

once the particular scene is completed, there are the close-up shots of each person in the scene and some shots from different angles and those take time so you can memorise lines for the next scene. If something should really stump your

memory and you just can't get it down, the studio's production staff have a fool-proof prompting system. Actually there are two: a script girl, seated just off-camera can prompt you when it is a film show and there are cue-cards — with the lines written in large size print — for taped television shows. I'm pretty lucky though, because I'm what is known as a 'quick study' and can memorise my lines very easily.

Q. What have you bought your mother for Christmas? — Mandy Duncan, Leicester.

A. Well, Mandy, at the time of writing I haven't got around to buying my mother anything! I seem to have been so busy just lately that, as usual, I'll probably be leaving my Christmas present buying right to the last minute. But I'd really love to give her a plane ticket to Hawaii. You see, that's where I'd really like to spend my Christmas — but I'd better not give her a ticket to Hawaii in case she flies out there to find I've had to stay back here at home. As you know, I lead such a crazy, mixed-up life that I never like to plan ahead.

ALL MY LOVE,

