Tech’s recruiting

Virginia Tech’s basketball recruiting has slowed down in the wake of some recent setbacks.

Calvin Crews, the 6-9 former all-stater at Halifax County, chose Southwestern of Louisiana.

"I don’t understand it," moaned Tech Coach Don DeVoe. "He had a chance to go to Tech, Maryland or some other places. And he chose a school that is just coming off probation."

Tech also lost 6-9 Dennis Tindle to Auburn. "He wanted to go to a place where there was a school of veterinary medicine," explained DeVoe.

Remember when former Tech President T. Marshall Hahn wanted a school for veterinary medicine, and was turned down?

Tech also failed to land 6-3 Sam Brooks, one of West Virginia’s best players. He picked Louisville instead of the Blue Ridge mountains.

"Louisville didn’t come in on him until late—and then signed him," DeVoe said.

Brooks explains the move, though. "They (Louisville) lost five guys off this year’s team. I think I’ll have a real good shot," he said.

One that didn’t get away is 6-9 Junius Lewis from just outside of Richmond. He chose West Virginia. The reason he didn’t get away was that Tech didn’t recruit him.

At one time Richmond was hot after Lewis. But Lewis lost out in the Spiders’ junior college recruiting program.