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LEXINGTON, Va., April 00--The Maryland delegation at Washington and Lee University is backing Maryland's "favorite son" candidate, Governor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, in preparation for the mock Republican convention April 28-29.

Governor McKeldin is the first "favorite son" whose active campaign has gotten under way on W&L's campus. Student supporters of the Maryland governor are hard at work campaigning for their choice for the Republican presidential nomination.

Although Governor McKeldin has not announced his candidacy, it is believed that the Maryland delegation would support him on the first ballots in Chicago this summer.

Leo Barrington of Mohican Hills, Md., chairman of the student Maryland delegation of 24 delegates, announced today that his delegation had set up its headquarters and was beginning the active campaigning.

Barrington has been in contact with McKeldin supporters in Maryland, and they have furnished the W&L delegation with campaign material for use in their supporting drive. Governor McKeldin has no national campaign headquarters due to the fact that he has not officially announced his candidacy for the presidential nomination.

William Gresham, executive secretary to the Governor, is assisting Barrington in planning the campaign, while Congressman J. Glenn Beall has furnished a run-down on procedure to be followed and political sentiment in the state of Maryland.

W&L's delegation holds weekly meetings to formulate campus campaign policy and make plans for the state float which they will enter in the pre-convention parade on April 28. Each of the 48 states and five territories represented



at the mock convention enter an indigenous float in the pre-convention parade which opens up the mock affair with a colorful parade through the streets of Lexington. After the parade, the student body convenes at Convention Hall where the balloting occurs.

Washington and Lee University's mock Republican convention, a 44-year-old quadrennial event, traditionally supports the party currently out of office. This year, Republican convention procedure is being followed almost to the letter in an effort to simulate a realistic and accurate nominating convention.

Five times since its inception as an all-student event forty-four years ago, the W&L men have tagged a "nominee" and seen the choice later sustained in the genuine national convention.