Winter brings Tech a flurry of problems

Starbucks to start brewing near Tech

Memorial to be held honoring professor

Memorial Gathering in celebration of the life of Professor Fredrick Lutze

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Health officials worried about bugging students

Icy roads affect BT, student drivers

by Eric Bedol

Associate News Editor

Students out and about yesterday afternoon may have been doing more than enjoying a winter wonderland. Barometric pressure fell on Blacksburg and the Virginia Tech campus yesterday, and the winds from both Tech's Physical Plant and the Town of Blacksburg were blowing away. The town has two big plows and we work them in tandem,” said Bill Elvey, assistant vice president for facilities at the Blacksburg campus.

The Physical Plant keeps a minimum amount of salt on hand and trucks transport some salt from Danville as it is needed, courtesy of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The town sends out 10 snowplows and graders and plows during winter storms, Mattington said.

“We go out as Mother Nature does and do our best,” he said. "Our roads are worse than the area. Any number of major roads or accidents occurs on campus at a typical snowstorm, said Wayne Linkenhoker, program support technician.

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by Christina Polk

News Assistant

Even though it seems like Virginia Tech has had a four-week winter break in a long time due to the compared amount of snow this year, this reason is no different than any other year.

“The call is established by a university committee. There is nothing magic about it,” said Associate Registrar Marvin Trostel.

The first factor in planning out the academic calendar is a deal made with Radford University.

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News in Brief

**Rush Limbaugh**

**VA. Jobless rate falls 29-month low**

**Richmond (AP)** — Rush Limbaugh told a Florida court Friday that he was in extreme pain and had legitimate reasons for taking pain medication, "What these records show is Mr. Limbaugh suffered wrongdoing and said..."

By Amy Mateke

Staff Writer

This semester, Virginia Tech graduates are getting hands-on experience with the local town government of Appomattox as part of their curriculum.

The students are participating in a learning experience called "Performance Measurement and Benchmarking for Local Government" as part of their major's degree work in public administration.

After introductory class meetings and a midterm quiz, the students work with public departments such as wastewater treatment, general administration and public works.

A progress report is submitted during bi-weekly class meetings to Chad Mike, class professor and faculty member of the Office of Economic Development, a part of VPI and ISM.

Last semester, students in the class worked in Nelson County, executing many of the same tasks.

At the end of the semester, a report was produced exploring the departments the students were involved with. After the study, Miller and John Augenbaugh, faculty member of the Office of Economic Development, a part of VPI and ISM, organized a discussion program to implement the findings of the semester's others.

A seminar was also held to develop planning strategies for the future.

Miller said the program would work the same way as this semester in Appomattox, with a few modifications to fit the needs of the specific locality.

This semester, the work was slightly delayed by Hurricane Isabel, but is now on its way to completion.

"At this point, the students are working very hard to gather information pertaining to the study," said David Garrell, Appomattox town manager. "I think we'll get a study that we can actually implement."

This is the fourth semester a class of this nature has been implemented in collaboration with Todd's Center for Public Administration and Policy. The course is modeled after the Pamplin School of Business' International Market Planning Program.

"It's really been interesting to see government at action, especially in a smaller town, within the resources available to larger localities," said Jessica Evans, a Master of Public Administration candidate.

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**Virginian’s unemployment rate**

**RICHMOND (AP)** — Virginia’s most recent unemployment rate of 5.6 percent, the lowest rate in 29 months, the Virginia Employment Commission said Thursday.

The last month with a lower jobless rate was May 2001, when 3.2 percent of Virginians were unemployed.

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**Starbucks**

**Store will replace Bonomos Emporium**

Number 11 for 13 years, Elich said he has a loyal customer base, and the prices at his shop are better than what the students are getting in University Mall, said Elich.

"I don't know that we're concerned as far as Starbucks being in University Mall, said Elich. "They won't make much of a difference, because it introduces more people to the product," he said.

People get in a coffee culture and want more coffee," he said.

"We've seen a large increase in the number of aspiring female doctors," said John Augenbaugh, another faculty member of the Office of Economic Development, a part of VPI and ISM.

