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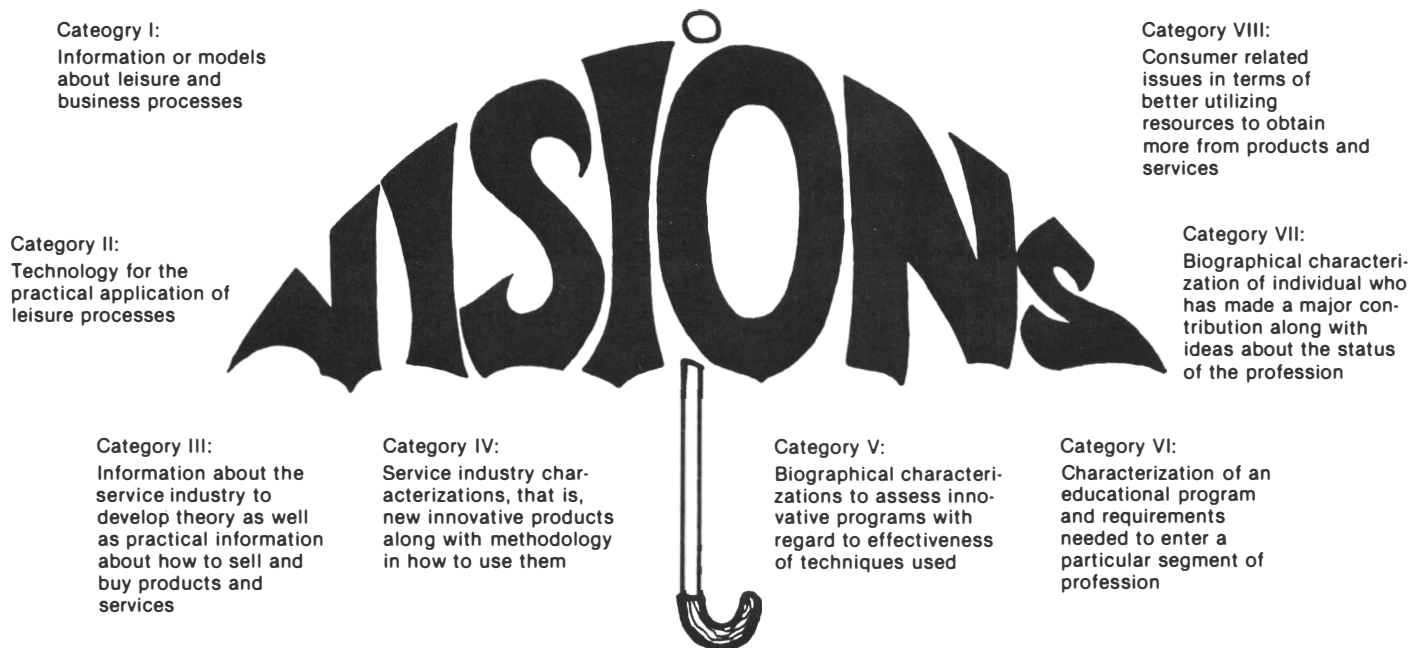
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Introduction

INTRODUCTION

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It has been my pleasure to be guest editor for this issue of Visions in Leisure and Business. This is an exciting issue filled with ideas and perspectives about commercial recreation and tourism. When this project was conceived about one year prior to publication, the following objectives were formulated:

1. To provide a look at the status of professionalism in commercial recreation and tourism enterprises.
2. Assist in providing a vision of the commonalities in the operations of various commercial recreation and tourism enterprises with the hope of stimulating interaction between these industries.
3. To explore some of the career opportunities available in the fields of commercial recreation and tourism.
4. To provide for information to help educators design effective tourism and commercial recreation programs and assist students in the selection of appropriate courses.

It is estimated by many experts that tourism and commercial recreation will be the largest industry in the United States well before the turn of the century. The industry has many segments which are frequently not viewed as being related. It is also an industry that has not relied heavily on formal training because of a lack of relevant existing educational programs. If all facets of the commercial recreation and tourism industry are to be most successful in the future.

It is important that:

1. Personnel must be better trained for the industry. New professionals must be recruited and trained for the industry via a combination of specialized higher education programs and on the job training programs. Young people must be exposed to the incredible opportunities which are and will continue to be available in the commercial recreation and tourism industry.
2. Various segments of the industry interrelate and exchange ideas so that information can be shared which is relevant to more than one segment of the industry.

This issue of Visions in Leisure and Business is dedicated to providing a catalyst for a more unified and productive commercial recreation and tourism industry. It is hoped that the many fine contributors to this issue (all of whom I wish to personally thank for their efforts) will stimulate your thinking about the future of our industry.