

# Pam returns with many memories—of journey



Pam Keo received a welcome home gift from her aunt Kate Jackson. At right is Pam's grandmother Isabelle Keo. Pam has been an AFS student in New Zealand for the past year.

By Donna Behrend

After spending one year in New Zealand as an AFS student, Pam Keo was welcomed home by many friends and relatives at a dinner, at the Simnasho Longhouse Sunday, January 17.

Pam is excited to be home with her family again but, she says, it feels "different. I was excited about going to New Zealand, because I knew I'd be coming home again. I was sad about leaving there, but I hope to get back someday."

Pam spent six months with one family in Hastings, New Zealand until personality differences arose. Pam has many fond memories of the second family she lived with, the Mills'. The young traveler fit very well into the family of

four children. The oldest daughter, Bronwyn, was an AFS student in Dufur last year. The two shared many experiences and Pam even remembers meeting Bronwyn "briefly at a volley ball game" while she was living in Dufur.

When Pam began school there, she received Cs and Ds. "I was unfamiliar with the system and the problems with my first family didn't help any. I had never received a C in my life before that." Once she became accustomed to the system, her grades once again returned to the accustomed As and Bs. She was required to take an economics class to fulfill the State requirements for graduation, and once completed, her diploma was mailed to her parents.

There was a bit of a social problem in the beginning, too. "They thought I was just another Maori (a native of New Zealand) coming to school. But after talking to me, they accepted me."

Academically, Pam found her Hastings' school more challenging. "The standard of education is much higher in New Zealand than the United States. Kids are expected to study concentrated subjects and to go into depth on the subject." Students there can leave school at age 15, but many choose to continue in

school until they are 17.

Her Christmas in New Zealand was a bit different than before. "We had no snow since it's summer there in December. I noticed the difference, but my host family didn't know the difference."

Pam said the strangest thing to her were the business operations in New Zealand. "Stores stayed open late on Friday evenings in Hastings, but all the stores were closed on the weekends, a common practice all over New Zealand."

Pam's plans for the future are ambitious ones. She plans to work as a secretary until fall and then attend a university on the East coast when school resumes.

Pam's family was enthusiastic about her return. Many stayed up all night to prepare for the dinner and bake pies and assorted other items for the Sunday feast. Her parents, Levi and Crystal, her sister ReNeva, and three brothers Spencer, Tommy and Terry are all glad she has returned. "My folks are really excited that I'm home, but the boys haven't expressed any feeling one way or the other. They only think I talk funny." She said with a smile.

Not only was the experience an excellent learning one for Pam, but it also helped her mature into a young woman who will no doubt go far with her dreams of the future.

## Powwow plans announced

Friday night

The Simnasho Lincoln's Birthday Powwow is scheduled for February 13 and 14 at the longhouse. Dancing begins Friday at 8:00 p.m. with the Girl's War Dance followed by the Boy's War Dance. These dances are for ages six and under with a \$3.00 award for each dancer. The Girl's War Dance and the Boy's War Dance for ages 7 to 12 is next with first, second, third and fourth place prizes being \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5. A blanket Dance is next. The following dance, the Girl's and Boy's War Dances for ages 13 to 16 offer

cash prizes of \$40, \$30, \$20 and \$10.

Saturday afternoon

Dancing begins at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon with the Girl's Circle Dance followed by the Boy's Straight Dance for ages 12 and under. Prizes run \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5 for first through fourth place winners.

After the Blanket Dance ages 13 to 18 can compete for cash prizes \$40, \$30, \$20, and \$10 in the Girl's Circle Dance and the Boy's Straight Dance. The final dances for the afternoon sessions are the Women's Circle Dance and the Men's Straight Dance for ages 60 and up.

Saturday evening

Saturday night's dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with the Women's Fancy War Dance and the Men's Fancy War Dance for ages 19 and up. Cash prize for first place is \$100, second place is \$75, third place and fourth place \$25. A blanket Dance follows this contest.

The Women's Circle Dance and Men's Straight Dance for ages 19 and up offer prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25. A Memorial Dance for Hartman Queahpama will conclude the evening's scheduled dancing.

Sunday

Washat services will be held at the Simnasho longhouse.

## Physically fit awarded

A luncheon was held on January 30 honoring those individuals who participated in the physical fitness challenge sponsored by the Community Center during the month of November. T-shirts were awarded to all participants. Assistant director of the Community Center, Eva Montee stated, "These T-shirts cannot be bought, they have to be earned."

The Warm Springs personnel department not only walked away with T-shirts they also took a trophy for spending more time in physical fitness efforts than any other department. The trophy will be up for grabs during the next challenge.

Following is a list of the

number of minutes each department spent in physical fitness activities. Personnel came in first with 3,095 minutes; Community Center-2858; Third place went to the Forestry department who had the greatest number of participants from any one department-1435; Fourth placed went to the Assembly Plant with Everett Miller being the only participant-952; Day Care-910; Data Processing-830; Accounting-645; Utilities-625; Spilyay Tymoo-610; Alcohol Program-540; Realty-415; Construction-280; Headstart-170; Fire and Safety-150; Natural Resources-135; Vital Statistics-90; Planning-60; Warm Springs Grade School-60; Police Department-55.



At a recent visit to Warm Springs newly elected U.S. representative Denny Smith from Oregon made mention that anyone attending the inauguration in Washington D.C. on January 20 was welcome to visit him while there. Seven tribal members reciprocated by paying him that visit.

Tribal Council member, Mike Clements said the meeting was arranged by J. Edwards Associates, a lobbying firm. They met with Smith for an hour and discussed such things as water issues, fisheries, the northwest power bill that was passed in the last congressional session and several things that dealt with land acquisitions and the impact of that on treaties and Indian concerns.

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