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 honor 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 will also 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 already is 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 33rd annual event will take place in Dorothea Gymnasium beginning at noon.

Due to the assembly, there will be short classes on Thursday. Classes will begin at 8:35 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.
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