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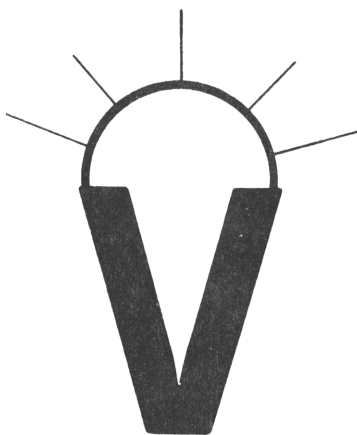
The basic outcome of the text of this issue has been the importance of a philosophical base to help in the consistent development of a particular industry. The comments contained within form the basis of the development of a philosophical position for employee services. This is the first time that such a philosophy has been expounded upon in such detail. This is not a generation of theoretical ideas, but one of applied technology. This applied technology is the missing link in most personal service fields to relate theory to practice. Mel's greatest contribution has been as an applied technician who can serve as an example for other personal service fields.

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Visions in Leisure and Business

Dear Colleague:

Many times the leisure professional finds himself/herself at a loss in understanding business principles needed to make operations more effective. In this same context, the business community could more effectively utilize personal services to help solve organizational and productivity problems.

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