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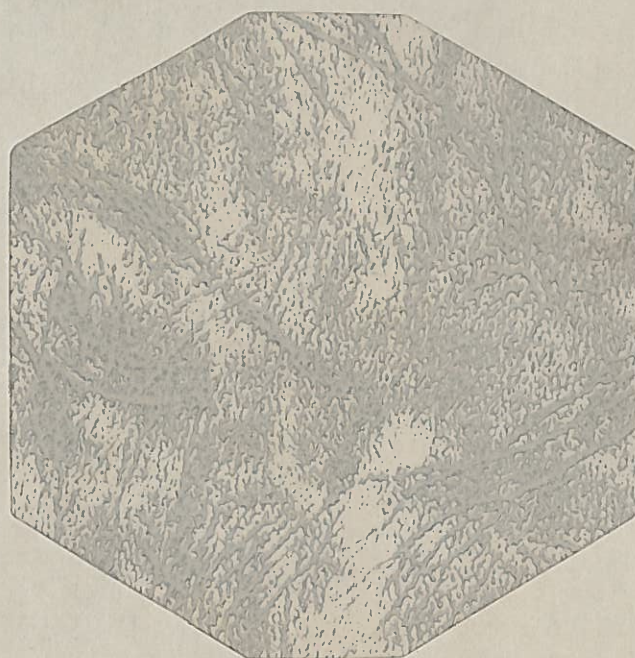
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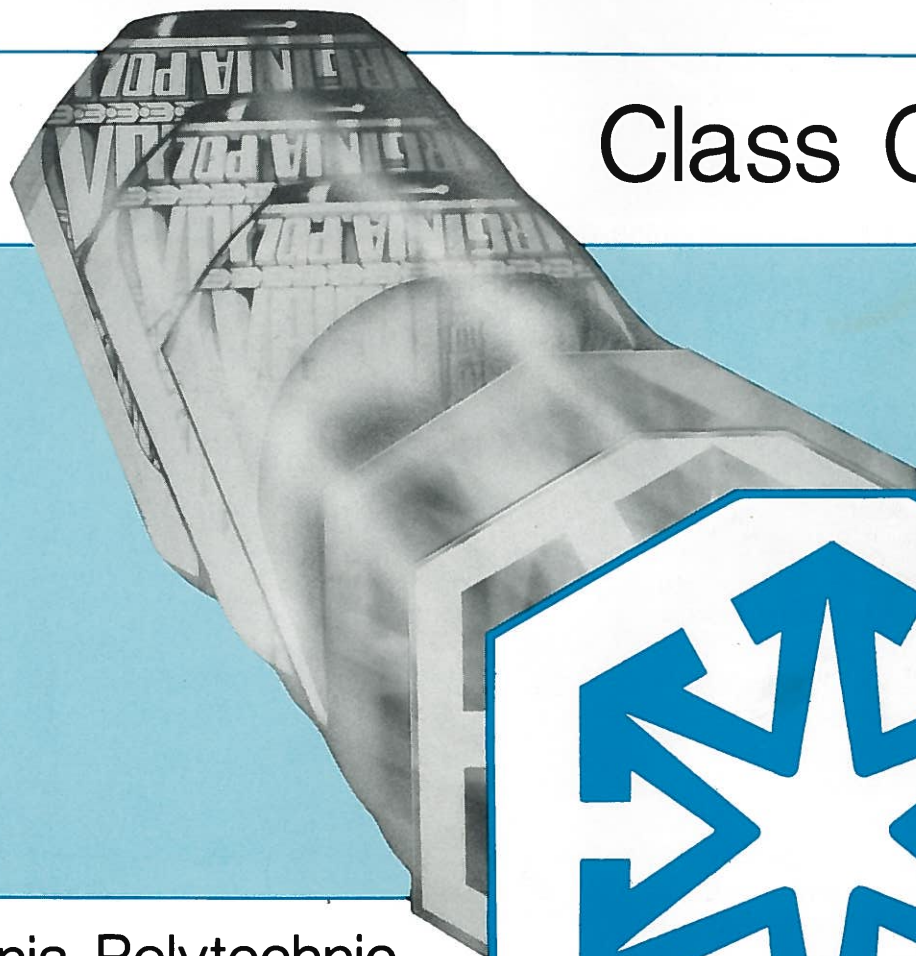
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The Rings