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Police force questioned following death

by Terry Kinney
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A crowd of 300 questions to officials about police use of force after a campus shooting, a man black man's death caused mainly by his struggle with police offi- cers.

Some cried. We do not have a day as it was that day. I was watching a video-clip of a confrontation between six officers and 41-year-old Nathaniel Jones. Value shot him as a police cruiser shoved Jones as he was running with nightsticks.

Roy Jones, 31, said he was assaulted by police. But the police said he hit two nightsticks and ii.

Hamilton County Coroner Dr. Winter said Wednesday that the death was ruled a homicide, but that such a ruling "should not be perceived as implying inappropriate behavior or the use of excessive force by police.

"Police follow- ing procedures always seem to be the outcome of these
injuries," he said at a forum sponsored by the city's Human Relations Commission. "I think that shows that the procedures need to be reviewed."

Police Chief Thomas Stecher Jr. and City Manager Valerie Lemmon said several times that the officers were under way and police pro- cedures would be reviewed by the city.

Stecher has already said he would get rid of his tape show that showed officers observed the "perilous" guidelines. But activists still say the Jones' death was an example of brutality by the Cinci- nnati police against blacks in a city that was rocked by race riots.

"A police officer's presence, if nothing else, is a part of the decision-making process," Hincker said. The group keeps in contact with VDOT, state police and Blacksburg Transit during the decision-making process, Hincker said. "I don't think I've ever had a student com-plain about classes being canceled."
Rumsfeld meets with Afghan leader

by Robert Burns
Associated Press

Rumsfeld met with the two main war-
leaders of northern Afghanistan on Thursday and said he is satisfied that they have been disarming — if more slowly than some had hoped.

Rumsfeld met with Abdul Rashid Dostum and Atta Mohammed, whose armies remain in conflict, at a dusty compound used by the British army as headquarters for a civil-military reconstruction project where they are working to improve security and calm tensions between rival factions.

Afterward, at a joint news conference, Rumsfeld said he had told Dostum and Mohammed that the United States thinks it told Dostum and Mohammed that the United States thinks

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differential award to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors

Applications are being solicited for the positions of student representatives to the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors to be appointed for 2004 – 2005. Two positions will be open: one for an undergraduate student and one for a graduate student.

Applications and selection procedures are available in the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 112 Burruss Hall, and are available in the Student Activities Office at 319 Squires Student Center.

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Information Meeting: There will be an informational meeting for those interested in applying for the position on January 23, 2004, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in 110 Burruss Hall.

Application Deadline: All undergraduate and graduate application materials must be completed and returned by 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2004, to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, 112 Burruss Hall, or to the Student Activities Office, 319 Squires Student Center.
Homophilic christians quick to condemn homosexuality

David Sharrer

I certainly hope Chris Berge's opinion piece “Homosexuals do not deserve marriage” (CT, Dec. 3), is not indicative of the ideology of the West-Virginia Tech community. His arguments tend to lack sound deductive reasoning, neat of bigotry and spread false truffles about a group of people who already have to deal with enough negative stigmatization.

First of all, the word “degrade” appears several times. Is marriage a reward for being straight that is to be earned?

Marriage is a simple legal contract between two people. Any spiritual or emotional implications may be added by the couple, their families or even their churches, but they are not integral to marriage as a legal act.

What is deserved by all people is equal treatment under the law. If a heterosexual couple can benefit from the institution of marriage, such as by filing jointly for taxes, a gay couple should be able to do the same.

Berge tries to make the point that, from a secular standpoint, government control of marriage is intended to increase the population while reducing the number of illegitimate children.

The falsity assumes gays, who are not allowed to marry, will then choose to enter into heterosexual marriages instead.

If gay people do not choose their sexual orientation, as Berge claims, then they are no more able to choose to be straight.

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Most of all, if a person like Berge or Dobson believes homosexuality to be morally wrong, then simply not be gay.

If a gay person does not see anything wrong with their chosen lifestyle, then why should they have Christian beliefs forced upon them?

If divorce and infidelity in straight marriages have not destroyed the institution of the marriage, then gay people marrying certainly won’t destroy it.

