



JOHN LEE GIEGERICH, JR. "SPIRIT OF '51" AWARD

Jack, you have long impressed us with your particular brand of laid-back intensity and other paradoxes of your multi-faceted personality: you are a contemplative man of action, an avid athlete who finds rich pleasures in art; you are a dealer in sports equipment and fashion who studies history, collects early American art, and lives in his own "George Washington slept here" home.

But you were not always so complex. At college, you majored in Economics, joined the Beta house, went out for track, lettered in lacrosse, graduated from Tuck. Maybe that one Introduction to Art course of Artemus Packard was more telling than you knew as a sophomore! And there were other influences probably at work as well. After a hitch as an Army shavetail, you experienced ten years of sales and seven moves with Armstrong Cork. Then in the mid-sixties, you created your own business life-style as an independent manufacturers' sales representative for the equipment and clothing of your two favorite sports, tennis and skiing. We can imagine your delight at achieving this harmonious union of vocation and recreation; but we also know that you have had to deal with tragedy as well. Clearly, Jack, meaningful work and good friends have helped you during some very trying years, a period during which you began to develop a deep interest in things historic and artistic.

Since 1983, you have not only filled but defined the Mini-Reunion Chairmanship for our class by allowing full play to the various interests you now enjoy in life. You have organized not only social gatherings in conjunction with Dartmouth athletic events, but you have also set up panels to discuss the Hood Museum's collection of art in general on one occasion, the Jay Wolf collection recently donated to the Museum on another occasion, and the problems and politics of Third-World countries. You have made it possible for classmates to enjoy music under the stars at Tanglewood. And you have arranged events with the help of willing classmates as far away as North Carolina as well as right in Hanover, for groups as small as a dozen or as large as a hundred. Such contributions to the unity of our class are beyond measure, for who can know the full meaning of renewing old friendships or of making new friends among those of our class whom we have not known well before.

While we may not be sure what President Freedman means by "creative loners" or "daring dreamers," we believe that these terms must encompass the kind of person you are, Jack: one who favors a life wholly dependent upon personal endeavor, one who has held fast to a conviction of what is right for him without sacrificing his obligations to others.

Jack, your classmates salute you as one who has served our class with distinction and as one who has provided us with an example of personal growth and achievement. And so we are pleased to honor you with the 1988 "Spirit of '51" Award.