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SU Sheds Football Symbol

SANTA CLARA, CALIF. — The Stanford Indian is dead. He died a quiet death in the halls of the Student Senate, and few Indians mourned.

He was born in the same halls in 1930, when the Student Senate decided that the Indian would be an appropriate symbol for the Stanford University football team. The symbol has been in continuous use since that time.

There were some objections over the years, but they never reached the ears of the Stanford community. There was a very good reason for the Stanford community not hearing about it for so long; there were no Indians in or near the Stanford campus until two years ago.

Then the administration went on a crash program of Indian recruitment, and today there are 55 Indians on the Stanford campus.

But these are real Indians, not some pop-culture football symbols, and they immediately took objection to the use of the Indian symbol. All of the first year they were on campus they quietly talked to the administration from the President on down to the lowest in an effort to have the symbol changed. They were unsuccessful.

This year, after presenting a petition signed by all 55 Indians on the campus, and several letters of support from other Indian organizations, the University decided to drop the use of the symbol.

But this is only the first in a long line of athletic teams which exploit Indian people's very name, and desecrate it. The others are well-known — the Cleveland Indians, the Atlanta Braves, the Milwaukee Bucks, the Chicago Black Hawks.

Tony Vaska To Get SU Doctorate

FAIRBANKS — University of Alaska senior Anthony (Tony) Vaska will begin work on a doctorate at Stanford University this year under a Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship for American Indians.

Vaska, born in Upper Kalskag, will go to Stanford following his graduation in May. He is an English major at the University of Alaska.

His doctoral work will be in anthropology, with concentration on the people of the Arctic.

Under the fellowship, Vaska will receive tuition, books, fees and a stipend for up to five years.

He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1966 and went on to the University of Alaska. In the summers of 1968 and 1969, he taught an Upward Bound course in communications skills at the University of Montana where he met his future wife, Connie, also an Upward Bound teacher.

At the University of Alaska, Mrs. Vaska helped set up a tutoring program in Student Orientation Services. At Stanford she will be working on a master's degree under a tuition fellowship from that institution.

Vaska's father, William, continues to reside in Upper Kalskag.

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