Perhaps most troubling is the natural bigotry Berge embodies. He is able to say that people have the right to marry, yet deny those the same rights as those of us who are straight simply.

He is comparing a human being to an inanimate object, and is able to deny them the rights and same dignity as those of us who are straight simply.

David Sharrer is a senior psychology major.

OPINION

Government has no desire in the two of adults

Kate Anderson

I am writing in response to the editorial “Homosexuals do not deserve marriage” (CT, Dec. 3), Chris Berge had several flaws in his arguments that I feel compelled to note.

Berge states, “Homosexuals do not have the further advancement of our society.” This statement completely ignores the important contributions of homosexuals over the course of human advancement.

Alexander the Great conquered the known world at the age of 18, spreading his enlightened and enlightened Greek culture. Oscar Wilde wrote novels and plays that paved the way for pre- formed worlds.

There are currently two known causes for mental disorders — biological and psychological. For homosexuality to be considered a mental disorder, it would have to fall under one of these two cate- gories.

Berge states there is no genetic link to homosexuality. To make that statement is to imply that scientists have completely mapped the human genome and know how to prevent genetic disorders.

This is an absurd statement. A great many of the genetic predispositions are due to the interaction of multiple genes.

Marriage is simply a legal contract between two consenting adults. It merely has changed its policies based on the necessities of it were made.

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To be a psychosis, there must be a trig- ger event — ask most homosexuals to sur- render the knowledge and enlightenment of a person.

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So why can health insurance charge overweight people more for health insur- ance?

According to a research project led by David Ed. Wightman, Ph.D., a researcher with the University of Michigan, overweight and obese people pay up to $1,500 more in annual medical bills than healthy-weight people.

Health insurance companies refuse to cover the full costs of treating conditions and diseases. The only way that they can charge more is if they are overweight. This type of policy is an attempt to cut costs and maintain evi- dence of it were made.

Also, a time frame should be established for the overweight and the programs that most people turn to fit for are merely gimmicks. Programs that do work are fairly expensive with prices that can range from 3,000 dollars to 15,000 dollars and most health insurance policies do not cover. Tbelow.

Kate Lynam is a junior psychology major.

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As the American obesity rate increases, the resulting increased insurance rates will affect the lives of the obese and the obesity of society living, the fate of the billions. The accumulation of obesity by the American Obesity Association reported 64.5 percent of U.S. adults, age 20 years and older, are over- weight, and 30.5 percent were obese. It appears that every year more and more people classified as obese or overweight increase.

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Rocket fired in field near U.S. Embassy

- The blast occurred just two hours after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfield left Afghanistan.

KABUL, Afghanistan — Suspected Islamic militants fired a rocket into a field next to the U.S. Embassy here Thursday, Afghan authorities said.

The blast occurred less than two hours after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld left Afghanistan. There were no reports of injuries in the 6:15 p.m. explosion about 300 yards from the embassy compound, and 100 yards from the headquarters of international peacekeepers in Kabul.

Rumsfeld had earlier held talks with President Hamid Karzai at his palace elsewhere in the city. The defense secretary left at 3 p.m. to continue his tour of Central Asia.

"We are reviewing our security posture," a spokesman at the heavily fortified embassy said. He spoke on condition of anonymity and declined further comment.

The blast underlined the violence plaguing Afghanistan two years after a U.S.-led offensive swept the Taliban regime from power and heightened tension in Kabul ahead of a loya jirga, or grand council, next week to ratify a constitution.

Thursday’s blast echoed around the city, drawing swarms of Afghan police and soldiers to an expanse of newly tilled field next to the U.S. Embassy compound.

Security officials walked the field with flashlights. One emerged from the darkness holding a piece of shrapnel he said was from a small rocket. Reporters were evicted before the impact site could be found.

Troops from the 5,700-strong International Security Assistance Force blocked roads around the U.S. compound.

Lt. Cmdr. Frank Coburn, a British ISAF spokesman, said a forensics team was sent to the site.

He said he couldn’t confirm witness accounts suggesting it was a rocket.

Matyullah Ramani, a senior Kabul police officer, said: “It was Taliban or (Gulbuddin) Hekmatyar” — a renegade commander allied with the Taliban. “They are trying to disrupt the jirga.”

