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Puppy Refuge in Central New York

Cortland NY (PUP) - This week they rolled up the red carpet and drove the cows off Main Street in Cortland, New York, the home of the new Pruitts. Kim and Andre have suddenly been blessed with a 15 year old girl, Denise Dixon, the new member of their household. For those of you who have forgotten, Kim's maiden name was Dixon and Denise is her sister.

As you the reader can imagine, life with a fifteen year old is all it's cracked up to be. Fun, fun, fun, spend, spend, spend. Joining her are the regular collection of cats, Birly and Precious, plus a new kitten named Sheena.

Living up to the family tradition, both Kim and Andre commute to work. Kim has a picturesque drive through the rolling hills of New York on her way to Ithaca. Only 30 minutes away, Cornell University is proving to be a fine place for her to get a Ph.D. in plant genetics.

Andre, on the other hand, has a simple but lively 45 minute drive to General Electric in Syracuse. Four years of employment and a master's degree have finally paid off. He now has his own cubicle with

his own collection of computers, and hopes are high for an office with a view.

Well that's life from central New York, so 'til next time...Moo. (For those not acquainted with American slang, "puppies" are poor urban professionals.)

An Ivy Leaguer and Biologist in the Second Generation

Philadelphia PA (UPP) - Following his father and mother's footsteps, Paul, the second of the three Pruitt sons, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a master's degree in biology. "Life up there was not that bad even if you did not attend the foot ball games," Paul is reported to have said. His thesis was written on a variety of corn called Teopod, a mixed up kid of the maize world, which has kernels in its tassels. His effort to understand why Teopod develops in this unusual fashion was successful, and his thesis is expected to change the field of plant genetics....if anyone cares to read it.

The name Pruitt means "little brave man." Sometimes we deserve it.

Local Boy Graduates

Haverford PA (PIP) - Despite his efforts to the contrary, local boy Charles Pruitt finally received his BA this May from Haverford College. As co-president of the student body, supervisor at the academic computer center, coach of the women's and men's volleyball teams, as well as editor of the student course evaluation and insider's guide to the college, he had made his best effort to limit his academic progress. "But it didn't work and I graduated," he told reporters at a news conference after the event. "Worse yet," he continued, "I finished with decent grades and several job offers." At graduation, twenty of his closest relatives were present to console him.

Paul Moves to Olney in Philadelphia

Philadelphia PA (PP) - This Fall, Paul moved from West Philly to North Philly, with Carlos Acosta, a friend of a friend. Asked to comment, Pruitt said, "I couldn't have it better. My groceries are bought, my meals are cooked, and I live with great people."

Paul Starts Job at Chilton Research

Philadelphia PA (PAP) - In September, Paul started a job working as a telephone interviewer. He surveys people from all over the country on such topics as political views, usage of the yellow pages, and readership of newspapers. Recently he happened to dial a medium who said that she did not need to read the newspapers as she knew it all. In passing she suggested that something was wrong with his car. He promptly had it examined by a mechanic and she was right.

Not another Yuppie !?!

Hoboken NJ (ICU) - As a convenient answer to the high prices of New York City, number three son Charles joins the ranks of young professionals who have made this once quiet suburban hamlet (ha ha) their new home. Charles accepted a great job offer from Arthur Andersen & Co. in Midtown Manhattan. He works as a management information consultant ("I basically install mainframe computer systems.") and enjoys his job and fringe benefits. "The firm throws great parties, and they have given me a car to get to the clients," he boasted in a recent interview. Like others of his social breed, Charles frequents local "hot spots" and indulges in sports such as league volleyball and ice skating in Central Park. In closing, he said, "I'll do

this for a few more years, then get serious about my life. ("Yuppies" are young urban professionals.)

George Mason University Gains Notoriety

By Ed Ucation

"George who" is no longer a joke in the Washington metropolitan area, as George Mason University has surfaced recently as one of the nine "nifty" schools described by Time. The school has also been discussed at length in the Wall Street Journal and the Chronical of Higher Education and even has a Nobel laureate. Applications are up by 80% and everyone works that much harder. It is all very exciting, but things are not that easy for the Office of International Programs and Services since international education is not yet one of the President's priorities.

TRAVEL

Father Flies High

By I. M. Erborn

Washington DC (PIP) - Last year, Dean logged another 27,000 miles in the air between Washington and Buffalo. However, in an interview today, he indicated that it did not seem anything like that far to him. He said that he sits on the aisle and seldom looks out, keeping his head buried in a book or set of papers. This allows him to pretend that he is lolling around in

his living room rather than taking another high flying adventure to the fabulous land of the Buffalonians. He argues that too much excitement can curdle the blood. Dean finds it mysterious that the airlines are awarding him "frequent flier" points for lolling around in his living room. He is thinking of doing the honest thing and sending the points back, though a free round trip to the West Indies is tempting.

