



IRA MICHAEL HEYMAN "Spirit of '51" Award

Mike, ever since you played in the Dartmouth College Marching Band, you have been "the man on the move" and the "man in the middle." You grew up in New York City but favored Hanover's rural atmosphere. Once up north, you majored in Government but showed a woeful lack of governability, for by your own admission, one of your frequent extra-curricular activities was traveling south on U.S. route 5 to Smith College to court your future wife, Therese. Still, your interest in law and public policy began to emerge in your senior year when you became legislative assistant to Senator Irving Ives of New York. Upon graduation such concerns were interrupted by two years in the Marines, after which you took a law degree at Yale, where you edited their Law Journal.

Following some experience in the practice of law, you moved closer to the middle of things when you went to Washington in 1957 to serve as law clerk first to Charles Clark, Chief Judge of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and afterwards to Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. Then came teaching appointments at Yale, Stanford, and U.Cal. Berkeley, where you taught property law with an emphasis on land use and regional and city planning. By 1974 you had become Berkeley's Vice Chancellor. Little wonder that, two years later when our class had its twenty-fifth reunion, you wrote: "Not sure what I finally want to be — teacher, scholar, administrator, or other."

By 1992, Mike, you seem to have chosen "all of the above," for to enumerate your several academic, legal, administrative, business, community, and state and federal contributions would make a long list, indeed. So let us note briefly how you have served as "the man in the middle" in a variety of capacities: In the 1970's, in the midst of campus difficulties at Berkeley, you chaired a key faculty committee which found a consensus among competing student, faculty, administrative, and community concerns: in 1980 you were the first faculty member in over twenty years to become Chancellor there, and for a full decade you successfully steered a middle course amid financial uncertainties and significant changes in the growth and scope of academic programs as well as in the cultural mix of this large and diverse university: in 1990 you undertook to head up Bay Vision 2020, a business-and-environmentalist coalition formed to create a comprehensive land-use plan for the entire San Francisco Bay area.

And in 1991, after serving the College as Trustee since 1982, you were elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Dartmouth College. To some it may appear that you are still "the man in the middle," but your classmates are willing to bet that you have now arrived at the top.

Mike, for your many contributions in so many of life's arenas, your classmates salute you with our 1992 "Spirit of '51" Award.

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