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On Commitment. Some questions

In the formative stages of an organization it may be more worthwhile to raise questions than to give answers.

The question, what is "commitment?" strikes me as an important and particularly appropriate question to be raised. It seems reasonable for example, to say that all organizations need some degree of commitment in order to function at a successful level. The individuals in an organization need to agree to do "something." The problem is, what do you mean by commitment and how much commitment is necessary for the survival of the organization? Some thought about the above question reveals certain "obvious" reactions. It seems to me, for instance, that too much commitment could lead to rigidity and a lack of creativity, or worse--a debilitating chauvinism. On the other hand, too little commitment could result in the organization's inability to do something, or worse--could result in total anarchy.

What about the question of individual freedom? Does commitment stifle the individual's needs to do his or her own thing? What is the relationship between the individual and the organization? Can one be primarily committed to self alone and still contribute to the organization?

If being committed means to agree to "do something" how do you introduce change

in the organization without weakening the commitment and ultimately the organization?

Persons very often have more than one commitment. Furthermore, an individual's commitments are often ranked according to priority. We want to do some things before others. How do you know your own commitments? How are they ranked in the order they are? In short, there are commitments and then there are commitments. One person's commitment is another person's anathema. Right?

Finally, the concept of commitment is something we all must deal with--personally, collectively, and organizationally. Are you committed? To whom? Why? Can you dig it?

STAN NEWMAN

The UP-NIU Newsletter will be published on the first Friday of every month. Anyone wishing to have an article published must submit it to a member of the Newsletter staff on or before the 15th of the month. The Newsletter's staff is as follows: Eva Coley, Emma Criollo, Sally Edwards, and Lois Evans.

The UP-NIU Play-Kare's new hours for the parent's convenience will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wanted: any information on getting Supplies for Play-Kare, such as drawing paper, crayons, glue, scissors, construction paper, toys, etc. Contact any member of Play-Kare.

There is ride to Northeastern campus every day from the field center going, offered by Cleven Head, for cost of C.T.A. fare, however he says "it's faster and more comfortable, and offers the passengers the opportunity of exposure to his scintillating and magnetic personality."

Leonard is looking for a room mate. Any interested parties can contact him at the Field Center.

Debbie Szarek is looking for a babysitter for the "king," this 7 month old monarch needs looking after four nights a week for a total of 12 hours. 5-7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Salary to be discussed. Contact Debbie at Field Center.

Anyone who can give instructions on Macrame, please contact anyone of the Newsletter staff.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE MONTH

Hy Thurman	February 3rd
Lois Evans	February 5th
Sam Lopez	
Kathy Phillips	February 14th
Frank Garcia	February 28th

"What's in a name..... rose by any other name would smell as sweet." In some cases however, a name enhances an item by developing an image in peoples minds. What kind of image does "UP--NIU" bring to mind? We (staff) not very imaginative, but UP--NIU conjures up several images.. none of them appealing.

So....we are having a contest. "Name the Newsletter." Entries must be submitted no later than Feb. 10th, and the winning name will appear in the March Newsletter.

Judges will be the newsletter staff and DeDe Mayberry. Entries will be judged on originality and aptness of thought. The prize for the winning entry will be lunch for two at "Puff in-the-Ruff" donated by Lou and Jake Seigel.

Any appropriate entry will be considered. So get your fertile brain working. Enter now!! Submit entries to the front desk or anyone on the Newsletter staff. Don't forget to sign your name.

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EDITORIAL

"Our Hopes for the Future"

The year 1971 has gone, but usually when a year has past we like to think back, and see what we did do, and what we should have done. For instance let's think about responsibility. As it is one of the most important qualities that a human being can possess. If a group or organization, such as ours is to function each member has to do his or her part. To be a responsible member, (that is, that the Instructor takes his place doing the teaching, the administrator does his part, the student comes to class with all his assignments and what is required of him; and the house keeper fulfills his duties.) Only when everybody in the group does his duty can the organization run smoothly. To be responsible is to be in harmony with the group. Also it is a human trait to have new experiences, and there is not a better time than at the beginning of the year. Learning is an exciting experience; it is through learning that men and women are transformed into useful members of the community.

This past year also means one more year of experience in our life which we should use in a positive way. Every experience we live through, is preparing us for a higher one in the future... Now we come to a crucial point, "planning". People with ambitions just don't sit around waiting for good things to happen. Planning and good use of time is very important. Let's think for a moment in these terms: Five years from now we are going to be five years older, whether or not we spend them studying or in any other constructive activities. Based on this premise it is

more advantageous for us to prepare during these years, so that at the end of that lapse we will have the Education, which will be a good asset for us. In other ways we will be five years older with or without education. The difference is that the one with education has made better use of his years. Let's plan well what we want to do in the future now, so that we will not waste away precious years to come.

By

Emma Criollo

Inspired by Emma Criollo's article, the UP-NIU newsletter staff has committed themselves to create within it's body a rich source of informative reading. The publication of this paper will at all times be authentic, always composed of fact and reliability.

It's intention is to involve all people and programs of the field center. This excellent means of communication will express the healthy viewpoints and feelings of our entire body. Through articles of human interest, current events, and community activities, creative writing such as short stories, poems, cartoons, and letters, UP-NIU newsletter will become the communication media needed for a system such as ours.