Karzai’s administration has little control outside the capital because of attacks by pro-Taliban insurgents and fighting among provincial warlords.

Recently, attacks on aid workers and Afghan government staff have increased sharply in the south and the east, bringing relief agencies to reduce their work there. Kabul has also been affected.

Five rockets rained down on the city on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, slightly injuring one Canadian civilian working at a peacekeepers’ base.

On Nov. 22, an explosion in the garden of an upscale hotel in Kabul frequented by foreigners shattered windows, but caused no injuries.

Church in Ireland releases study of sexual abuse by priests

by Shawn Pogatchnik

DUBLIN, Ireland — Roman Catholic bishops, releasing a damning report on their handling of child sex-abuse scandals, apologized Thursday and promised to improve systems for protecting children.

The 620-page report, stemming from two years of work by psychologists at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, described the damage the scandals have done to victims, the church and wider society in this overwhelmingly Catholic nation.

“This study makes painful reading, not least for a bishop,” said Archbishop Sean Brady, president of the Irish Bishops Conference and leader of Ireland’s 4 million Catholics. “It tells of mistakes made in responding to those who came to the church seeking sensitivity and compassion.”

More than 100 Irish clergy have been convicted of sex offenses in the last decade. The scandal toppled a government in 1994 after the Irish attorney-general delayed extradition of a priest wanted on sex-abuse charges in neighboring Northern Ireland.

A compensation tribunal formed earlier this year is expected to pay up to $700 million to thousands of culprits who allegedly abused children in church-run schools, workhouses and orphanages from the 1940s to 1980s. The government agreed to foot most of the bill because it had ultimate responsibility for supervising the institutions.

“I am very sorry to the people over too long a period. For what has happened we are truly sorry,” Bishop John McAreavey said at a press conference unveiling the report.

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Baltimore prosecutor found stabbed to death

HALIFAX (AP) — A federal prosecutor was found stabbed to death in a Pennsylvania creek Thursday after failing to show up at the trial of a rapper and another man accused of dealing heroin.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Luna, 38, was discovered face-down in the water behind the parking lot of a well-drilling company in Lancaster County, Pa., about 70 miles from Baltimore, Brecknock Township police said. A car was near the body, police said.

"Let there be no doubt. Let there be no doubt that every- one in law enforcement, local police, state police, the United States Marshals Service, ATF, FBI, are united," U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio said.

"We will find out who did this and we are dedicated to bringing the person responsible for this tragedy to justice." Luna was prosecuting Baltimore rapper Deon Oriley Poindexter, 28, who were accused of dealing heroin.

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"We don't have enough manpower for that here at the health center — Intravene brings their own staff of nurses to administer the vaccine." Baker said there are possible disadvantages to getting the vaccine.

"Any time you get an immu- nization there is a risk," Baker said. "There can always be a side effect."

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Crowe ‘masters’ big screen

Jason Bayer

Entering into this year’s Oscar season, all the major film studies knew the movie to beat had been the picture in the third installment of the Lord of the Rings trilogy: “The Return of the King.” With approximately six war epics coming out this fall, “Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World” was considered to have the best chance at dethroning the “King.”

While it certainly is an extensive and well-done film, directed masterfully by Peter Weir (who brought us “Dead Poets Society” and “The Truman Show”), and well delivered with Russell Crowe leading the way, “M&C” will most likely be too weathered to stand the storm.

Set against the backdrop of the Napoleonic Wars, the story follows the HMS Surprise, a British Frigate helmed by Capt. Jack Aubrey (Crowe), also Lucky Jack to his crew. The ship has orders to stop the Acheron, a French frigate. At this point of his career, the waters surrounding South America.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More than a year ago, Michael Jackson let a television crew into his bizarre world for a TV documentary he said would have boosted his fading career. Instead, “Living With Michael Jackson,” the叙利亚-striken boy — the boy who reportedly accused of having sex with children at Neverland — the boy who his accuser.

However, in somewhat of a surprise, 50 Cent’s “Get Rich or Die Tryin’,” was shut out of the major categories.

