It was a beautiful day for baseball, if a little on the warm side. A big crowd was installed behind home plate in the stands and a bigger, more sun-oriented crowd was seated on blankets on "right field hill" or the "Sun deck" or "Coppertone Alley."

With the large, enthusiastic crowd, a 29-game winning streak about to be stretched to 31 and two home runs by senior Rick Wade (equaling his total home run output for the season) plus some good pitching and fielding by the Hokies who compiled their best season ever, only one thing was lacking.

No one needed to be reminded. It was large and unexplained—the lack of a bid to the NCAA baseball playoffs. The question wasn't answered Sunday although the two wins won't go unnoticed by the NCAA selection committee that already has passed over Tech since.

An answer was expected Monday afternoon or night to whether the Hokies best-sever season would be rewarded by a bid.

Whatever happens, the season ended with a flourish with Tech battling dramatically to down a tough Howard squad twice and some unexpected local color. WUVT Day, presented by the student radio station which has carried the play by play of Tech home baseball games for the past two seasons, included the presentation of tee shirts and record albums throughout both games.

The big show of the day was "Hit the Hump," a contest in which lucky number holders in the crowd won the right to bat against Tech coach and former major league pitcher Bob Humphreys.

Among the hitters was Humphreys' former teammate Chuck Hinton, once of the old Washington Senators and now coach of Howard. Hinton, who was a .300 hitter, unceremoniously got hold of a Humphreys' "smoker" and slammed it over the left field fence.

It was Hokie hokum but the fans loved it and the presentation of the bathing suit winner didn't hurt anything either. The day had all the usual warm-weather earmarks of a day at the Tech ball park, including a shower of ice cubes on the unsuspecting on the sun deck.

The final clincher was Tech's strong resurgence to emphatically preserve what is believed to be the second longest winning streak of the year in college ball—31 games. The University of Texas had had 34 in a row, but 31 in a row still out to be impressive enough for a bid.

The omission of a bid—if that is what it turns out to be—takes nothing away from an excellent baseball season, but it would come on like a slap in the face for no known reason to a team that had just compiled the best won-lost record in the University's history.

Sunday baseball by the Hokies now had become a local tradition, as has winning. It appears to this observer of the home season of Tech baseball that the current team can do better in post season than last year's team, if it gets the chance.