Class Of 1986



Virginia Polytechnic
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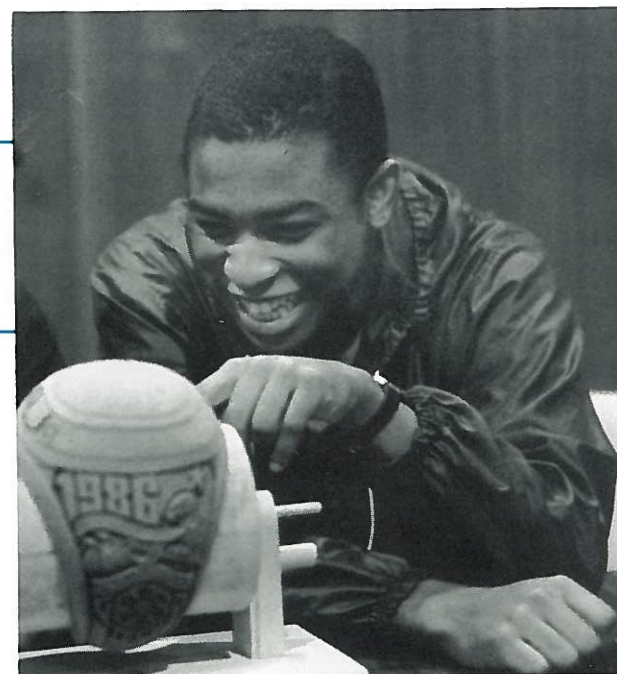
President's Message

As members of the 1986 Ring Committee, our major goal was to design a ring that upheld the proud tradition of Virginia Tech, while adding new and innovative concepts to the rings. I am happy to say that we achieved our goal. In cooperation with Jostens, the 1986 Ring Committee created a ring with a diversity analogous to the class. Creativity and diversity are the key words.

We did not just want to throw something on a ring and say, "here it is." We wanted to make sure everything on the ring had a purpose, but did not want to clutter the ring. We did want to make sure we included everything about our class that was important. In keeping with this concept, we created a class symbol which will be seen all around campus and on the ring. Most importantly, we created a ring which will look attractive on your finger and you will be proud to wear.

Diversity encompassed the entire ring process. Each class officer had something different they wanted to see in a ring committee member. When pooling our thoughts together, we all wanted someone who possessed new ideas, willingness to commit unselfish time, and most of all were able to work with different attitudes and personalities. To work with the President, Male Member-at-Large, Cadet Member-at-Large, and Women Member-at-Large, the class officers chose a diversified and distinct team of six to run the ring process.

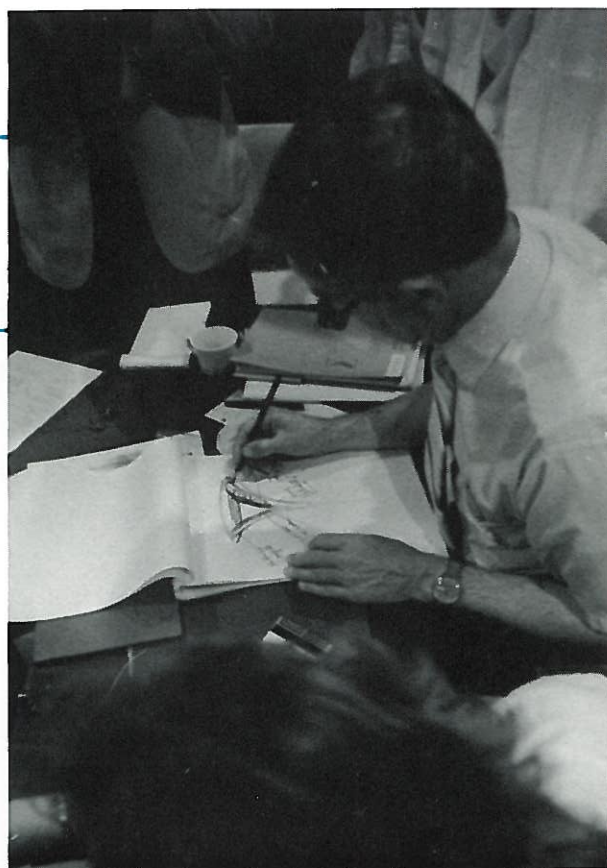
Next came the ring company



presentations. Each presentation was unique in its own right, and each ring company impressed us as a group and as individuals. They pointed out things which would help our ring be the best. Each company worked hard to win the contract, but in the end, we chose Jostens. Their personality blended with ours, and they were striving for the same thing we were; an impressive ring that everyone would want to buy. We worked long and hard with one another to reach a true balance of tradition and innovation. Only then did we know that the ring was complete.

