W&M makes headway at Tech's expense

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WILLIAMSBURG - George Balasis didn't promise a win-
ing program in a year or two until next season. But he and Mary coaching job last winter.
He promised his team would win this year and last night the Indians did a lot about helping Balasis to live up to those words. As the Indians' coach said, "It's not only a William and Mary team that upset Virginia Tech. It's the Indians' first win over Tech since January 1980.
A lot of people," said Balasis, "kind of looked down at us because we haven't had the program here for so long. But it's not fair to us or the kids. It's my first season here and it's a new William and Mary." The Indians refused to buc-
cle Tech couldn't do it the same. The Indians controlled the ball for 17 minutes, six min-
utes of the first half and for the entire last 20 minutes.
First, William and Mary swept Tech's 17-point lead. The Hokies were on top 35-18 with 15 minutes left in the opening half, but by intermission it was a 6-point game.
In the second half, William and Mary spent nine minutes gaining only 15 points in the Hokies' lead. Then, after getting the ball with 10:38 left and the score tied, went to the four-cornerers.
Tech got only one lead after that. It was a brief one-point margin that came when Larry Cooke dropped in two free throws to make it 54-53. The Indians scored the next four points and the four-cornerers took care of Tech from that point to the finish.
"I was scared Tech might get hot," said Balasis in explaining his move to the four-cornerers. "I wanted to spread it out and get in the one-on-one. All I wanted was the lead." In the second half, William and Mary spent nine minutes gaining only 15 points in the Hokies' lead. Then, after getting the ball with 10:38 left and the score tied, would have made the loss. "We did that because we didn't want any of our starters to pick up a third personal during the first half," said DeVoe. "We didn't want to entertain ourselves. All along we have felt we have depth on this club and that the other people would keep us in the game." The Hokies were unable to explain the surprising loss that severely damages their post-season chances. "Nothing in the world is un-
believable," said 6-foot center Kyle McKee, "but certainly this is our biggest disappointment of the season." Coach Don DeVoe didn't feel as if his playing four subs after the Hokies got their big lead was the cause of the loss. "We did that because we didn't want any of our starters to pick up a third personal during the first half," said DeVoe. "We didn't want to entertain ourselves. All along we have felt we have depth on this club and that the other people would keep us in the game."