Let the Gobbler Gobble

There are still some who feel that the Gobbler is not a dignified creature to have as a mascot for the Virginia Tech athletic teams.

There are still some who feel the "gobble, gobble" that emits from the giant scoreboard at Lane Stadium after a Tech score is a bit bush.

But I'm not in either group. I guess it's all in the state of mind or the way you take such things.

There certainly isn't any move underway in Arkansas to abolish the "Sooie, Pigs" yells that greet the Razorback teams. Nor is there any such move in Texas to stop the crooked fingers and the cries of "Hook 'em Horns."

Besides, Tech just reaped a million bucks worth of television publicity when the giant Gobbler mascot wrapped her (it was a girl) wide wings around the TV announcers before the Tech NIT title win over Notre Dame.

And the wide coverage the Gobblers received during their two nationwide TV victories must have won thousands of new fans for the school.

People now know about the Gobblers. Keep the big bird and let it strut around the gridiron and basketball court. And let the big scoreboard erupt with that silly cackle after Tech scores.

Just keep on winning titles like the NIT and Tech could have the whole sports world turning into a bunch of turkeys.