Wrestlers Pin VMI

By Nelson Kane

Winning nine of the ten matches, the Tech wrestling squad upped its record to 5-4 with a 43-5 stomping of VMI in the Cassell Coliseum Tuesday.

Though the Gobblers barely edged the Keydets last year, 22-21, Tech had little trouble with the visitors this time. Tech won the first nine matches before VMI took the heavyweight match, and four of Tech's wins came by pins.

Corbin Johnson (134), Dave Gitlin (142), Alan Shick (150), and Mark Miller (190) all had falls for the Hokies. The win by Miller, a freshman, raised his season's record to 10-4, and gave him the team lead in victories.

The team next wrestles tonight at 7:30 in a home match against Marshall, which the Gobblers handled 30-18 last year.

Coles: Player Of The Year

Roscoe Coles, Tech's record-shattering junior running back, has been named the Virginia Collegiate Football Player of the Year by the Norfolk Sports Club.

Coles, a 5-9, 169 pound speedster from Virginia Beach, was presented the award at a banquet, last week.

The award topped-off a year of numerous honors for the talented performer. Earlier, Coles earned honorable mention All-American honors and was picked to the first team All-South Independent squad.

Coles, a repeater on both the All-South and A-A squad, rewrote the Gobbler record book for rushing during the 1976 season. He surpassed Tech's career rushing record in the nineth game (Tulsa), and finished the year with new rushing marks for a single game and a season, plus the most 100-yard plus performances for a season and a career.

Though hampered by injuries much of the year, Coles was able to finish the season with 1,119 yards rushing, surpassing his own record of 1,045 set last year. He now has 2,787 yards rushing for his career, putting him well ahead of the previous mark of 2,461 yards set by Phil Rogers (1973-75)

"I can't say enough about what this young man has meant to our program," Tech coach Jimmy Sharpe said. "No one is more deserving of the honor.