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J. 'B.Q.' Adams alive at A&M

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In 1824, John Quincy Adams probably knew his administrative actions would receive written as well as national attention.

But he probably never thought that one and a half centuries later his name would still be receiving publicity.

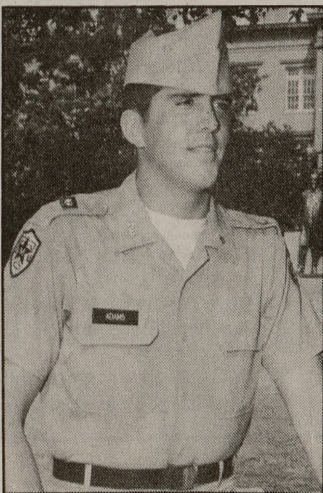
Neither did John Quincy Adams, a freshman at Texas A&M University. "It's a shock to me," Adams said of the recent publicity he has received over his historical name.

Adams, 18, is the fifth-generation grandson of the sixth president of the United States.

Although Adams' name has yet to receive the national attention of his grandfather's, several local newspaper articles have suddenly sparked an interest in Adams' name that, he said, even he wasn't aware of.

"It didn't become a big deal until the last couple of weeks," said the safety engineering major from Houston.

Despite the publicity, funny looks and comments that accompany Adams' name, the Texas Aggie handsman said he is enjoying the attention his name is receiving.



John Quincy Adams

"I'm proud of the name," Adams said.

"There are only two people I know named John Quincy Adams," he said, "my Dad and myself."

Adams agreed that the history of his name is special, but said he doesn't feel any more special for having it.

"I'd like for people to meet me and know who I am instead of remember-

ing me just because of my name," he said.

Because of the recent publicity, however, some members of the Corps of Cadets will find Adams hard to forget once they've met him.

Adams said some upperclassmen Corps members made a special "detail" for him to say when addressing an upperclassman.

Adams will now say, "I am the illustrious fish Adams. I am in all the newspapers, all the history books and even on radio and TV," he said the next time a senior asks, "Who are you?"

One other friend did a history report on the former president, Adams said, adding: "he wanted me to read it and see if it was O.K."

Often times people don't believe Adams when they learn his full name.

"They think I'm pulling their leg," he said.

In one instance, Adams said a store clerk refused to cash a check for him until Adams' name could be verified by his parents.

Adams said although relatives have researched the family's genealogical background and he has studied his thrice great grandfather's accomplishments in school, the sudden publicity has sparked his own interest in the subject.

"As much as I've heard about it, I'd better start doing some work on my own," he said.

A career in politics doesn't interest Adams at this time, but he said if John Q. Adams were elected president today he "would provide more jobs for the unemployed and he would draft those who were able to be in the armed forces."

A certain amount of obligation goes with an historical name, he said.

"I shouldn't let the Adams name die down and have people look down on it," he added.

"I'll just do things to help people and let them know I'll be there if they need help," Adams said. "I'll do my best."

What president is Adams glad he is not named after:

"(Richard) Nixon. I wouldn't want to have his name," Adams said shaking his head.

Holiday crafts to be taught

The MSC Craft Shop is offering several workshops to create holiday gifts and decorations. Registration for all workshops will begin Dec. 1 in the Craft Shop.

Lessons in making stained glass ornaments will be given Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, 7 - 9:30 p.m. The fee is \$7.50 for both classes.

Etched glass ornaments will be the project for classes on Dec. 6 and Dec. 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be a \$6 instruction fee and a \$5 lab fee which will cover cost of materials.

Craftsmen must bring their own materials to make bread dough ornaments Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, 7 - 9 p.m. The instruction fee is \$6.

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Solid waste hearings in five Texas cities

Five public hearings are scheduled jointly by the Texas Department of Water Resources and the Texas Department of Health to receive comments regarding a proposed solid waste management plan for Texas to be effective from 1980-1981.

Responsibility for industrial waste disposal in Texas rests with the Department of Water Resources, while the Department of Health has jurisdiction for municipal wastes.

Hearings on industrial waste will be held at 10 a.m. in each of the five cities, with the exception of Houston where the hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. Municipal waste hearings will be held at 1 p.m. at all five locations.

Places and dates are as follows: Midland, Dec. 2 at Midland College; El Paso, Dec. 3 at the Community Building Gymnasium; Corpus Christi, Dec. 9 at the Nueces County Health Department; Houston, Dec. 10 at the University of Houston's Cullen Auditorium and Austin, Dec. 12 in the Stephen F. Austin State Office Building.

Groups and associations wishing to submit testimony should be represented by one spokesperson. Written testimony also may be submitted

and should be postmarked by Dec. 17 for consideration and incorporation as appropriate, into the final plan.

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