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For more than 20 years, the “Raider Head” served proudly as SPFHS’s beloved mascot. Last year, we traded faces for a new mascot. The Society of Indian Psychologists of American Mascots stated that Native American mascots created an “unwelcome academic environment” for Native American students. Spiffy High was quick to respond, and a contest was instituted whereby students created and submitted suggestions for a new mascot. The top five submissions were chosen, and a school wide vote was held. The final choice for a new mascot, however, stirred some controversy. The selected Gladiator mascot was both loved and hated! Did this change alter our school spirit? Not a chance. By Staff Member

**WE GOT SPIRIT!**

A fanatic football team supporter, senior Jackie Costa is disappointed about the loss of the Raider head. “You can’t take a tradition away from us, the



Raider head is who we are as a whole,” said Costa. She hoped that the mascot change would never become fully realized.

“Most of the students disagree with changing the mascot. Luckily our school spirit hasn’t been hindered because of it. We still cheer loud and proud,” finished Costa.



**PASSING OF A LEGEND**

Even the class of 2008 isn’t pleased with the change of the mascot. Many freshmen were accustomed to the old mascot because of older siblings and now must adapt to being the first class to have the new mascot for all four years. “It’s stupid and they shouldn’t have changed it, it doesn’t represent our school,” stated freshman Jason Boff.

**KEEP IT SIMPLE**

Senior Kaitlyn Meredith is not impressed by our school’s new mascot. Meredith believed that the new mascot had too much going on and was too complicated. “The new one is too violent,” quoted Meredith.

