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The **GraphicxBox** Package
GraphicxSP, Transparency, Tiling

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Introduction

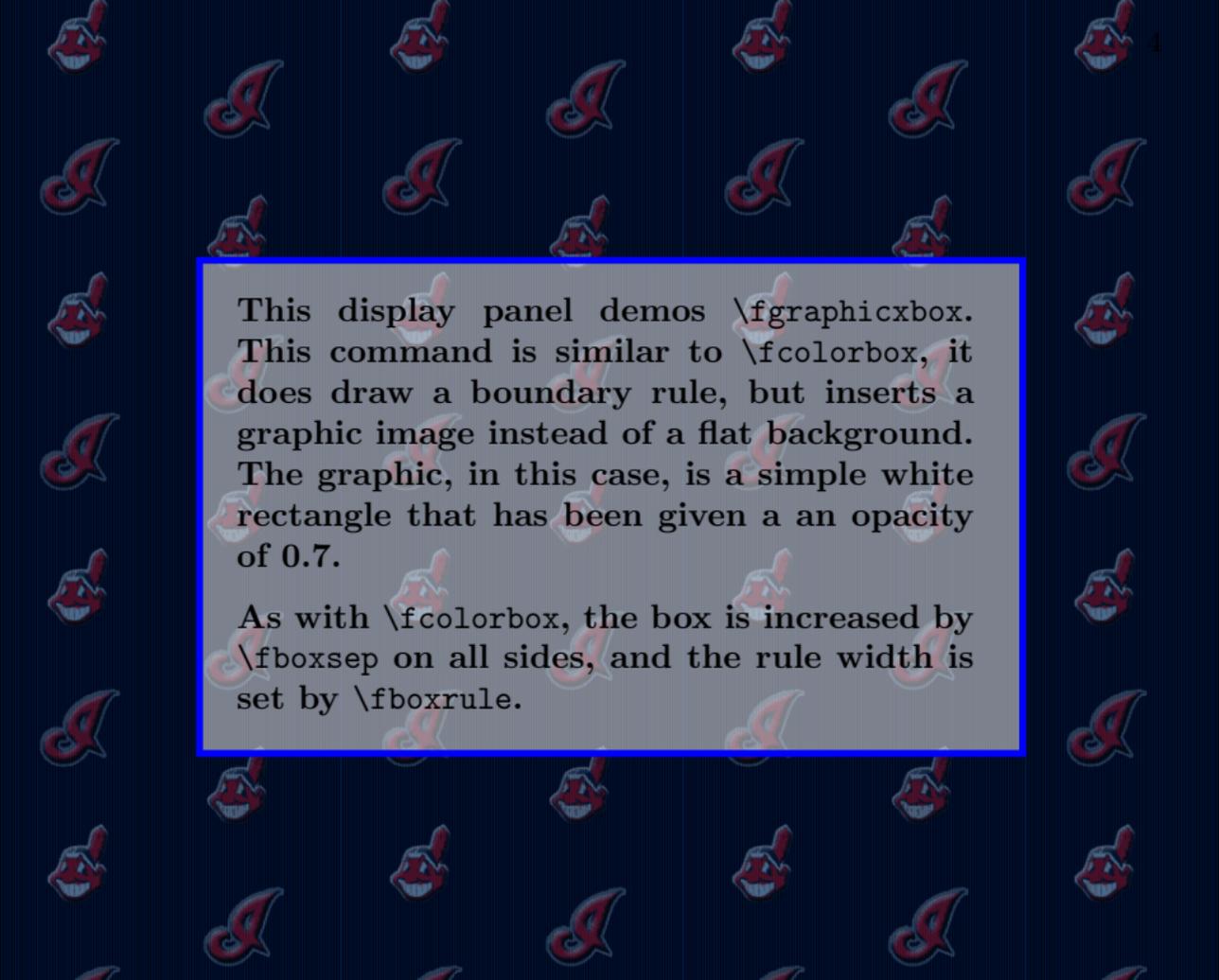
This is the original application that I had envisioned for the `GraphicxBox` package; using a graphical background behind a `\parbox` with an interesting dark (and tiled) background for the page. I wished to write on top of the graphical background, yet have a degree of transparency for seeing through to the background.

We'll begin the tiling on the next page so you can see what I mean, shall we.

