Sports snapshot. It was a quiet day in the Virginia Tech bullpen under a bright blue sky. It was so calm you could have heard a pre-spring training football rumor. Mike Arrington was well in control and no reliever warmed up. Sitting on a bench in the pastoral setting was football type Paul Adams.

When the call came for a pinch hitter, Adams walked coolly to the plate and with a man on base hammered a line drive fence-clearing home run. It pays to be cool.

Tech baseball coach Bob Humphreys was pleased with the pitching of Mike Arrington after the VMI game in which he was stingy with hits and struck out 10. The coach feels that with work Arrington can develop into a very good pitcher.

Humphreys also said outfielder Tom Acree will see more service in the future. Acree was impressive against the Keydets.

Billy Hardee has been converted to a designated hitter, 'giving Tech two at that position, the other being Paul Adams.

Concerning Adams' home run against VMI, Humphreys said, "I'm glad he got it. All he needs is a little more confidence."

Adams' blast definitely had the look of a confidence builder.

The most consistent players Tech has shown in its home games so far have been catcher Danny Shriever, freshman outfielder Sandy Hill, first baseman Lewis Dillon, another freshman, and David Halstead, who has provided some much-needed hitting spark.

If Mike Arrington's game against VMI is an indication, pitching improvement is on the way.

The Gobblers have plenty to offer next week, four home games on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday against in order William & Mary, East Tennessee State, North Carolina and Oneonta State.

About Tech's opponent today, Southern Connecticut, little is known except they'll be here.