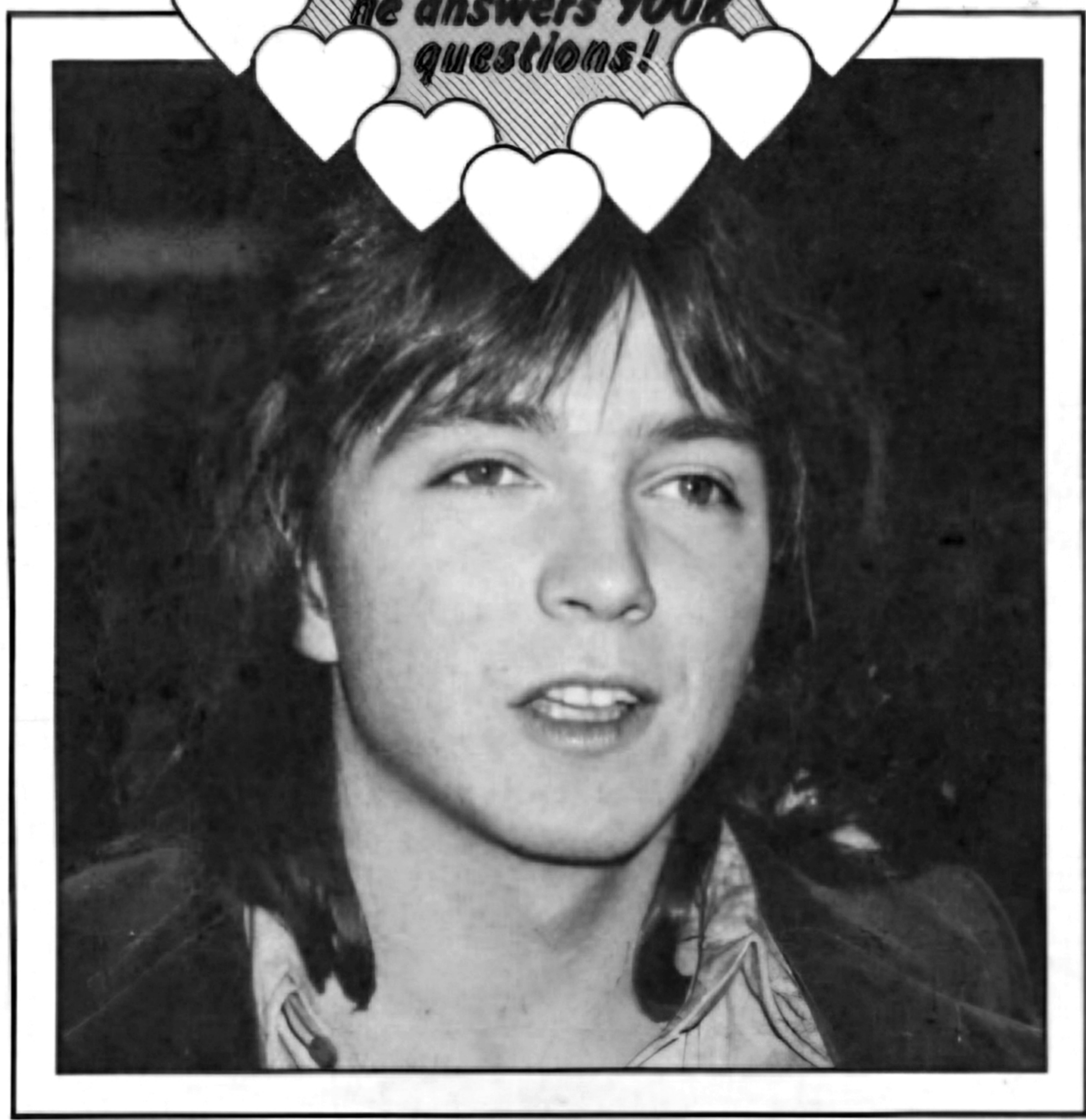


David's Date

David reveals all as he answers YOUR questions!

Greetings from Hawaii!

I love getting those post cards from friends where they write 'wish you were here' but I always think "sure, sure, but how come you didn't call and ask me if I'd like to come along?" And then I realise that for the past few years, my friends sort of gave up on my being able to 'come along'. But now all that is changed — at least for a while — and after I finished the final work on my album, I took off for my house here. And it's such a nice day I thought I'd share it with you and answer some of your letters and questions.



Q. When you are not working, how do you dress? — Liz Franks, Essex.

A. Keith — the character I played in 'The Partridge Family' — dressed pretty much the way I did when I was away from the studios. Except for the costumes I wore when The Partridges were supposed to be performing onstage somewhere. Then I wore the same costume as the rest of the 'family'. But in real life, when I was doing my own concert personal appearances, my outfits were a lot 'dressier' than those Keith wore. A lot depends on where I am and what's happening. I wear casual clothes for interviews and things, and

"I still haven't found Miss Right"

when I'm working around my house — building, painting something, or walking along the beach — I usually wear cut-off jeans and no shoes.

Q. Do you have a girlfriend and what is her name? — Tessa Seaton, London.

A. I have the feeling that

I am going to be so happy and excited — if and when I find myself seeing one girl all the time — that I might just take out a full-page advertisement to let the world know about it! I'm sorry to say that I still haven't found Miss Right. But give me time. You just can't rush out and say

"here I am" and expect to find somebody — just right for you — waiting! But please believe me when I say that I will let you know if and when I find someone special!

Q. Do you have any super-special favourite foods? I know that's a silly question to ask, but I never can eat enough chocolate biscuits and I was wondering if you have any such 'cravings'. — Anne Forrest, Yorks.

A. I don't think it's silly at all. Actually, when I was working all day, every day on the television show, and sitting around waiting for sets to be lighted and all that boring stuff, the food that was always available was the worst — from a nutritional standpoint — sandwiches, potato chips, soft drinks and candy bars — and I ate them just to be doing something. Not because it was good, or even because I was hungry! Now I find I am eating much better food. Balanced meals that include wonderful vegetable and fruit juices, and sometimes when I am really involved in a project, I can even forget to eat. But I remember having incredible 'cravings' for peanut butter and celery. I'm not joking!

ALL MY LOVE,

at it!

doesn't keep up his clown image any more. He doesn't really need to have something gimmicky like that because his music stands up for itself. I used to laugh at

the way he threw his hands around because it looked as if he was trying to get his nail varnish dry!

Pat Conroy, Croydon, Surrey.

FESTIVE SEASON

I would like to tell you about my first experience of a pop festival. It was at Charlton Athletic Football Ground and there were

about sixty thousand people there. Appearing were Lindisfarne, Bad Company, Maggie Bell, Lou Reed and The Who. Although you needed very good eyesight to see the stage from where I was standing, I could hear very well. Each group was on for one or two hours and it was a long wait in between each performance.

L. Clarke, Solihull, Warks.

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