

Mark Goddard

BIOGRAPHY

Don West in LOST IN SPACE

Mark Goddard has been one of the most sought-after young juveniles in Hollywood during the half-dozen years he has been in the film capital. Surprisingly, producers don't want to let him go, resulting in continuing roles on long-lived series that have seen the young actor cast as a cowboy, a detective and a young husband. Mark's new role, that of the young scientist Don West in LOST IN SPACE, produced by 20th Century-Fox Television in association with Irwin Allen Productions and Van Bernard Productions, is the part that all the other roles have prepared him for.

Goddard, youngest of five children, was born in Lowell, Mass., July 24, 1936, and grew up in Scituate, Mass. An excellent student in high school as well as captain of the baseball and basketball teams, he enrolled in Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., to prepare for school. He also had high hopes of making the varsity basketball team.

Unhappily, he found a surplus of high-grade basketball talent there, and when the coach told him he'd never make the team, Goddard was shattered and lost all interest in college.

Then one evening he wandered into the campus auditorium during the rehearsal of a student Shakespearean production and ended up with a non-speaking part in it. On opening night he had scarcely carried his spear across the stage when he knew that this was for him. Suddenly, theatrical glory seemed even more appealing than had athletic glory.

He left Holy Cross and enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City. When, upon completing his course there, he was unable to get any kind of appropriate job in New York, he drove to Florida to paint scenery and play bit parts in winter stock.

Eventually, on impulse, with his meager savings in his pocket, he headed his jalopy westward to Hollywood. There he rented a cheap room and, on pure speculation, wrote a letter to movie director Joseph Anthony, then working at Paramount, asking his advice on the best way to become an actor in Hollywood.

Something about the letter intrigued Anthony, who invited the surprised Goddard to the studio for a chat, which resulted in the William Morris agency accepting Goddard as a client on Anthony's recommendation. Three weeks later Goddard had his first television role.

Goddard married his wife, Marcia, January 15, 1961. The couple and their daughter, Melissa, born August 5, 1962, live in Beverly Hills. Goddard's leisure-time loves are tennis, golf and motorcycling. He recently finished his first motion picture role, a part in the Mirisch Company's "Rage to Live," to be released in the spring of 1965.

VITAL STATISTICS

Birthplace:	Lowell Mass.	Height:	6'
Birthdate:	July 24, 1936	Weight:	160 lbs.
Eyes:	Hazel	Hair:	Brown

CREDITS

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