This document introduces a new command, `\graphicxbox`. This command is quite similar to `\colorbox`, except `\graphicxbox` places a graphic in the background instead of a color. The graphic, in this case, is a simple white rectangle that has been given an opacity of 0.7.

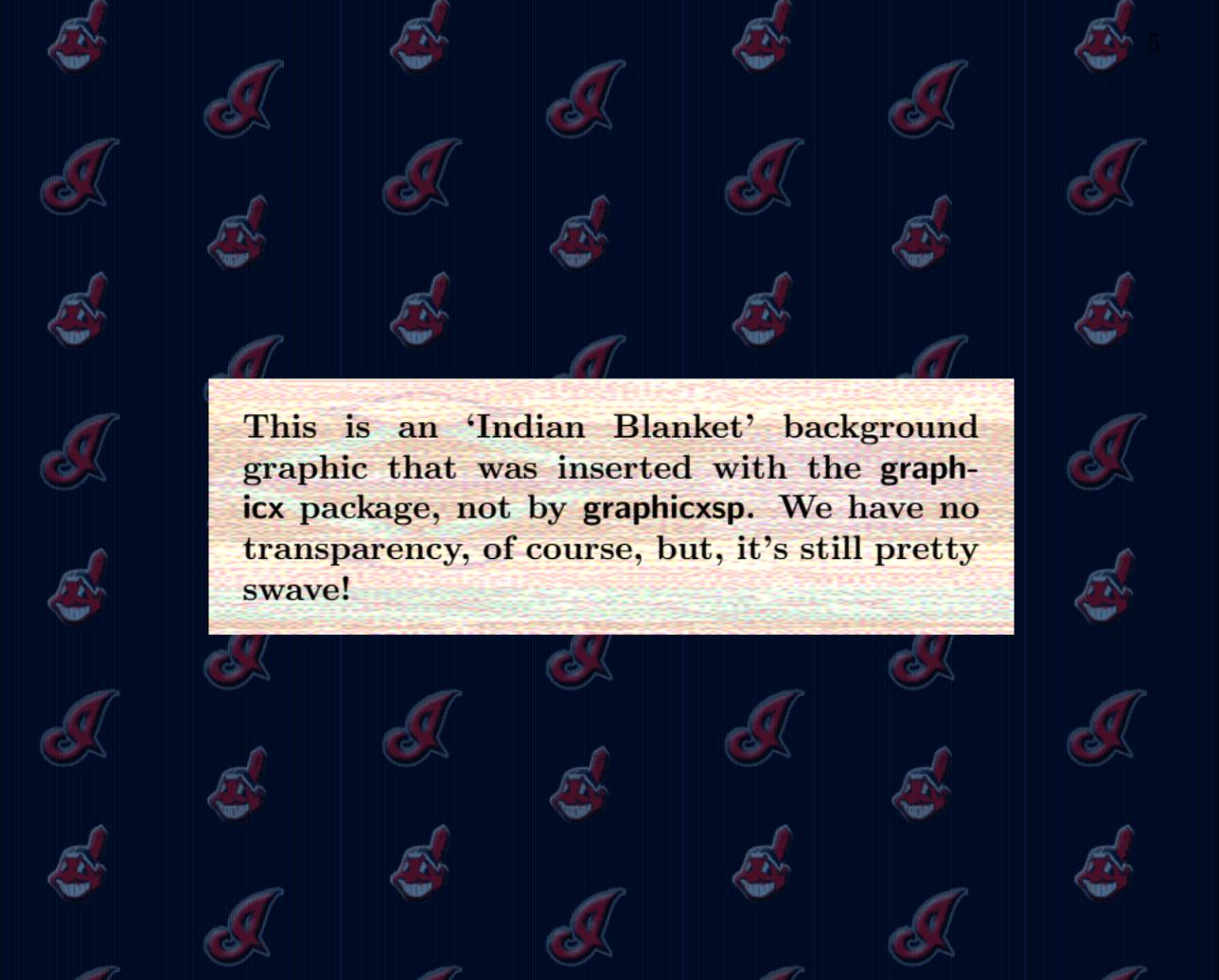
As with `\colorbox`, the box is increased by `\fboxsep` on all sides.

We use the `graphicxsp` package to get the transparency, and the `aeb_tilebg` package to tile the background.

