

# Ny-Mu-Mah Campers Say Good-Bye



**LAST STRUM** - Most likely thinking about how much fun he had at camp, Derek White, a Pima from Bapchule, Arizona, strummed his twelve-string guitar on the last day of Camp Ny-Mu-Mah.

It was difficult for the approximately 60 campers to say good-bye as Camp Ny-Mu-Mah came to a close August 2.

Campers spent a tranquil last day at camp because they all knew that early the next morning they were all to go home and maybe never see each other again.

Campers exchanged addresses and talked quietly about the camp and how much fun they all had. Some were trying to finish up their arts and crafts projects. And some took one last dip in the chilly waters of the Warm Springs River.

"Seems like the camp started just yesterday," was the tune of many campers about the 10-day camp which attracted Indian youths from all parts of the country.

While at camp, youths were kept busy with various activities scheduled throughout the day. Among them were Indian arts and crafts, horseback riding, hiking, different sports, and numerous field trips.

There were tournaments where rival tepees challenged each other to mushball (a variation of baseball), volleyball, and football.

Even the summer work program's tree thinning crew got involved and dropped by the camp to challenge the campers to a game. (No doubt while on their lunch break).

Awards were given out to campers in different categories. Best Girl Camper award went to Ann Lucas. Best Boy Camper went to Melvin Norris. The Quietest Camper went to Patrick Smith and the Loudest went to Chuck Marin. Terry Medina was unanimously chosen as the Laziest Counselor.

On Sunday, a few local people went up to the He-He Longhouse where Washat services were conducted. This was a first and a real treat for many of the youths who said it was interesting and different.

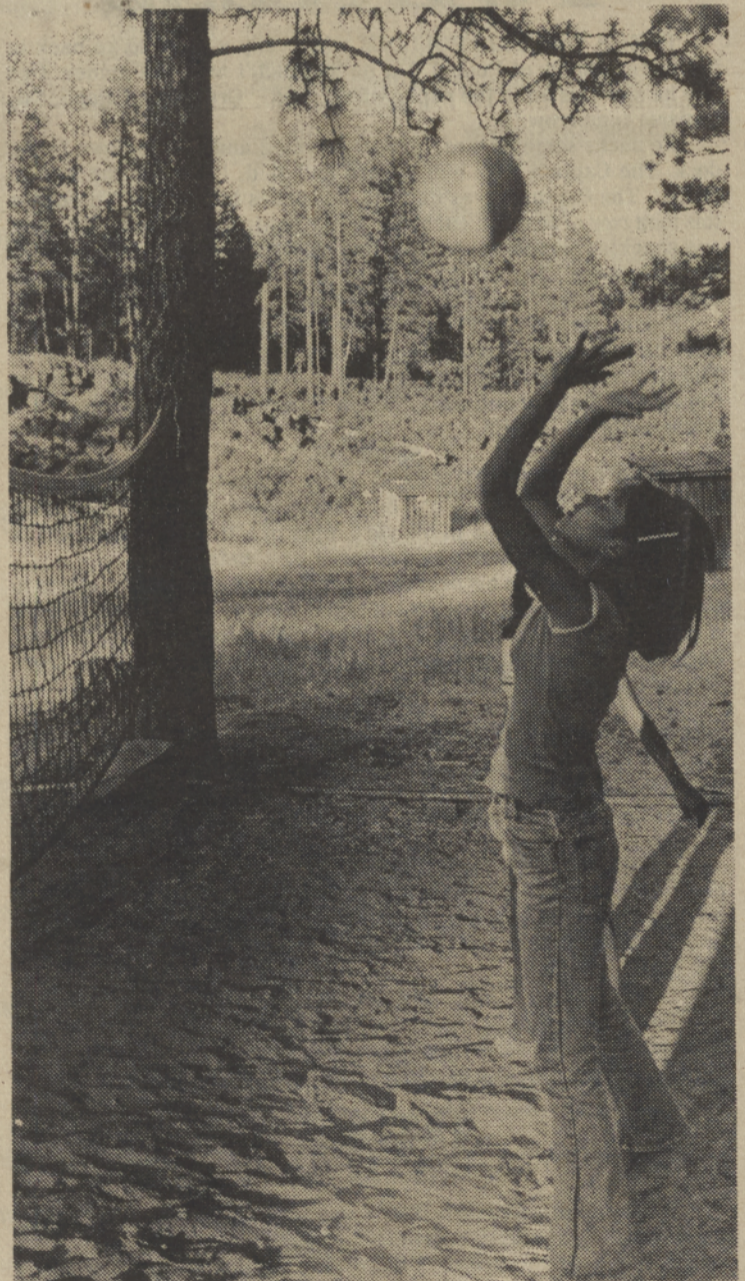
The organizers of Camp Ny-Mu-Mah, just completing its third year, are trying to start a camp similar to Ny-Mu-Mah in New Mexico. It was hoped that it would have been this year but because of a lack of funds, a new goal of next year has been set.

Funding for the camp is from the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial, the National Football League charities, Save the Children Foundation, and the American Indian Lawyers Training Program.

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**LAST DIP** - Papago Indian Arlinda Acosta, 7, of Sells, Arizona and counselor Lori Newbreast, Blackfoot, (right) kept each other company in the Warm Springs River at HeHe on their last day at Camp Ny-Mu-Mah.



**LAST GAME** - (above) Candy Jones, 16, a Pima from Bapchule, Arizona, enjoyed a game of volleyball at HeHe, one reason why it was hard to leave.



**LAST BEADS** - (left) Tony Mitchell (right) looked on as Marilyn Felix, 14, a Papago from Sells, Arizona finished up her beadwork in preparation for going home.