

LEXINGTON, Va., April 00--Virginia Polytechnic Institute's military band will participate in Washington and Lee University's mock Republican convention April 28-29.

The "Highty Tights" are being sponsored by the Pennsylvania delegation to the W&L mock political event. They will be the guests of the Pennsylvania student delegation for entertainment and supper while in Lexington.

VPI's 90-member band was begun by the students about 60 years ago and since has won numerous awards for excellence. Its most notable achievement was copping first place in the annual Winchester Apple Blossom Festival three years straight, 1948, 1949, 1950. It did not participate in last year's festival nor in the 1952 event.

The "Highty Tights" will parade in the pre-convention parade which begins the two-day political activity at W&L. The military group will also hold a concert before Convention Hall as the students convene for the balloting and speech-making.

The mile-long parade through the streets of Lexington is a traditional feature of the mock convention. Each of the 48 states and five territories enter floats or bands in the colorful parade. These floats express some indigenous trait of the state which they represent.

After the parade, the student body convenes in Convention Hall to begin the political maneuvering to elect their choice for the Republican presidential and vice-presidential nominations.

J. Barry Wall Jr. of Farmville, Va., chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation, issued the invitation to VPI in a visit to Blacksburg yesterday. Wall conferred with Thomas Dobbins, director of VPI's band, who accepted the invitation for the group.

Speaking of VPI's band participating in the mock convention, Wall said, "VPI has one of the best military bands in the South, and we are delighted to have them take part in our mock convention."