

LEXINGTON, March 25—Some 90 marching units, including bands, floats, drill teams, and color guards, are expected to make up the gala kick-off parade for Washington and Lee University's 1956 Democratic Mock Convention here April 30.

Ted Kerr, student parade chairman, says he already has acceptances from nine bands and drill teams from other institutions and organizations, and he expects to receive more.

"Plans aren't complete by any means, and we hope to add two or three more bands before lining up the order of march," Kerr said.

He added he was especially pleased with progress made by the 48 state and six territorial student delegations in drawing up parade plans. Some states plan to enter as many as 11 separate marching units, said Kerr.

Every delegation will be represented by at least one float and marching members of the delegation. Many state groups are seeking and receiving assistance and suggestions from party leaders in the respective localities on parade plans.

The procession will follow a mile-and-a-half route which will wind from the Virginia Military Institute parade grounds through downtown Lexington, ending at Doremus Gymnasium on the Washington and Lee campus, site of the convention activities.

The reviewing stand will be located near the convention hall. Among the dignitaries in the stand will be Senator Alben Barkley, convention keynoter, Governor Thomas B. Stanley, Senator A. Willis Robertson, university officials, student convention chairman Carl Swanson and members of his steering committee.

Bands already accepting invitations to march in the kick-off parade are from Greenbrier Military School, Lewisburg, W. Va.; William Fleming High School, Roanoke, Va.; Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va.; Parry McCluer High School, Buena Vista, Va.; and Virginia Military Institute, Washington and Lee University, and Lylburn Downing High School, Lexington.

Drill teams and color guards are expected from Fishburn Military School, Waynesboro; Augusta Military Academy, Lynchburg Marine Corps Reserve, and Washington and Lee.

The Mock Convention opens on April 30, with the balloting for a Democratic presidential nominee continuing through April 1. Since 1908, the Washington and Lee student delegates have correctly pre-guessed the party-out-of-power standard-bearer six out of ten times.