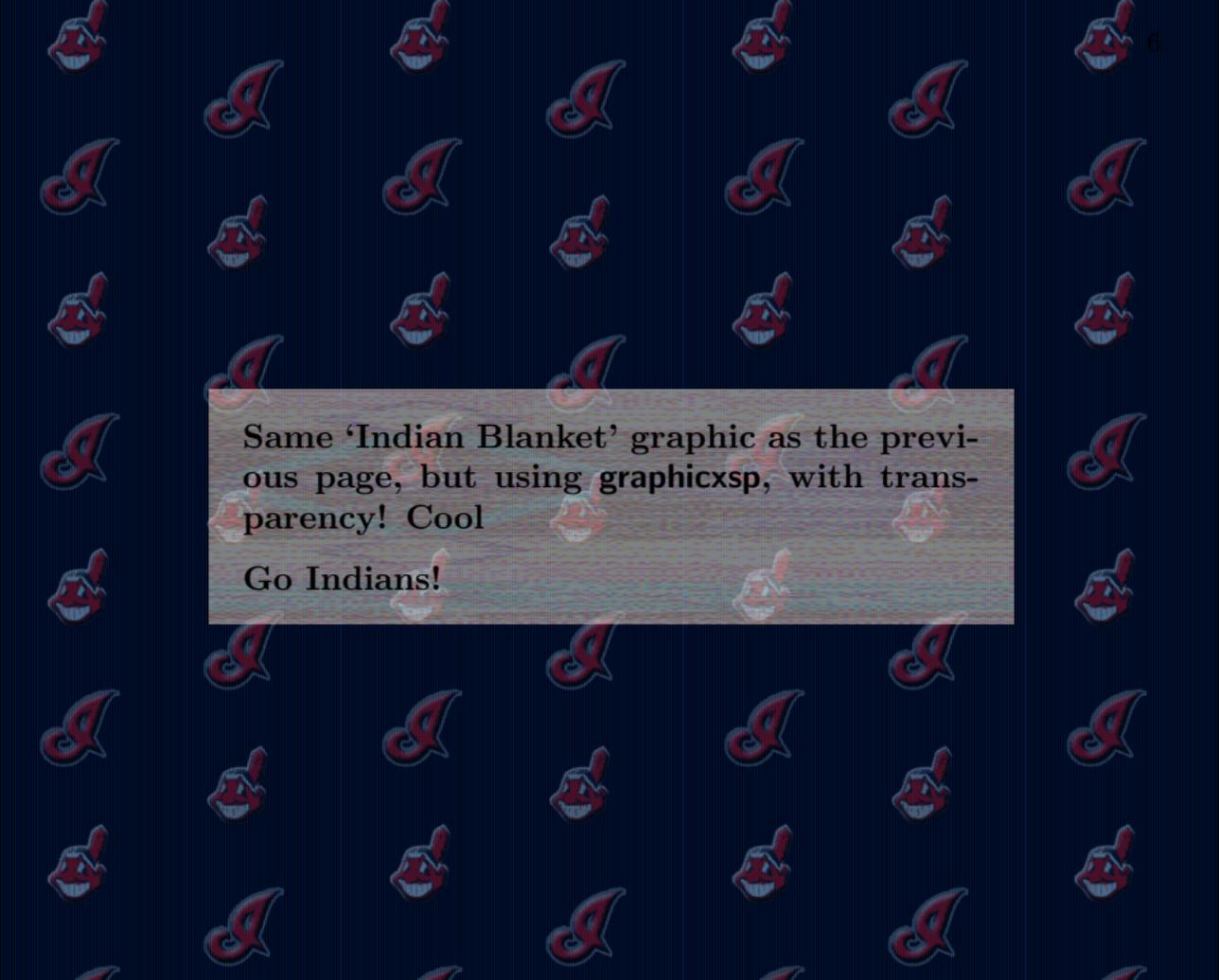


This display panel demos `\fgraphicxbox`. This command is similar to `\fcolorbox`, it does draw a boundary rule, but inserts a graphic image instead of a flat background. The graphic, in this case, is a simple white rectangle that has been given an opacity of 0.7.

As with `\fcolorbox`, the box is increased by `\fboxsep` on all sides, and the rule width is set by `\fboxrule`.

