



David Cassidy

## Teen idol's life cramped Fame's 'a drag'

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When *The Partridge Family* began, it proved to be just another situation comedy. But what it did have was TV's first teenybopper idol — David Cassidy. And that proved to be enough.

Cassidy has become a major star on lightweight show. He is the darling of most young girls between 13 and 18.

"The adulation is a drag," Cassidy says.

But it's something that perhaps comes naturally. His father, Jack Cassidy, went through some of the same.

"I can't do much dating," says David, sadly, and he's a young man who likes his dating. "The girls I meet are either one of two kinds—they're either

too aggressive or, to compensate, they're too much the other way.

"The only dates I have are with a couple of old friends, but I don't even have much time for that."

He says because of being such a hero to the sweatshirt set his whole private life is cramped.

With the show finished shooting for the season, he's got a need to get off somewhere where he can be himself, by himself. So he's going to Europe, only this isn't one of those first class tours.

"I'm just going to bum around," he says. "I'll rent a camper in Rome and just take off. I figure the Europeans won't recognize me—the show is seen in some European countries, but I'll go to the others."