Lineup changes for Virginia Tech basketball are a moot question and the moot doesn't meet until basketball season.
Don DeVoe has stated his intention to stick to the people who took Tech to the NIT last season, which takes care of four positions. Kyle McKee also had a reserve hand in the festivities last season, although both Duke Thorpe and Mike Collins have outshone him in recent outings.

Ed Frazier has played aggressive defensive ball, and may have returned to scoring form with his 10 points (5 out of 7 field goals) against Wake Forest.

Craig Lieder has provided much of the scoring punch, although missing his 19 point scoring average in the last two games, apparently due to a minor injury against W&M which allowed him to play just over half of the Wake game.

Charlie Thomas has been the rock, menacing on defense and coming in as top scorer on occasion and his mate at guard, Bobby Stevens, has been hot and cold, but is right when he's right.

Duke Thorpe is a developing story that gets more interesting as it goes and seems to lead to a star at the top of the peach basket.

Mike Collins, more confident and ready, is starting to show the scoring of which he is capable.
Calvin Wade is still getting back into the form that made him so valuable all last year and this season until his injury in December.

Dennis Shrewsberry (when he's hot, he's hot) is a sharp-eyed competitor and with more playing time will doubtless be a threat.

Dennis Fugger, the freshman who managed to intimidate North Carolina some, is alive and well and playing on the JV's.
When inserted into a game he can make things happen—usually the right things—and is a tough competitor to whom the varsity could look for help. When you're 10 with 6 of the remaining 7 games after Toledo being on the road, you can look.

Lou Nelson and Jay Skulborstad have been tearing things up on the JV's and so far have had limited varsity playing time, but might come in handy at times.

The idea of giving more varsity time to some of Kevin O'Connor's JV talent is complicated by the fact that the varsity seldom gets far enough ahead in a game to provide the point cushion that would permit experimentation.

A sports writer told Don DeVoe after the William and Mary game that freshman Thorpe is Virginia Tech's folk hero.
Maybe not right now but in time, yes.

The chants of "Duke, Duke, Duke" and the lift his entry into the game gives to he fans is usually equalled by the lift he gives to the team with his leaping, rebounding and scoring.

Thorpe set records at West Point High that read like science fiction and he has made the transition to college ball rapidly if not yet completely, since there are rough edges on every freshman to be honed smooth.

Starter or not, he is bound to keep on providing a lift as a reserve who plays nearly the whole game, providing Tech gets valuable assistance from its experienced people when it is needed most.

Two games in a row (before the Wake Forest game) of 20 point-plus performances and a hefty share of rebounds underline his value to the team and he will probably get more playing time with each game, since that kind of scoring can't be ignored when Tech's top scorer had a 19 point average.

We're not sure if Duke Thorpe is a folk hero just yet, but you can bet he's getting there.