STRONG SWING—Center fielder Dennis Duff comes all the way around on a strong swing against Old Dominion but fails to connect on this occasion. Tech's double win kept its post season tournament hopes alive.

TAGGING THE RUNNER—Shortstop Skip Duffey tags the Old Dominion runner going into second base as third baseman Rick Wade (foreground) and second baseman Danny Griel (left) look on.

FUN IN THE SUN—Sun-warmed bodies were the rule beyond the right field fence on the gentle grassy slope that has proved popular among sun-worshippers and baseball fans for years at Virginia Tech.

DUFF'S BIG DAY—Left fielder Dennis Duff had five hits in six trips to the plate against Old Dominion in a doubleheader Saturday. (Staff photos by Bill Hall and Barbara Krutchkoff)

Virginia Tech Extends Winning Streak To 15 With Wins Over ODU

By Barbara Krutchkoff

BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech's 13 game winning streak was cheerfully increased to 15 straight as they won both games at the double header Saturday at the Tech park.

Tech won the first game 4-0 over Old Dominion University and the second, 5-1.

A large crowd was on hand for the twin bill, with the sunbathers and beer drinkers in the ball park's "sun deck" celebrating at one and the same time the coming of spring and the two-hitter of right-hander Mike Rhodes.

It may have been that the scene on the bank beyond the right field fence reminded the first baseman of familiar beach scenes from his home town of Virginia Beach, putting him at ease for the task at hand.

Rhodes pitched his two-hitter the first game "that was my best game ever" said the pitcher.

The real highlight of Saturday's game was Tech junior Dennis Duff. He hit a ball with one homer and three R.B.I.'s. That brought his batting average to .358 for the year.

Duff's first hit at bat was a triple. His pop fly into right field was caught by Montclair right-fielder Gary Wight.

The first score came in the second inning when Duff hit a solo home run. In the third inning both Danny Griel and Wayne Shelton came in.

This gave the Hokies a pretty good lead. But just to make sure he the sixth inning Shelton scored one more.

The only "close call" in the game was in the first quarter. ODU second baseman R. Wierman slipped through to third base.

Rhodes struck out the next two batters and Tech took over.

The second game started out quietly for the Tech fans. In the first four innings Tech did not get a hit.

This eventually wore off, and the first three batters in the fifth inning all got hits. By the end of the inning the Hokies led 2-0.

Tech got three more runs before the end of the game ending it at 5-1.

"Do you think they can keep up the winning streak?" That is the biggest question on Tech baseball fans minds.

"It all depends on luck," says pitcher Mike Rhodes," we have to get up for each game."

SHELTON IS SAFE—Catchar Wayne Shelton of the Hokies slides safely into third base while High Point's Gerald Culler awaits the throw.