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Posted by TimO - 2008/03/26 08:16

<http://sports.espn.go.com/travel/news/story?id=3224604>

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Posted by kiwibacon - 2008/03/26 08:56

poor high school mascots...

Isn't it like the Delta "Rabbits" or something?

Aren't their some "Farmers" somewhere in the state of Utah?

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...and well I don't care what the mascot is...if you are from North Sanpete...that is just wrong:silly: .

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I'll add some in from California, where I served my mission: The Honkers, and the Fighting Zebras. I would rather be a beet digger.

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Posted by texacalicoigar - 2008/03/26 17:52

The Acorns from Live Oak High School (CA). As if their name ain't bad enough, they used to kick our butts (and everyone else in the district). I guess it's that "Boy Named Sue" syndrome where you gotta be tough because of your name.

On the cool side, I like the SF Dons. Did my student teaching/coaching internship there.

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Re:some of the worse mascots ever

Posted by Hooks14 - 2008/03/26 20:53

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As far as colleges go, I think SUU's Thunderbird is pretty cool. Second only to Cosmo, IMO.

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Re:some of the worse mascots ever

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/03/26 21:40

I thought my school's mascot was pretty cool. The red raiders. Funny thing is we got that name because way back in the olden days, they didn't have any uni's so one of the "rich" private schools (Iolani Red Raiders) donated their old uniforms. Funny thing is Kahuku actually means "guardian of the red earth (dirt)". There is a lot of red dirt in kahuku which is good for planting pineapple and sugar cane.

The worst has to go to U of Hawaii. Years ago they were the Hawaii Rainbows. That wasn't tough enough so they became the Rainbow Warriors. Later when the symbol of the rainbow was hijacked they sort of unofficially became just the Warriors. I have not heard if they ever did officially change from the rainbow to the warrior. Farrington Governors I think are a close second. What kind of awe can you inspire as a governer? I'm also wondering about Punahou. What in the world is a "buff'n blue"?

An ironic thing is that there are no schools on Oahu that have the shark or a ray or marlin or anything like that as a nickname/mascot. I found one school that was founded in 1997 that go by the sharks. I did see some spartans, trojans, bears, cowboys (instead of paniolo), dragons, chargers, roughriders, knights, falcons, and cougars. Go figure who choose all those for nicknames. I would have thought there would be more sea creatures but aside from the sharks (estb.1997) there are no others that I can find. There are a few seasiders and surfriders but no surfers or sailors. How long have drugs been around? I guess alcohol has been around nearly forever so that could explain it. :)

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I do. That's the thing that happens between night time and day time. Don't assume everyone sleeps in. ;)

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I remember playing against the Cheesemakers when I was in high school. They didn't become part of our league until after I graduated but we still competed against them in basketball sometimes and every year in wrestling.

I always thought Boring Oregon ought to have their own high school and nickname. Imagine the mascot for a school named Boring High! Possible nicknames - the snoozers, the yawns...

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Posted by Conosticator - 2008/03/26 23:49

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Posted by RogDog118 - 2008/03/27 05:30

I always liked the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs.... Classy.

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Posted by Gymcoug318 - 2008/03/27 06:00

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Would you expect anything less from the puker?!:laugh: So why is a Hawk their mascot because the tribe would have a hawk for a pet or something?! I think the beat diggers and the dons are just terrible! There's a couple of more that I need to think of.....The one that doesn't make any sense too me is the Colorado rockies mascot is a dinosaur? I'm just very confused by that! I can't think of any others at this time? The banana slugs are hilarious! I ain't gonna lie!

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Posted by snoscythe - 2008/03/27 08:17

I went to two high schools and experienced both ends of the spectrum. In Texas we were the Marauders, which I thought was an awesome mascot, especially given our crosstown rivals were the Fighting Farmers.

In Ohio, we were the Battling Beavers. You can imagine all the fun, extremely mature chants that we experienced at the hands of opposing student bodies in the land where Bob and Tom reign supreme.

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Posted by cszjr - 2008/03/27 09:59

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We have the Shelly Russets, imagine a potato as your mascot.

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Re:some of the worse mascots ever

Posted by BYUtx - 2008/03/27 10:09

http://msnbcmedia.msn.com/i/msnbc/Components/Art/HEALTH/041214/VLrg_CouchPotato.jpg

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Posted by treck - 2008/03/27 10:14

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Posted by TwiceCoug - 2008/03/27 10:36

The Delta Rabbit is not really that bad it is the same Rabbit that is on Monty Python's Holy Grail...it has huge fangs. It will also nibble your bum.