As members of the Class of 1986 we hope you will cherish your class ring. It not only welds sophistication and class to your character, but it will always be a reminder of the meaningful times you had here at Virginia Tech. As President of the class, I want you to feel happy with your ring. You are the ones we created this ring for.

Charles Darlton



Message From The Committee

"art it seems to me should simplify — finding what conventions of form and what detail one can do without — so that all that one has suppressed and cut away is there to the readers consciousness as much as if it were in type on the page."

The Virginia Tech ring collection is distinctive in the world of class rings, where only the graduation year-date is changed. Virginia Tech is one of few schools in the nation that totally redesigns its rings every year.

Over seventy years have passed since the first Tech rings were crafted. Due to advances in technology and production procedures, the Tech ring of today has evolved into a handsome "state-of-the-art" product.

The ring committee historically exercises strong control over the direction of the design. We literally designed the ring through the medium and guidance of the ring company's designer. Many hours were spent exploring a wide range of design layout possibilities and product styles.

From the start, the '86 Committee strove for a distinctive, yet traditional design concept; a design approach that has the unique "Tech look", yet one that would offer fresh perspective to the elements and forms involved. This philosophy was applied, not only to the design of the traditional ring, but also to



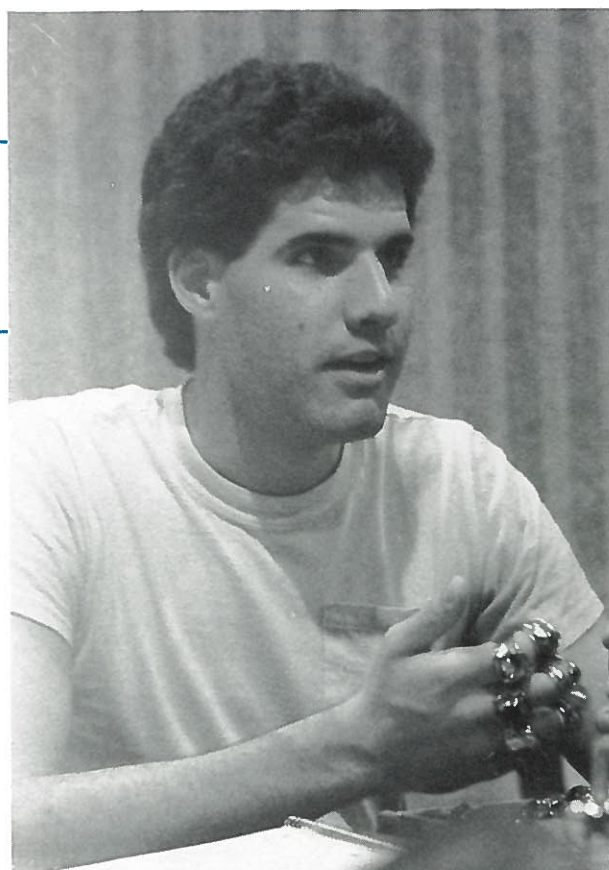
the variety of contemporary styles that are offered.

The committee sought to avoid stale habits and cliches by pursuing imaginative interpretations and positioning of the symbols. We felt the '86 design should be bold and fluent; and most importantly be legible in the variety of product sizes and styles offered to men and women. In short, the '86 Tech ring should be a "once in a lifetime" experience.

Thank-You

The 1986 Ring Committee





University Side Official Ring



Many of the unique values and traditions of Virginia Tech are expressed on the University Side of the 1986 Traditional Ring. Dominating this side are three campus buildings symbolizing the basic principles of life here at Tech: academics, athletics, and moral responsibilities. Burruss Hall, the pillar of our educational opportunities, is the focal point of this triad. Just to the left of Burruss and appearing for the first time on any VA Tech ring, stands Cassell Coliseum.

The lower half of the University Shank is characterized by a unique, yet aesthetically pleasing, artistic combination. The War Memorial Chapel is used as a background setting with the University Seal superimposed on its front. The two figures in the foreground of the Chapel and flanking either side of the Seal symbolize "service" on the left, and

"honor" on the right; two qualities inherent to all members of the class of 1986.

Tradition plays a major role in every class ring, and this year is no exception. The year-date 1872, that of the University's founding, and the motto, "Ut Prosim", ("That I May Serve"), have appeared on most class rings since its introduction in 1914. The Corps of Cadets, although not as dominate a force now as in past years, is nonetheless still a valuable part of our heritage and is recognized by the military chevrons running down the palm side of the ring.

