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The Native American House recognizes the significance of the Board of Trustees' action in announcing that "Chief Illiniwek" will no longer perform at athletic events. Now it is time to heal and take responsibility for the history of "chief illiniwek" on our campus. To that end, we expect that the University will act constructively in response to the Oglala Sioux requests and return the regalia to its rightful place. We want to honor and thank all of those who have worked so hard and long on this issue. And while this is a moment of reflection, we know that retiring the performance of the mascot does not solve campus climate issues, and we will continue to work with the campus and the community to address misinformation and miseducation about indigenous peoples, histories, and cultures.