2 Negro Students Accepted by W&L

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LEXINGTON — Two Negro students have been accepted for admission to Washington and Lee University in the fall.

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, 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 17-year-old school had announced in the fall of 1964 that it would accept any applicant who met the schools 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 Mithal began a scholarship fund to encourage qualified Negroes to attend the school.

Classes will start in less than a month.