

W&L Enrolls Negro Students

A Lexingtonian is one of two Negro students who have been accepted for admission to Washington and Lee University in September. The two would be the first of their race to attend the college in modern times.

The students are Dennis Alan Haston, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Haston of Lexington, and Leslie D. Smith Jr., 21, of Chuckatuck, a June graduate of Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville, who will enter as a freshman law student.

The university confirmed the acceptance of the students' applications Thursday in response to a newspaper reporter's inquiry. The school spokesman said the two have confirmed their acceptances.

The Lexington student is a June graduate of Lexington High

School. One of his five brothers is a student at Bluefield State College.

At the university Mr. Smith will live in a law school dormitory. Mr. Haston will live at home.

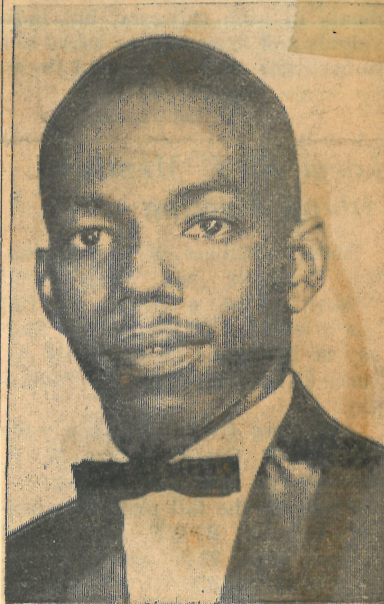
The pair will be the first Negro students to be enrolled in the school since a free-born Negro, John Chavis, attended what was then Washington College in 1802. His attendance is reported in a 1930 issue of the North Carolina Historical Review. University enrollment records themselves do not go back that far.

The spokesman added that the university had accepted a Negro law school applicant a year ago but that the applicant did not confirm his acceptance and did not enroll in the school.

Mr. Smith will be receiving

financial aid through the law school's normal financial aid program, based on need and merit.

Mr. Haston will receive the customary fee differential granted. See NEGRO STUDENTS page 3



DENNIS HASTON

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W&L To Enroll Two Negroes For Fall Term

LEXINGTON — For the first time in more than 150 years, Negro students will be enrolled at Washington and Lee University when the fall term begins in September.

They are the first of their race to be regularly enrolled at the school since 1802.

The two students are Leslie D. Smith Jr., 21, of Lawrenceville, and Dennis Alan Haston, 18, of Lexington.

Smith, a graduate of St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, will be a first-year law student while Haston, who was graduated from Lexington High School in June, will enter with the freshman academic class.

Another Negro had been accepted for admittance to law school last year, but failed to appear for the start of classes.

The 217-year-old school had announced in the fall of 1964 that it would accept any applicant who met the school's entrance requirements, regardless of race.

The Washington and Lee student government last spring began an active campaign to recruit a Negro student. Student president Fred Mindel began a scholarship fund to encourage qualified Negroes to attend the school.

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TV Newsman Takes Lead Role For Showtimers

Don Murray, television news director for Roanoke's WDBJ-TV (Ch. 7), will be seen in a leading role during the upcoming Showtimers production of "Ninotchka."

"Ninotchka," a three-act comedy which pokes fun at communism, will close out the Showtimers' summer season Aug. 30-Sept. 3 in the Lab Theatre on the Roanoke College campus.

Murray will be seen as Leon, a young Frenchman who attempts to decommunize the dedicated, beautiful Ninotchka.

"Ninotchka" first played in 1939 with Melvyn Douglas in the role Murray is to portray. It was later made into the Broadway musical "Silk Stockings" and also into a movie.

Murray, a graduate of the Washington and Lee School of Journalism, came to Roanoke in 1948. This is his second year with the Showtimers.