Swimmers End Season

By Peggy Glaheen

The men's swim team came back Friday after two defeats on the road to beat Virginia Commonwealth University 71-42 and end the regular season with a 6-2 record.

The Hokies suffered losses at the hands of the University of Virginia 59-52 and Wake Forest 72-35. Head coach Bill Beecher felt UVA was a stronger team and therefore was not surprised with the outcome of that meet. The Wake Forest meet was a different matter, though, as the men swam very poorly. Beecher commented afterwards that he was "very unhappy with their performance."

After a week of illnesses, the team regained their strength and defeated the VCU Rams.

Two records were broken in the meet against VCU: Rob Hager in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:46.7 and Joe Martz in the 50 freestyle with a time of 21.8. Martz also placed first in the 100 freestyle, Kurt Geiger placing second.

Other first places were taken by Rick Hudson, Bill Vinton, Lance Terpenny, and Rob Hager in the 400 Medley Relay; Lance Terpenny in the 200 butterfly; and Matt Robins in the 1,000 freestyle and 200 backstroke, Rick Hudson taking second.

Graig Cilimburb won the optional diving but the Hokies lost by one point to Ram diver Stewart Paine in the required diving, Mike Heneukens placing second.

The men will travel to Richmond this weekend for the state meet. Beecher feels that the men should do very well and that they have "a shot at winning."

The women's swim team suffered their first defeat to Virginia Commonwealth University Friday, 78-53.

Several records were broken in Friday's meet: Gwen Braaten in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:03.2; Bekah Bannister in the 50 backstroke (29.7); and Robin Geiger in the 50 butterfly (28.2) and the 100 freestyle (56.6).

Beth Jones took both the required and optional diving. Carol Williams placed second in the required diving, and Roxanne Robinson placed second in the optional diving.

The women will travel to Old Dominion University in Norfolk this weekend for their state meet.