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BYUtx - Karma to you my friend. Love the photo. I'll be chuckling all day long.

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Posted by Beaveroug - 2008/03/27 12:56

What about the University of Utah "fighting sackless"

Honestly the worst is UC Santa Cruz "Banana Slugs"

While were knocking original names why don't we knock a few overly used cliché names. Wow!!! the tigers, the hawks, the wolves, the bears -- these took a lot of thinking. Sounds like were getting merit badges.

GO BEETDIGGERS -- CLASS OF 97 BABY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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<http://www.cougarblue.com/images/fbfiles/images/caveman2.jpg>

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Posted by ColoradoBlueZone - 2008/03/27 16:46

I will have to echo the Shelly Russets. I went to BYU-Idaho and know some Russets in my ward. Cool guys but the mascot/name is Gay , gay, gay!!

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Posted by jbar1221 - 2008/03/27 17:18

Let me add two from southern california

The LACES Unicorns! Yea thats right a high school in LA has a Unicorn for a mascot.

The Whittier College Poets! The Poets are by far my favorite. The funny thing is I have a good buddy who attended both of these schools.

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As a proud Beetdigger, class of 91, I gotta agree. Come on people, at least it's original, besides it has history, back in the day, the original Jordan High was located by a large beat farm, the kids were even allowed out of class to go dig beets. I heard there was a school in Idaho called the Beetdiggers too.

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Yeah, only "Poor" became a real misnomer after they became wealthier than the Catholic Church. They developed one of the first international banking systems--pilgrims could make a deposit with their home country before they left and pull out the funds again in Jerusalem. The security fee sure beat being robbed by highwaymen. Only the Templars became so rich the pope got jealous and, needing to pay a few debts of his own, ordered the roundup, execution, and perfidy of the Templars on a certain Friday, the 13th day of the month--hence the current Friday the 13th superstition.

OK, back to football. or mascots. or whatever.

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<http://www.screenhead.com/~screenhe/wp-content/uploads/2007/01/don-quixote.jpg>

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Posted by Cougfan84 - 2008/03/27 21:07

Im a grad of Juab high...and you have to throw in our mascot...we were the "mighty wasps" Not dissin' my alma mater but a wasp has to be one of the most pathetic mascots... Don't mess with us or we'll sting ya. Maybe its just me but wasps have to be one of the more obnoxious creatures ever created haha

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My brother inlaw has been the assistant track coach (sprinters) at Kalama for several years now. His name is still in the record book at BYU (37 years now) -- for the 4x400 relay.

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The Aniak Halfbreeds.

As in: half Native Alaskan (Eskimo), half White Man.
No joke. I've gotta give them props, though, they stand by it proudly...

<http://dwb.adn.com/news/alaska/story/6940295p-6839422c.html>

I actually think it's pretty impressive. I mean, considering my upbringing (and sorry guys, I'm a full-on whiteboy), I'm intrigued by the arguments about American Native Mascots, and I really have to laugh about who does and doesn't get offended. Whether or not the actual tribes are offended or supportive, in my opinion, there's a big difference between the Cleveland Indians, for example, whose mascot is a cheesy, toothy, red-faced cartoon indian, understandably offensive to many, I wholeheartedly agree... and Alaska's Bethel HS Warriors (kicked our butts at Basketball every year, by the way) or Hoonah Braves, for example, considering at least half of their teams are comprised of Native Alaskans, whose great-grandfathers WERE "Eskimo" Warriors. If it's an issue of rights or honor, those young men and women deserve and embrace the right and honor. And power to them.

Props to the mighty Halfbreeds for embracing their culture and heritage.

Quoted from the above article:

When people from outside Alaska criticize the name, Wayne Morgan said, residents become more protective.

"We don't want no outside organization coming in and saying, 'That's a bad name,' " he said.

"We're one of a kind. No one else probably in the nation or the world has a name like that. We feel pretty special. There's many Eagles and Panthers and Cougars and Fighting Irish. We're Halfbreeds."

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Re:some of the worse mascots ever

Posted by Beaveroug - 2008/04/03 17:03

Anyone interested check out this website with the top ten worst college mascots.
<http://www.classesandcareers.com/education/2007/06/05/the-10-strangest-college-mascots/>

My personal favorite -- The Fighting Pickles (no joke)

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