These close to Jackson’s defense team alleges that around the time the TV special aired, the mother demanded a fee for her son’s appearance. When Jackson refused, they say, the relationship between the family and Jackson soured. In an ultimate version, those close to the mother’s side say she did not ask for payment. Instead, they say Jackson began acting strangely just before the special aired, telling the family they were in danger and would have to leave their home.

For Textbooks!

BY NOKANA MOODY

For more movie reviews with several sources close to Jackson and the accu-
The DVD contains 17 episodes of the Happy Tree Friends, which began in 1999.

By Eliot Krivicki Features Editor

Cartoons have long been the media refuge of cultural innocents, where anthropomorphic woodland creatures of every species could frolic together, get into mischief-filled adventures, and no questions would be asked. This tradition continued in animated short films on the WB site HappyTreeFriends.com, yet within a unique niche: Almost everyone dies.

Now fans of the site can enjoy bonus material, to bring fans from the website, plus tons of Internet is not available. even when a computer or the media refuge of cultural innocents, which began in 1999 as a joint production from the minds of the creators, Kenn Navarro, Rhode Montijo and Mondo Media, a company known for its print into internet multimedia, with a whole lineup of animated web- series, and The Devil and Devil Show, and Trains on Film. Mondo Media describes Happy Tree Friends as a tribute, yet at the same time, as a parody of the old cartoons he and Montijo wasted many Saturday mornings watching with boons fall of joy and grief.

“We wanted to see what would happen if all those old cartoon went horribly wrong,” said Rhode Montijo co-creator of Happy Tree Friends, and author of a series of self-published comic books, “Pablo’s Inferno.”

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### Fur flies on Happy Tree Friends DVD

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17 episodes of the Happy Tree Friends DVD

By Sarah Coffey Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — A federal judge has approved a settlement of a lawsuit filed by hundreds of millions of club members who alleged they had been overcharged in a price-fixing conspiracy.

Under the settlement signed Wednesday by U.S. District Judge D. Brock Hutson, the CD buyers will receive vouchers to give them 75 percent discounts for new compact discs, which they will receive with no shipping or handling charges.

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### One symbol that seems to capture the emotions of Christmas maybe better than any other is the symbol of Home - home for the holidays.

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‘Fire Beamer’ talk unwarranted

I recently wrote an article asking the question, does loyalty rest with the winning team? Well, the question has been answered for me.

“Beamer was being too caught up in on the Michael Vick bandwagon that led us straight to New Orleans, but at a certain point you have to realize we came close to perpetrated that lie, and nobody’s perfect.”

Many all went into the subsequent years with raise expectations, or we should have because every year we’ve had a good football team with a winning record. Maybe Beamer didn’t lead us to another national championship, but how many other memories do we have?

Going to the walk before the Miami game where the streets were just lined with fans, cheering their hearts out, rushing the field after the game, scoring six different ways against Miami, and watching Kevin Jones break the single game rushing record against the University of Pittsburgh are memories I will never forget.

Beamerball and its founder will be in the record books at Virginia Tech, and I am grateful. I got to attend a school with a team with a winning record. This year, I’ve been lucky enough to knock some sense into fans everywhere that will always be in my heart.

Make up your minds. He’s just a football coach, not God. He can’t always win the game. He can’t always get it right and he can’t change his ways. But even Moseley had a losing season. Thank you Frank Beamer for all your years of coaching. This year, I’ve been lucky enough to knock some sense into fans everywhere that will always be in my heart.

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Sports

Tennis: Four women players placed in top national rankings

Four Virginia Tech women’s tennis team members are ranked in the Fall 2003 Collegiate Tennis Association East Region singles and doubles rankings. Senior Andrea Elazari is ranked No. 21 in singles, after going 5-3 in the fall season. Elazari is ranked No. 14 in doubles with partner Carolyn Kramer. Juniors Elessa Kirdak and Feroline Lam are the other doubles team in the rankings at No. 5. They went 11-2 overall the fall season to earn their spot.

The team will be in action at 9 a.m. Jan. 24 when they host Seton Hall at the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center. Later in the day, they will host James Madison.

