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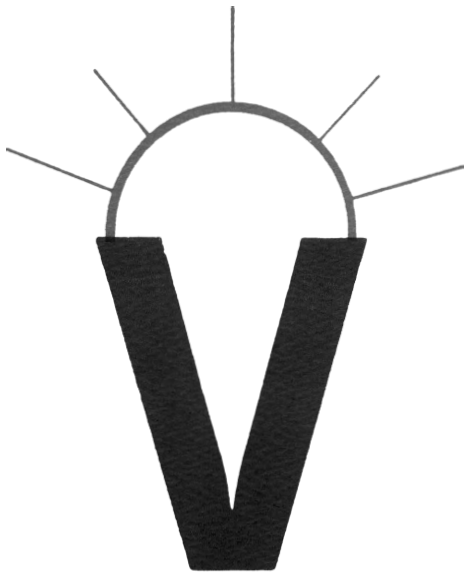
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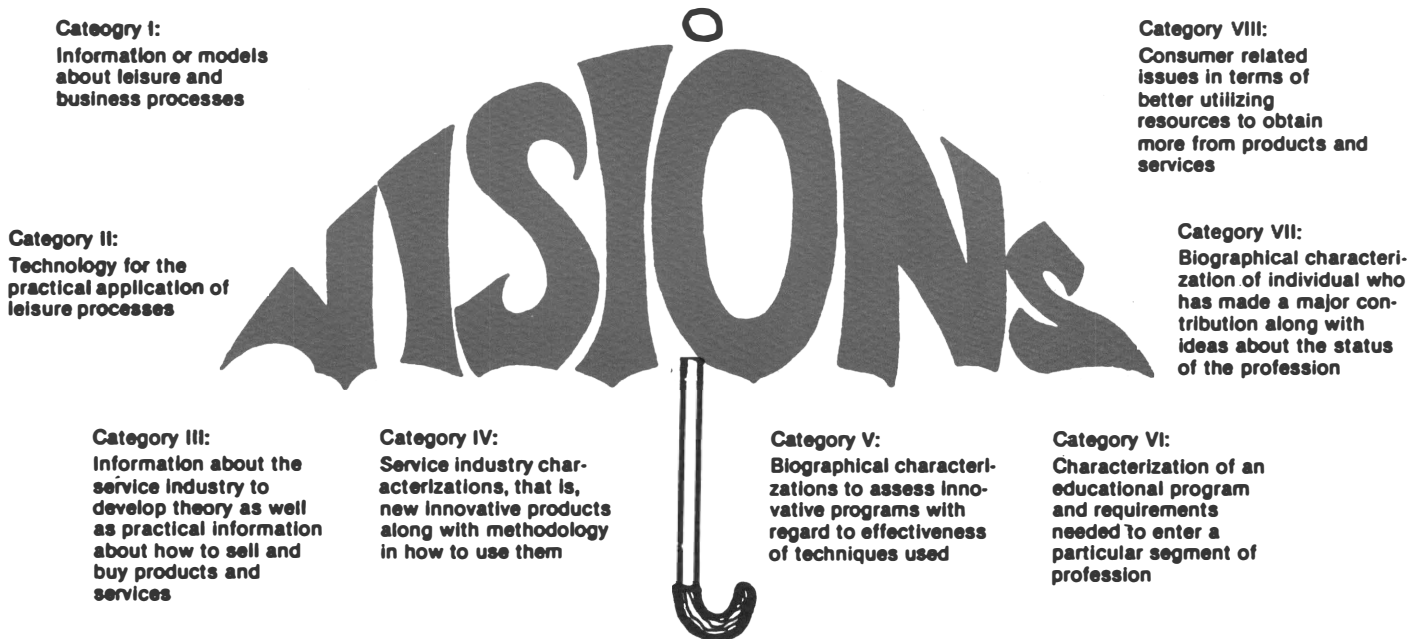
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INTRODUCTION

This issue is dedicated to Beverly Zanger, an esteemed colleague and friend. She is retiring from her academic career and has made a significant contribution to the Journal and the field of sport management. Beverly is a very creative/innovative individual who has an ability to perceive the system, as well as the component relationships to bring basic problems or issues into perspective. She also has an ability to mix inductive and deductive processes and balance the qualitative and quantitative controversies to develop perspective.

Most of the theoretical and applied research gives rise to the use of only one method to focus upon a research problem or issue. There is a different approach that Beverly has helped to develop and this is a molecular analysis, where the issue or problem is the focus. The best research methods are mixed to answer the question(s). The basic idea is to develop perspective in order to determine how the components mesh into the system and yet have enough detail to develop diagnostic understanding. This type of an approach involves the mixing inductive and deductive processes as well as qualitative and quantitative methods. When this molecular approach is applied, there is a convergence of understanding to develop a better perspective on the problem or issue.