VISITING AT WELLINGTON Public Hospital recently was made more than memorable by the sound of screaming coming from another part of the ward. It was obviously more than one person. Sounded agonising. Nursing staff were oblivious. Casualty went about their business as if this was normal Wellington Hospital Board background music. Couldn't restrain myself any longer from searching out the source.

The answer was in the empty TV room. A film of a pop concert featuring David Cassidy was showing. The screaming agony that was completely drowning out every note of music came from his audience of teenage girls.