Bill Brill's column in the 11-9-76 issue dealt with one of my favorite subjects—Virginia Tech. You state that Virginia Tech needs more in-state basketball games. Sir, I heartily disagree with that. Permit me to explain why I do so.

I will be the first to admit that Tech “breathers” such as Birmingham Southern, Charleston Baptist, Marietta and others mentioned do nothing to enhance the sched-

ule—except to possibly pad the win column and give some early season playing experience before the tougher teams come call-


ing; but playing in-state schools is not the answer.

I still assume that Tech's goal in athlet-

cis is to compete on a “big-time” level in the major sports. If this is true, Tech has nothing to gain by playing in-state schools on a year-in, year-out basis. A win over these schools achieves nothing in national circles. And a loss to one of them is devas-
tating—as I'm sure Tech can attest.

If it is Virginia Tech's goal to be No. 1 in the state of Virginia, then playing all the state schools might bring such a coveted

award. I frequently see reference made to the “Big Five”. Who are we kidding? As as-

sociation such as this is an association of losers.

Apparently Virginia Tech is not com-

pletely dissatisfied with such an associa-
tion. For, I do not think Tech will stop, since it continues to schedule ‘em all in football — plus some more “toughies” like Rhode Island coming up about 1980. The Rams don’t have to deserve better.

Virginia Tech should discontinue these associations also on a yearly basis, with the exception of its big in-state rival, the Uni-

versity of Virginia, which should be played yearly in all sports. Each of the other three schools could be played possibly every three years.

If Tech is satisfied with being No. 1 in Virginia, then sure, let’s play ‘em all one year; but I really believe Tech wants bigger and better things in athletics. Let’s continue the basketball policy, and revise future foot-

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