

*Mock Convention*

April 14, 1952

Miss Nina Warren  
The Governor's Office  
Sacramento, California

My dear Miss Warren:

Please let me join our California boys in sending a warm invitation to you, that you should come to this University at the time of our Mock National Political Convention.

For the sake of your father, and other distinguished advisers that you may have, I hasten to explain that the word mock does not indicate the effort of our boys to make the occasion a dignified counterpart of the important National Convention. We have held this Convention on our campus since 1908, with the exception of four years, and it has become not only a matter of interest but a phase of real education in political duty and opportunity.

Mrs. Gaines would write this letter herself, but at the moment has a twinge of arthritis in the fingers, and penmanship is difficult. She asked that you let me speak for both of us, then, inviting you not only to the University but to our home. It is a comfortable house, built by General Lee when he was president, and occupied by him at that time. We shall be not merely pleased but honored to have you as our guest, and shall



undertake to do everything in our power to make the occasion happy for you. Though this is a small University, we have several California boys in the student body and several hundred alumni in your state. I am sure that these, along with all the Washington and Lee family, would appreciate your coming.

Cordially yours,

Francis P. Gaines  
President