Football: Grove named finalist for national award, All American

Hokie center Jake Grove was named a finalist for the Dave Rimington Trophy Thursday. The four-year-old award honors the top center in college football and is named after a college center for Nebraska during the 1991-92 seasons.

Other finalists are Vince Center of Oklahoma State, Norm Katnik of the University of Southern California, Nick Lackey of Kansas State University, Hugh Reilly of Georgia Tech, and Ben Willerson of Louisiana State University.

The winner will be announced at a banquet Dec. 13 at the Rector Theater in Lincoln, Neb. Money raised from the ban- quet will be donated to the Cycle Feline Foundation, which is hosted by the Beamer Exxon Foundation.

Grove was also named to the American Football Coaches Association’s All America first team. Running back Kevin Jones received first team honors as well.
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Half-court shot sinks Hokies

As time expired in regulation, John Waller hit a 45-foot shot to force overtime, where the Hokies lost, 94-92.

by Brent Anderson and Susan Suddarth
Sports Staff

It was cold and snowy outside last night, but the two teams in Cassell Coliseum were on fire. Despite their best efforts, including a career-high 37 points from senior Bryant Matthews, the Virginia Tech men's basketball team suffered their second loss of the season in a heart-breaking overtime defeat to Old Dominion University, 94 – 92.

Tech was constantly playing catch up throughout the first half, but was never able to overcome their cross-state rival. The Monarchs played strong defense against Tech which forced the Hokies to pound the ball down low and to shoot midrange jumpers. On the defensive side of the court, the Hokies seemed to lack intensity, and ODU took advantage by making several three-pointers and driving down the middle for easy lay-ups.

Tech picked up the pace before the end of the first half and was able to shorten the Monarch's lead, going into halftime with the score trailing 42-37. After making adjustments at the half, the Hokies switched to a man-to-man defense and came out strong. Tech kept the game close and led it 75-77 when Matthews hit a free throw with just under three minutes left in regulation.

“I thought we fought hard and tried to get back in the game,” said head coach Seth Greenberg. “And we were able to get back in the game.”

The Monarchs were able to take back the lead at the 2:28 mark on a layup by guard John Waller. But freshman Zabian Dowdell answered back by knocking down a three pointer, giving the Hokies the lead with just over two minutes to play. Dowdell drained another three with 35 seconds left to play and extended Tech’s lead with two free throws seconds later.

A victory seemed certain as the Hokies had momentum on their side and were ahead 83-79 with 26 seconds left, but ODU would strike back.

Drew Williamson made a three to put the Monarchs within one point, but Dowdell was fouled on the next play and sank his free throws to put the Hokies ahead 85-82.

With only seven seconds left, ODU brought the ball down the court against Tech’s tough man to man defense. The Monarchs weren’t able to penetrate past the foul line, and the Hokies forced them to throw up a desperation shot.

Waller took the shot and drained a 45-footer at the buzzer to tie the game and send it into overtime.

“It’s just one of those plays where a player throws up a prayer and God answers,” Dowdell said.

Tech and ODU battled back and forth during the extra period, but the Hokies were dealt a huge blow when Matthews fouled out with over two minutes to play. Markus Sullix stepped up in Matthews’ absence by making several shots, but the Monarchs got the last laugh when Isaiah Hunter made two free throws to put ODU up by two with less than a minute remaining in the extra period.

With seven seconds left, Jarson Goins took a jumper that hit the rim. A scramble for the rebound followed, but the Hokies were not able to get off a good shot.

Free Throws played a constant roll throughout the contest, with the Monarchs consistently knocking theirs down while Tech struggled.

Despite the loss, Matthews continued his stellar play, scoring 35-plus points for his second straight game and pulling down 12 rebounds.

“He played so hard and you just can’t help but admire him,” Greenberg said.

The loss brings Tech’s overall record to 3-2 on the season. The Hokies next home game is on Dec. 10 against VMI, but the team will be on the road this weekend in Columbus, Ohio against Ohio State University. Tip-off is set for 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

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Phil McCandies was at the free-throw line in overtime with a chance to tie the game, but missed two shots. Tech lost 94-92.

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