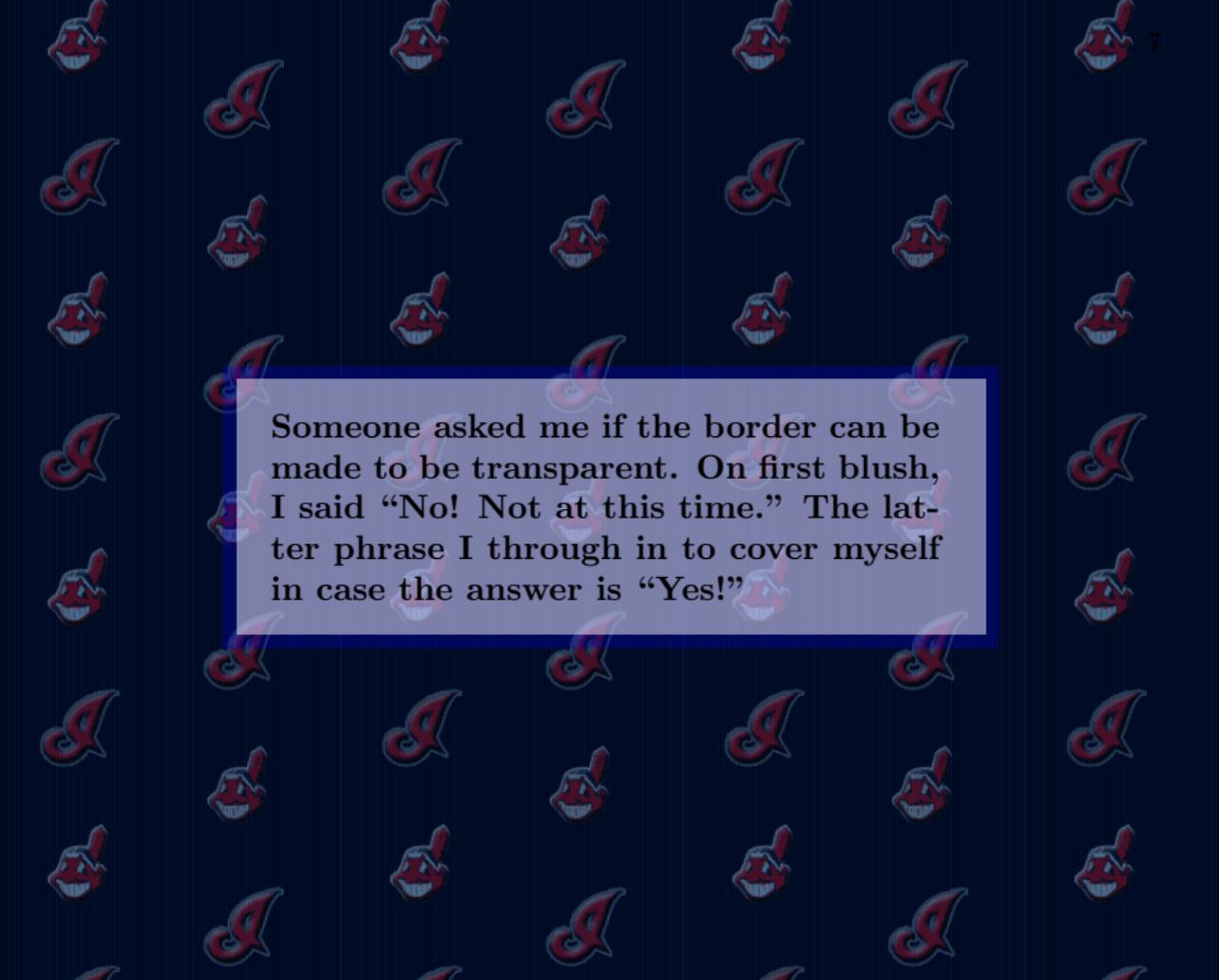
The background of the slide is a repeating pattern of two red icons: a cartoon character with a pointed hat and a smiling face, and a stylized red letter 'A'. These icons are arranged in a grid-like pattern on a dark blue background. A central text box is overlaid on this pattern.

This is an ‘Indian Blanket’ background graphic that was inserted with the graphicx package, not by `graphicxsp`. We have no transparency, of course, but, it’s still pretty swave!



Same 'Indian Blanket' graphic as the previous page, but using `graphicxsp`, with transparency! Cool

Go Indians!



Someone asked me if the border can be made to be transparent. On first blush, I said “No! Not at this time.” The latter phrase I through in to cover myself in case the answer is “Yes!”