

Richard Green Lugar

Denison '54

Oxford Cup Roll N° 013

Undoubtedly one of the foremost figures in American public life, Dick Lugar also stands as the epitome of a man who early saw his role and began preparing for leadership. Consequently, as a United State Senator since 1977 he has been a world leader in international relations and an articulate spokesman for new ideas, with clearcut concepts of what makes government work. From boyhood, he has been marked for achievement with an unerring sense of where the power lies, frequently with a quiet and gentlemanly feel for being that power himself.

Almost by formula, he became an Eagle Scout, was first in the Class of 1950, voted the year's Outstanding Male Graduate at Indianapolis' Shortridge High School, first in the Class of 1954 at Denison University and a Rhodes Scholar in Pembroke College of Oxford University receiving its master's degree with honours.

Each entry in the record virtually demands being recorded with "of course." So when he moved on to Navy Reserve service after Oxford, *of course* he drew assignment as intelligence briefing officer, and *of course* that was on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Arleigh Burke. And, *of course*, he became a member of the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners 1964-67, Mayor of Indianapolis 1968-75, with a revolutionary new city-county form of government as a result, and then a visiting professorship in political science at the University of Indianapolis while he got ducks in a row to run for the Senate.

It should be noted that Dick also was Denison student body co-president. He married the other co-president, Charlene Smeltzer, two years after graduation, and they have four sons: Mark, Robert, John and David.

Few were surprised by his announcement in 1995 that he was starting a bid for the 1996 Republican nomination for President, and that he had some fresh ideas for a platform. Nor was it really news that some Washington Betas unveiled *Betas for Lugar*, complete with campaign buttons. When he had come out with a book in 1988, it had been *Letters to the Next President*.

He has been chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, member of the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry, Banking and Housing & Urban Affairs Committees and chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

He was president of the National League of Cities, 1970-71; delegate and resolutions committee member at the 1968 National Republican Convention; keynote speaker, 1972; delegate and speaker, 1980; and a member of the Institute for International Studies, a Trustee of Denison University and the University of Indianapolis, and on the Boards of the National Endowment for Democracy, the American Running and Fitness Association and Youth for Understanding.

He has been a main speaker at several Beta events and shared a panel discussion of career selection at the Sesquicentennial Convention.

Dick's undergraduate memberships included Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Blue Key, Pi Delta Epsilon and Pi Sigma Alpha. He is a Methodist and a Rotarian.

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