

SINCERE, SHY

# David Cassidy On Love, Life

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KINGS ISLAND — David Cassidy sat Indian style on top of the desk and sipped a soft drink.

"I've heard people say that you're pretty enough to be a girl," said one reporter. "What would you say if someone said that to your face?"

"Well," he said cocking an eyebrow and flipping a limp wrist. "It all depends on who is thaying it."

Cassidy's wit, his honesty and his efforts to answer questions as sincerely as possible seemed to win the favor of about 25 reporters who gathered for a press conference with the star of the Partridge Family television show here Wednesday. The cast and crew were there this week filming an episode for the series this fall.

Cassidy, 22, is not the brat-type of rock 'n' roll star, not at all what one would expect from the young man that has been isolated on a golden pedestal for the past three years. He was, in his shy sort of way, refreshing.

Almost embarrassed by the

attention he was getting, Cassidy spent most of his time in the portable dressing room or asking crew members about the work they were doing. On the set he acted as a big brother the Danny Bonaduce, Suzanne Crough and Brian Forster, the young co-stars in the series, teasing, scolding and arguing with them.

At the press conference, reporters from Columbus, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York and Cincinnati popped every imaginable question to him. He shyed away from none of them.

Girls — "I don't date any one girl steadily. I just don't have the time to maintain a relationship with a girl. There are a couple of girls that I take out to dinner from time to time, but I just don't have the time to get serious with any of them."

He also said that there is no truth in the rumor that he is romantically involved with his stand-in Jan Freeman. "We're just very close friends."

Kissing — "On a scale from one to ten, I'd say I'm about

a four and a half," he joked.

Major issues — "It may be a selfish point of view, but I just can't become involved with politics and campus riots and things like that. I'm in a studio all day and I'm away from everything. It would be unfair to spout off on things like that because I'm not abreast of the situations, and I'm just not informed."

"I'm voting for Dewey this year."

Philosophy — "I think positively and try to keep growing."

Partridge Family — "I enjoy working on the show and it has opened possibilities for me that few people will ever know. It's a luxury I appreciate."

"But I don't want to be a 28-year-old lead singer in the Partridge Family," he said. "Eventually I hope to do movies and record more on my own. Now I don't have to do anything I don't want to do. I don't have to take part in a movie I don't want, I don't have to do guest spots on 50 different programs. I can do what I want to do."

The Real David Cassidy — "I'm still learning about him. I don't know. I'm a lot of different colors and I like to mix them."

Influences — "If I would have to choose one person who influenced me the most, I would have to say my mother. But then, there are people who influence my life every day. Everyone I meet influences me in one way or another."

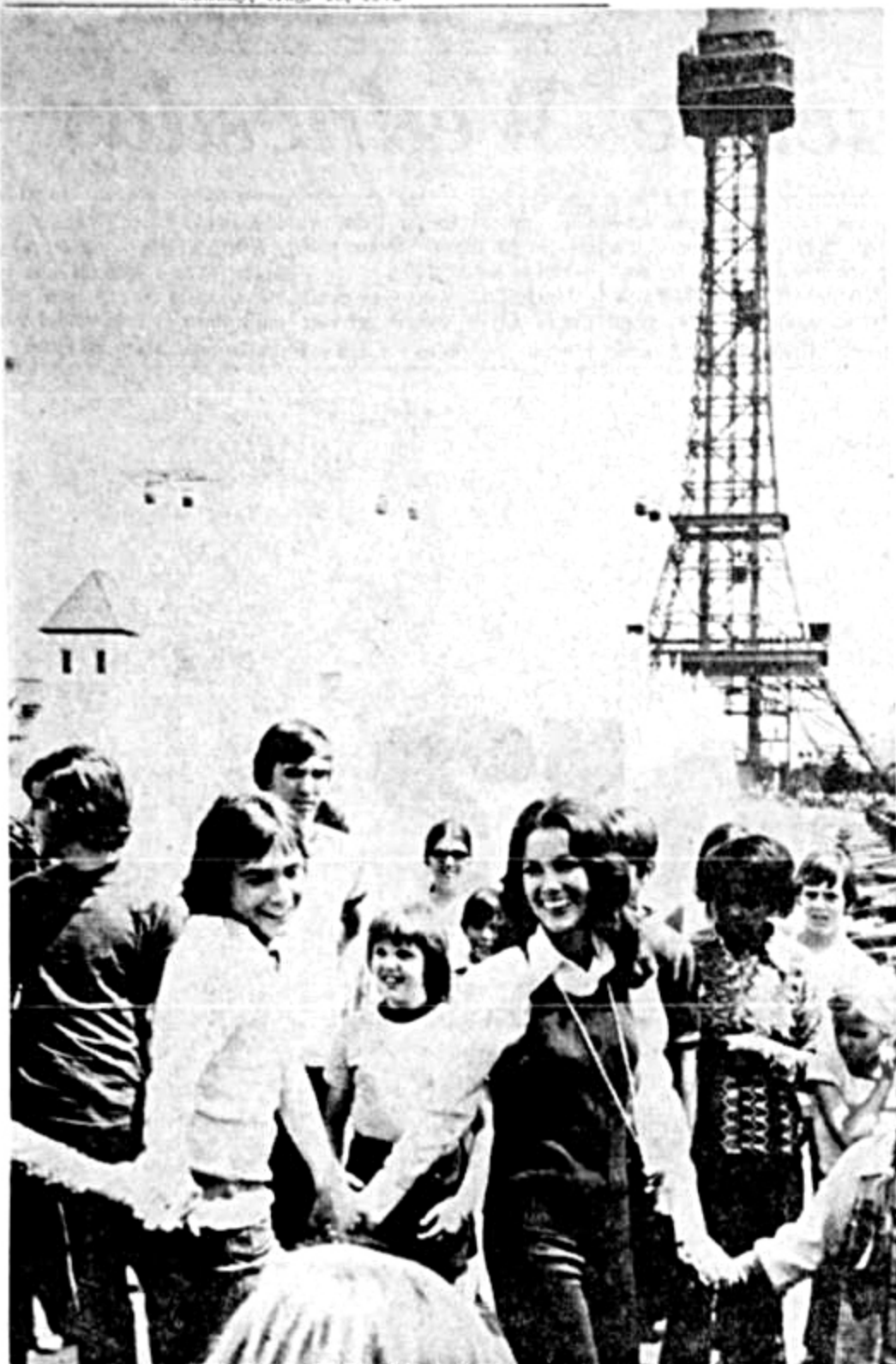
Cassidy said that he had recently bought 26 acres of farm land in Hawaii and hoped to fly over to close the deal as soon as possible. He said