Charles Travels To Europe

New York NY (APP) - This summer, undaunted by the threat of terrorism, Charles took a post-graduation grand tour of Europe. Equipped with a backpack, a Eurail Pass, and Europe on \$25 a Day, he trekked from youth hostel to youth hostel, enjoying the local scenery and the company of his newly found fellow travelers. High points of the trip included hiking around his beloved Neuschwanstein Castle, skiing in a blinding snowstorm in the Alps, riding a motor scooter along the Mediterranean coast and meeting his dad in Paris.

Dad and son enjoyed touring Normandy and Brittany for five days in a rental car. Three times, these travelers put their noses into one-star and two-star restaurants but in each case fled in horror from the scene. An extensive medical examination to get at the root of this behavior revealed that

Charles' blood had been thinned by too much cheap living during his prior trip. The travelers met France in Brussels on the fifth day and spent two more days on the Belgian coast where Charles did his best to keep his parents from oggling the nude bathers. Then on to Amsterdam, where Dean attended the annual meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology, and to Paris, where France did some of the basic groundwork for her trip to Africa.

France Returns To Africa after Eight Years by I. D. O. Lovett

Washington, D.C. (APT). Consulting for the World Bank took France to New York, Paris (twice), Lome (Togo), and Cotonou (Benin) for four weeks this summer. Togo and Benin had received from the Bank millions of dollars in technical assistance, part of which was targeted for fellowships and training. As a year had passed since the signing of the agreement and nothing had been accomplished, France was assigned to attempt to launch the programs in both countries. She was just asked a few days ago to continue the project, which means more trips to Africa, something she does not mind at all.

Returning to Africa was very exciting but also somewhat depressing, as little had changed from what she saw in her previous trips. The

exotic hotels built for the technical assistants and the tourists seemed totally out of place in a continent which is just beginning to develop adequate health, education, and transportation. Lack of adequate transfer of technology, migration of talents, being almost ignored by the major powers are some of the serious problems facing Africa. On the other hand the people are so genuine, so caring, happy, and generous that one tends to forget quickly about their plight. France also visited Nigeria on behalf of the National Association of Foreign Student Affairs (NAFSA). She prepared for this trip by working closely with the Department of State, the Nigerian Educational Attache in New York, and a group of foreign student advisors. As a guest of the Ministry of Education, she presented NAFSA concerns to the minister and his staff as well as to the U.S. Embassy. "Nigerian student problems are being alleviated as a result of cooperative efforts between NAFSA and the two governments," France said on returning from Lagos.

FOOD

Man Survives Three Weeks on Frozen Dinners

Washington DC (SLOP) - Thanks to the arrival of the microwave in the Pruitt household, Dean, the pater familias, succeeded in not

losing much weight while France was away this summer. Eighteen plastic containers full of homemade delicacies had been prepared by the lady chef and were easily thrown into the microwave and heated to edibility.

BUSINESS

Mixed Trends in Chinese Stamps by A. S. Tampnut

The stamps of the People's Republic of China continue on a downward trend in the current deeply depressed philatelic market, a usually informed source (whose code name is pater familias) said yesterday. Analysts differ in their interpretation of this trend, but the most common explanation is that caches of stamps secreted all over China at the time of the Cultural Revolution are now finding their way into the world market via outlets in Hong Kong. Socialist man has apparently found still another way to turn a tidy profit at the expense of capitalist man. In contrast, the stamps of Imperial China and the Japanese Occupation issues show an upward trend in value. Some analysts argue that this shows a worldwide improvement in the attitude toward empires. Others are unwilling to make such sweeping interpretations and cite ordinary market forces of supply and demand.

BOOKS

Dean Finishes Book

Washington DC (SNAP) - An 8-year cliff hanger was finally published in January, Dean G. Pruitt and Jeff Z. Rubin, Social Conflict: Escalation, Stalemate, and Settlement. The authors first discussed this effort in 1978, but were unable to proceed for three years because of conflict about the meaning of the word "conflict." After this initial brush with the reality of the subject matter, their relationship was a model of integrative bargaining, a process that is discussed extensively in the book. The book can be ordered from Random House, 400 Hahn Road, Westminster, MD 21157 for \$11 (cheap).

SPORTS

One Hundred and Seventy Miles in a Year

"I barely made it to New York in a full year," France is purported to have said after getting up every morning to swim her half mile before work. "Most discouraging in terms of getting places but quite invigorating."

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For Sale. Used computer, 1981 vintage. Original cost \$3000, for \$100 (sob).

FINALE

New Year Greetings to All

By the Entire Family

Sorry to be late again, but we thought you'd be more likely to read this if it came after the holidays. Have a great 1987, and may all your wishes come true!

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