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From Left Field By Josh Shepherd

In my third year at boarding school, a small place in Lynchburg Virginia with a student body of about 200, my senior history professor opened his lecture with this comment: "If you act like a fool, then you will be a fool."

Of all that I learned during my three year term in Virginia, that simple message on attitude stuck in my mind and I have tried, somewhat unsuccessfully, to follow its example.

In the last two years there have been two councils organized in Carlisle concerned with economic revitalization. Though both are still at some level of an organizational stage, the Mainstreet Program and the Tourism Division of the Chamber of Commerce, have begun to make some strides toward improving the quality of life here. But in their meetings, though every member believes Carlisle has something to offer people outside of this community, they continuously run into stigmas that keep them from making significant progress toward their goals.

One problem is the belief that Carlisle is primarily a retirement community and therefore has nothing to offer anyone outside of the general community.

I simply do not believe this supposition is true. There is no rational reason why this town should not have a booming economy or a strong consumer base. Certainly the by-pass of the traffic islands three miles outside of town contributes a great deal to our sagging business potential but with a strong general campaign for the town of Carlisle itself and a commitment on the part of our people to sell this town we just might bring in a tourist trade.

We have the organizations to work with but it takes more than the efforts of the few to accomplish the goals these councils have set.

It takes unified cooperation and an overpowering desire of all townspeople to get the ball rolling.

Two things I have observed in people's concern for economic progress in Carlisle. They want the attention, but no one wants this town to change much. Well, honestly I don't want much to change either. I enjoy looking out my apartment window and seeing downtown. Architects just don't construct buildings as much attention to detail as before.

There are plenty of shopping centers, Wal-Mart, and fast food strips in Cynthiana, Paris, and Mt. Sterling to serve that kind of need and even if we had the opportunity for that kind of business development, I don't believe it would be the right direction for Carlisle to take.

We must sell our greatest economic strength we have right now, the fact that this community, in fact, this entire county, have buildings and areas reserved since the turn of the century or earlier.

That is an attribute few towns can boast. But it can also be our undoing if we fail to take steps to maintain it.

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Two day veto session all that remains

By Adrian Arnold State Representative

FRANKFORT - All that remains of the 1990 session of the Kentucky General Assembly is the two day veto session dedicated solely to deciding the procedure of overriding any bills the Governor may veto.

During the 58 days we met in Frankfort the Senate passed 99 bills, 14 concurrent resolutions and four joint resolutions.

Four constitutional amendments will be on the ballot in November for voter consideration. If Kentuckians agree, House Bill 113 will allow the General Assembly to call itself into session without gubernatorial approval.

The amendment would permit two-thirds of the legislature to petition leadership of both houses for a special session to consider specified issues.

House Bill 16 gives members of the General Assembly authority to reject or approve administrative regulations between sessions of the legislature.

One of two amendments chosen by the Senate to be placed before voters provides for a tax exemption for all real property and all tangible and intangible property of religious organizations within the Commonwealth.

The final amendment to be offered for public approval is Senate Bill 209, which sets up specific operation guidelines for city governments within Kentucky.

It protects home rule for municipalities. It maintains the General Assembly's authority to provide state elections and regulate local debt capacities and sets the maximum ad valorem tax rates for local governments.

While the Education Reform Act and its funding mechanism has been touted as the most important piece of legislation passed by the General Assembly this century, we did manage to address a number of other issues as well.

Human of Louisville was granted its request to be exempted from the Certificate of Need and Licensure Board's review process otherwise required by Kentucky hospitals to expand facilities and services.

Several environmental issues were placed before the environment are in place.

House Bill 31 prohibits the issuance of permits for increasing solid waste until regulations to safeguard the environment are in place.

Lawn care providers will be required to give 24 hours notice before applying chemicals to consumers' lawns and to post notices advising the public of the nature of any chemicals used.

House Bill 32 requires \$1.00 be assessed for every new tire sold to fund a pool for proper disposal of used tires - one of the most troublesome litter problems in our state.

Beginning in July, Kentuckians will have the legal right to document their desire not to be kept alive through artificial means once they have been declared terminally ill and are incapable of expressing those desires.

Kentucky is now among a growing number of states to enact Living Will legislation.

The 1990 session of the General Assembly was extraordinary, rife with intense issues, emotional debate and, in the final assessment, political risks took a back seat to providing new hope for Kentucky's children and the economic well being of the Commonwealth.

Although the General Assembly will not meet in regular session for two years, new and urgent issues are already being addressed.

Kentuckians in all parts of the Commonwealth will continue to seek and deserve - better places to live, better jobs, improved retirement benefits, a cleaner environment in which to raise a family, adequate health care and a quality of life on par with the rest of the country.

As lawmakers, it continues to be our responsibility and our honor, even during the interim, to do our best to provide those basic needs.

Adrian Arnold is a State Representative from Nicholas County. He is currently serving his second term in the General Assembly.

Letters to the Editor

Editor: Now that the 1990 Legislative session is over, I think we need to sit back and take a look at who we are sending to Frankfort to represent us. If we'll take a serious look, it shouldn't be difficult to see clearly that we are not being represented.

We have been sending Adrian Arnold to Frankfort since 1974. I cannot recall a significant piece of legislation he has sponsored and managed to push through the House and eventually into law.

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GENERAL NEWS

Nicholas board

Continued from Page 1 The school board, which meets on Earth Awareness Day (April 18-20) at the Nicholas County Elementary School, approved a request from GATE program sponsor Phyllis Guthrie to hold an environmental awareness parade of the entire Nicholas County school system, as well as Carlisle and Nicholas County officials, to begin from the school to the center of town.

Parents will be requested to help with traffic control down Main Street for safety and to assist in commemorating the majority of her energies developing the variety of projects. The time commitments between both teams presented her with spending the time she needs to work with the variety.

Approved maternity leave to teacher Norma Kathleen Grimes and a leave of absence to cafeteria worker Donna Jo Pira.

Placed Libby Moss on the substitute teacher's list.

Approved Allen, England, and Hensley, CPA to audit the Nicholas County Board of Education.

Site work begins on plant The site work begins on plant and the site the county has offered suits our needs perfectly," he said.

John Shepherd, The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE, April 9 - Site preparation for the County Concrete Plant began Monday following several months of delay due to prior commitments and details of construction that needed to be worked out.

Debert Johnson, owner of County Concrete, said, "I had hoped, when I decided to locate a plant here, to have the building up by this time, but things we had to get done take precedence so we got delayed a bit," Johnson said.

Costs for construction will run into the neighborhood of \$25,000 in construction and labor.

At this time, Johnson cannot tell how many he intends to employ at the plant because he needs to figure out how much business will be going through the manufacturing plant.

"It's a situation I can't determine right now. I need to find out demand first. But we're getting settled in well."

Debert Johnson, owner of the County Concrete Plant located in Nicholas County, confers with Nicholas County Judge Executive Rince Smoot over the timetable of plant construction.

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