

## ODK Assembly To Hear Nixon

### Republican Leader On Campus Jan. 11

Former Vice - President Richard M. Nixon will speak at Washington and Lee University January 11.

Nixon will address the annual "Tap Day" ceremony for Omicron Delta Kappa, national honorary leadership society founded at Washington and Lee in 1914.

Officials for Nixon who are arranging the appearance have given no indication of the former vice-president's topic, other than it will be "non-political" since Nixon has not yet officially announced whether he is a presidential candidate.

Nixon has been quoted as saying he will announce his decision in January. As previously scheduled, he also will speak later that same day at a Richmond Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting.

A number of Washington and Lee undergraduates and several alumni will be "tapped" for membership in the society following Nixon's talk at noon. A brief ceremony, during which present members of ODK will tap the new members on the shoulder to signal their selection, will precede a question-and-answer-session with students.

Public announcement of those chosen for membership is not made until they are tapped.

Nixon, who is already a member of ODK, was invited to the campus by W&L senior David T. Johnson, Jr., of Pensacola, Fla., president of the local chapter.

The ODK ceremony at Washington and Lee is traditionally an official University assembly, and all students and faculty members are expected to attend. This year's 53rd annual event will take place in Doremus Gymnasium beginning at noon.

Due to the assembly, there will be short classes on Thursday. Classes will begin at 8:25 a.m. and will extend for forty minutes instead of the regular fifty-five, ending at 11:45 a.m.

After serving as a United States Representative and as a Senator from California, Nixon was elected Vice-President of the United States in 1952 and was re-elected in 1956.

He won the Republican nomination for President of the United States in 1960, and lost by a margin of only

one-tenth of one per cent of the popular vote. He ran for Governor of California in 1962 and was defeated by incumbent Democrat Pat Brown.

Since then, Nixon has practiced law in New York City and has travelled widely.

During his term of office as Vice-President, Nixon saw the powers and prerogatives of that office expanded more in eight years than during the entire 162 years previous.

### *Nixon: A Political Phoenix*

by PAT AREY

Richard Nixon, political myth, or epithet? He is the man who has been written off as "finished" in national politics more times than any other politician in American history.

And yet no politician has become so admired by party workers and regulars in the history of the Republican Party.

Despised by the intellectual community on the left, and not quite trusted on the right, even though he is Barry Goldwater's choice for the 1968 GOP Presidential nomina-

tion, and lacking a political base to operate from, incredibly, Richard M. Nixon may well end up with another crack at the Presidency. Eight years ago, he lost that office by a hair.

Six years ago, following his defeat by California Governor Pat Brown, *Time* magazine wrote Richard Nixon's political obituary; so did everyone else.

He campaigned heavily in the 1964 campaign. He campaigned again in the isolated state elections in 1965. He made a swing through Virginia, where he gained an ally in the GOP gubernatorial nominee A. Linwood Holton, who is now a member of the Nixon for President Committee.

Nixon was the most active of outside campaigners in the 1966 Congressional races. He ran up an impressive score in Republican victories in the districts he campaigned.

No single Republican has wholeheartedly given so much of his time to his party, with so little to expect in reward from his party's right and left.

But today, unquestionably that reward looms large. In short, Dick Nixon, as the political adage goes, has "done his homework."

But more than a cloud looms distant on Nixon horizons. The plain facts are, Richard Nixon's support among potential delegates to the Republican National Convention next August is marginal. He has no support on the left; and his support on the right would melt under a Reagan boom.

One must admire the man. He has worked long and hard for his party. It could be said he has earned the nomination more than any other Republican.

But 1968 seems a winning year for the Republicans. Many state parties are tying up their delegates under favorite son candidacies. The party wants a winner. And ironically, the one man who seems a winner, the man who has been endorsed on the Republican right and left, the man who isn't running, the man who nominated Richard E. Nixon in 1960, is Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

Richard Nixon, to many people, looks too much like a loser.

To win the nomination, Richard Nixon must win all the primaries, and he must win big. If he stumbles once, he is dead. If the Ronald Reagan movement gets going, Nixon is dead. If the Republicans want a winner, Nixon may very well be dead.

Can he win? Odd-numbered years are usually good years for wine. Perhaps 1968 will be a good year for Nixon. The campaign begins in nine weeks.



Richard M. Nixon

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