he hopes to buy more land there in the future.

As for Kings Island, he said little about it. He did mention, however, that he both liked and disliked guards surrounding him at all times.

"Of course we need them and they've really been doing a good job," he said. "But it's a shame that there are so many around all the time. The crowd would like to let loose, I'm sure, but the sight of so many guards intimidates them."

Cassidy, is the son of Jack Cassidy, who is married to Shirley Jones, also a star of the Partridge Family.



CASSIDY AND MARY ANN MOBLEY DANCING  
Couldn't Get Crowd At Kings Island To Dance, Too

## Partridge Family Film Session Takes Work And Much Patience

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KINGS ISLAND — The crew had worked for hours setting light, equipment and camera.

The Partridge Family was hustled onto the set with at least two guards to escort each of them.

Make-up and costume people made sure every hair was in place and touched up the stars' faces. The director gave the actors their instructions, made a few last minute checks with the crew and gave the signal. A bell rang, someone shouted for "action."

There was a silence. "Where the heck is Danny?" the director boomed. Guards scattered in every direction trying to find him. Suddenly he appeared out of nowhere, tossed his flaming red hair out of his eyes and grinned. "You looking for me?"

"Danny," the director scolded him, "You're a two dollar pain the . . . (tail)."

"Oh, yeah?" he retorted. "You're a ten dollar pain in the . . . (tail)."

With that, he bounced onto the set, glanced back at the director and boomed "action."

The actors who made up the Partridge Family are warm, considerate and genuinely

pleasant people.

Shirley Jones, who plays the mother in the television series, has to be one of the most beautiful women in the entertainment world. But to see her in person, to catch a glimpse of her personality, is to multiply her beauty.

In the set they were filming early in the morning, the youngsters were getting restless: Susan Dey was tired and David Cassidy was losing patience with the stage crew.

With a smooth smile and a calming voice, Shirley got the children interested in other things besides the crew's equipment and she soothed Cassidy and Susan with quiet chit-chat.

Susan Dey, a 19-year-old beauty, is quiet and pleasant with an adorable wit. While being escorted to one of the sets, she screwed her face into a giggle and told the deputy with her "I'm no criminal."

While waiting to film, Susan could be found cuddling one of the three younger children joking with Cassidy (no, they are not romantically involved)



DANNY BONADUCE WITH CARTOON CHARACTER  
He's A Problem On The Set

and sitting quietly with Miss Jones.

Suzanne Crough, an 11-year-old freckle-faced doll, was the darling of the stage crew, riding on their wagons, looking through the camera and spouting off an endless supply of questions.

She and Brian Forster, 9, (no, they are not romantically involved) were difficult to keep out of the public's eye. Although they were told to stay inside the mobile dressing room, they would climb out a trap door on the roof and wave to the crowd as the unit moved from one side of the park to the other.

To watch the actors at work is an educational experience. Each knows what's happening on the set, they know their responsibilities and they know their business.

But the work imposes on all people, even though they aren't concerned with the acting or the mechanical workings in the show.

Suzanne Crough's mother climbed wearily out of the van when the unit had arrived at the sixth set of the day. She glanced at the crowd that was pressed against the ropes.

"Oh my, oh my," she said. "I never knew show business would be like this."



ACTRESS SHIRLEY JONES ACCOMPANIED BY WARREN COUNTY DEPUTIES  
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