

Reagan sets school goals

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WASHINGTON—President Reagan, ending a cross-country education crusade, has set a goal for the United States: raise academic standards enough to reverse the decline in college board scores within 10 years.

Reagan returned to the White House Tuesday evening after a one-week absence during which he delivered four speeches on the hot political issue of education reform, breaking up the speeches with a long weekend Fourth of July holiday at his California ranch.

En route home, deputy press secretary Larry Speakes said Reagan had no further education speeches scheduled for

July.

In an address to the American Federation of Teachers in Los Angeles Tuesday, Reagan said, "Let us resolve today: The United States will not only reverse its decline in college board scores, we will raise verbal and math scores at least 50 points and do it within the next decade."

Reagan has been pounding on the "Back to Basics in Education" theme, emphasizing greater discipline for students and merit pay for teachers. But since he seized the issue and has barnstormed the country to promote it, the president has yet to offer any specific program.

"I'm not here today as a salesman trying to peddle a pre-packaged, all-purpose, off-the-racks education program," he told the teachers' union. "I am fully aware that there are some areas where we disagree—matters like tuition tax credits and vouchers."

But he added, "I defy anyone to name a higher common goal of domestic policy than working for a renaissance in American education."

Reagan received a cool reception and more than 100 teacher-delegates walked out. But the audience was polite, having been chided by AFT President Albert Shanker that they should be on their best behavior and

give Reagan a fair hearing.

After the speech, Shanker said, "Reagan did a good job outlining the areas of disagreement between the AFT and the White House, but the areas of disagreement still remain and aren't mild disagreements in our view."

The president's calendar was clear of public appointments Wednesday, but he had on tap a series of meetings with his staff. He was expected to be briefed on developments surrounding the investigation of how documents from the Carter White House wound up in the hands of his campaign aides during the 1980 race.

Log cabin to be built in two days

by Kelley Smith

Battalion Staff
The walls of the first pre-assembled home in the Bryan/College Station area—a log home—are scheduled to go up Thursday and be completely in place by Friday, said Page Higgins from Yesteryear Log Homes, Inc.

Ed and Page Higgins, both Class of '63, have bought a division of the company, stationed in North Carolina, to Brazos and nine other counties.

"We're trying to get more affordable high quality housing in the area," Mrs. Higgins said. The shell homes which can be purchased either with pre-assembled walls or in separate logs come in a kit and can either be built by the customer or the purchaser.

Mrs. Higgins said that because the customer can do much of the work himself, it saves a lot of money.

The construction is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. A crane will be

used to lift the walls into place. The walls must be interlocked at the corners where the logs extend out. The interlocking tightens the house.

The inside walls are paneled. The process usually takes from one to two days depending on the size of the house.

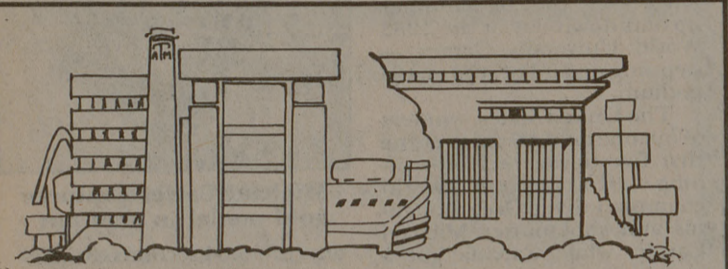
Mrs. Higgins said that the walls are made of eight inch logs. Because of the size of the walls, they are good insulation and have little danger of catching fire.

"The logs are too big," she said. "They would have to be drenched in gasoline like the bonfire."

Mrs. Higgins said that she would like people to become acquainted with the idea of log homes.

"I'd like them to get used to the fact that these are not log cabins, they're log homes," she said.

The house will be used as a model home. It will be located on five acres of land one and a half miles from the Welborn Saddle Club.



Around town

Baha'i Club to hold service

The Texas A&M Baha'i Club and the Baha'i communities of College Station and Bryan will hold a memorial service for the recently executed Baha'is in Iran. The commemoration will be held in conjunction with the observance of the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Bab, a Baha'i Holy Day. The service will begin Saturday at 11:45 a.m. in 145 Memorial Student Center. The public is invited to attend.

Miss Texas A&M competes for title

Theresa Jones, a junior business analysis major from Hearne, will represent Texas A&M in the Miss Texas Pageant Saturday in Fort Worth. Jones won the Miss Texas A&M pageant in her second attempt at the title. Jones finished second runnerup her first year in the pageant.

Groups to clean Hensel Park creek

Students Working Against Many Problems (SWAMP) and the MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee will be working to clean up the creek at Hensel Park, Saturday at 9:30 a.m. With the cleanup project the groups want to show their concern for the park and the environment.

Dean elected chairman of Council

Dr. Robert H. Page, dean of the College of Engineering, has been elected chairman of the National Engineering Deans Council for 1983-84. Page served as director of the dean's council from 1981-83 and on numerous other national committees of the American Society for Engineering Education.

The council is composed of deans of the 286 engineering colleges in the United States. As chairman, Page will oversee an executive committee and serve as the spokesman for the deans on national issues.

Grad student named editor

Joseph Chmielewski, a Special Graduate Student in Educational Psychology at Texas A&M and a Bryan counselor, has been appointed newsletter editor for the American Personnel and Guidance Association's Holistic Counseling Interest Group.

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