Staff of Newsletter

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

The month of February is Black Heritage Month. On February 28th "Come Back Africa" a dramatic representation of Black Heritage will be performed on campus of NIU. Here at the Field Center our tribute goes to Willard Motley, an outstanding novelist of Black Heritage.

Because most of his work dealt with non-blacks on Chicago's West Side, it is not generally known that Willard Motley was Black. None of his novels deals with race or Black life as a main theme. Some biographers say that Motley sought to emancipate himself from what some people have felt to be limitations of Black subjects. By doing this he became popular to all America.

In 1947 at the age of 29, Willard Motley wrote his first book, "Knock on any Door." This work is one of the first naturalistic novels to deal with the problems of juvenile delinquency. "Knock on Any Door" was enormously successful and was made into a Hollywood film starring Humphrey Bogart.

Eleven years later, in 1958, a sequel to his first novel was published under the title "Let No Man Write My Epitaph," also made into a movie. Two of his other works are "We Fished All Night," published in 1951 and "Noon Be Fair" published one year after his death in 1966.

Comments on the Social Scene

By
Saine

The new YPO poetry book "The Time of the Phoenix" has come out and four of our students and program participants are represented, Doug Youngblood, Rhoda Eisner, and Tim Bradbury from NIU and Rich Davis from the GED program. YPO must be commended for the foresight they showed in bringing this art form to the public. Much talent has been reflected in this effort.

A wedding shower for Karen Reynolds (Karen is a former NYC-GED student) Karen Reynolds Dantina has been married for several months now, but I'm sure she could put to good use all the lovely gifts she recieved. Congrats, Karen - Hope you have many years of wedded bliss!

Blue Frog

food and dring (free doffee and tea)
8 to 12 p.m. Saturdays
4409 N. Sheridan

Dear Henry,

Hope you had a happy bithday.

We also wish belated borthday greeting to Neva Ambrosia, Jan. 13th
Eleven Head, Jan. 9th and Inndrena Balcher Feb. 6th.

Meeting on Para-Professionals

On Wednesday the 19th of January there was a meeting held at my house, to disucss things like different kinds of Unions, and the advantages and disadvantages of unions.

Debbie Szarek

The Retreat by Fabio Ortega (4)
to keep an organization running with success
may be a very hard job; but when ^{an} the organization
~~has~~ ~~members~~ ^{and} commitment as well as members
~~to work in order to fulfill those~~ ^{in order to fulfill those} commitments
the job may become much easier.

In ~~the~~ trip to Michigan City, members of our
organization had the opportunity to bring up
and discuss what our commitments ~~were~~ ^{are} and
why. we even ~~found~~ ^{found} out some services
that are being given in ~~our~~ the field centers
we ignored before; perhaps due to the lack of
communication between us. Members ~~who~~ ^{who}
for one reason ~~to~~ another did not express their
ideas before, spoke up and showed their interests
in what we are doing for the community of
Up town.

In our series of meetings we found out
how important it is to bring up ideas,
discuss topics, and problems and ~~find~~ ^{find} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~re~~ ^{re}
solutions. ~~But~~ ^{as an organization} ~~for which we~~
have to realize that we need ^{our} thoughts and
ideas hidden in ~~our~~ ^{their} minds. They don't do
any good in there. They must be brought out.
They may be the solution to any particular
handicap in our services.

Some of our members feel in some way that
we are not doing much for the community. That
some of ~~our~~ the programs going on in the
centers are not being well directed. But, don't you
think, if we get rid of the lack of communication
that I mentioned above we may work ^{out} ~~something~~
a way to improve such programs? I feel this
should be the first step to take if we really care
for the people that we are ~~trying~~ ^{trying} helping. ~~as we~~
must ~~remember~~ keep in mind ~~that~~ ^{that} we still are
at the beginning. It takes time for an organization
to get on the road, especially ~~when there are different~~ ^{for groups with the different}
ethnic groups ~~in~~ the represent. Have you
realize have amazing ~~it~~ was the way we discussed
and agreed in many times with members opinions.

from completely different back grounds?
~~Just~~ Think about it. notes many institu-
tions succeed ~~in~~ with members like that.
~~We have~~. We have!

Gaspar Ortega

By
Emma Trillo

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use in a positive way. Every
in our life which we should
one more year of experience
This past year also means

and women are transformed into
is through learning that men
is an exciting experience; it
standing of the year. Learning
a better time than at the be-
experiences, and there is not
it is a human trait to have new
harmony with the group. Also
to be responsible is to be in
the organization run smoothly.
In the group does his duty can
duties. Only when everybody
house keeper fulfills his
is removed of him; and what
all his assignments and what
student comes to class with
minister does his part, the ad-
doing the teaching, the ad-
instructor takes his place
member, that is, that the
her part. To be a responsible
each member has to do his or
such as ours is to function
if a group or organization,
that a human being can possess
the most important qualities
consistently. As it is one of
stance let's think about it.
we should have done it.
see what we can do, and
past we have done it, and
but usually a year has
The year 1971 has gone.