The University Side of the 1986 Traditional Ring is completed by the Roman numerals "CXIV" designating the class of 1986 as the 114th graduating class from the University.

This ring is offered in both men's and women's sizes.





Class Side Official Ring

The Class Side of the 1986 Traditional Ring is used to express the ideals and qualities that make this class unique. The "1986" at the top of the ring expressed in large sweeping letters is the one common bond that unites all of the individual and diversified class members together as a whole. The stylized eagle at the center of the class side is a representation of freedom. The banner flowing from the eagles mouth with "Semel et Semper", represents the "once in a lifetime" opportunities unique to the class.

The bottom third of the ring is given to the 1986 class symbol. The octagon encompassing a broken hexagon represents the '86 nature of the design. The eight sides also represent the number of colleges here at Tech. The six small inward arrows represent the energies and

talents we brought to the University. The bold outward arrows illustrate our growth through learning and point to the various paths Tech students take upon graduation. The starburst symbol at the center proclaims each persons individuality and creative intelligence. The artistic hands surrounding the symbol are traditionally a representation of outside guidance; whether it be from family, friends or just simply an abstract idea.

The Corps of Cadets is also represented on the Class side of the ring by the military chevrons and by the flag and sabre combination clutched in the eagles claw.

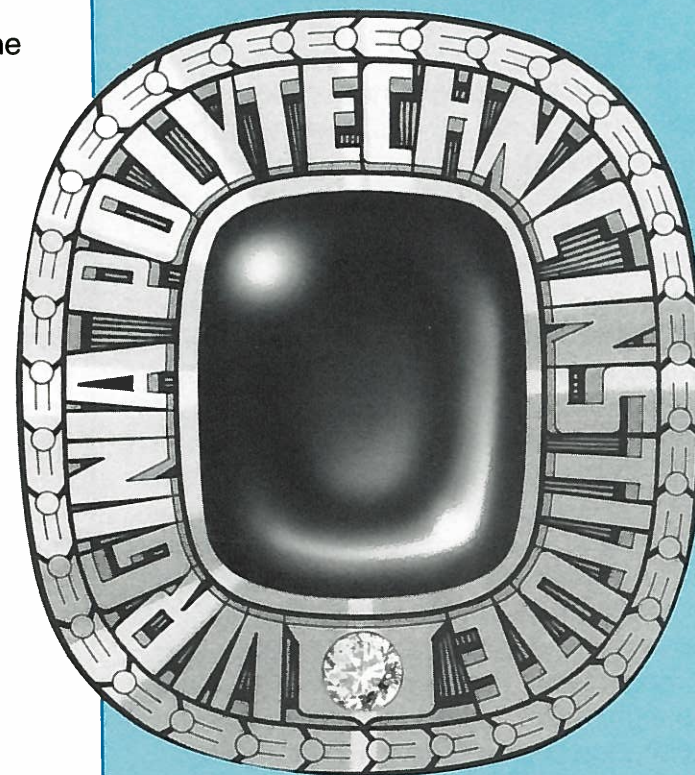
At the top of the ring above the eagles head soars Halley's comet making its first appearance in 76 years on your class ring as well as in the sky above your head.

Bezel and Honor Point

The cushion shape or soft square configuration of the ring's top and stone provides maximum space for school name designation.

In keeping with the imaginative symbol treatment on the ring's sides, the outside periphery is made up of an intricate pattern symbolizing the day-to-day interaction, involvement and relationships of students life at Tech.

The honor point spacer at the bezel's base is in the form of the Tech shield. This device traditionally is used for personalization such as Greek letters, VT or VPI monogram, personal initials, genuine diamond, cubic zirconia or the skipper cannon.



Marquessa Ring



The search for a distinctive new look for women led the 1986 Ring Committee to develop the Marquessa Ring. The ring was designed to combine the elements of a larger traditional ring with the stylishness of a dinner ring.

The raised lettering on the bezel states the full university name in a classic style softened from the bold look of the men's traditional. The marquise-shaped bezel, for which the Marquessa Ring was named lends an elegance to the ring not conveyed by a typical oval-shaped bezel.

Your class year and degree are engraved on a polished gold plate on either side of the ring giving prominence to two of the most important aspects of your college career. Our school spirit and loyalty are captured in the VT logo located at the ring's base.

The 1986 Ring Committee designed the Marquessa Ring to be appropriate in the professional world while maintaining a fashionable image.

Men's Signet Ring

Adventure and tradition were the ideals considered in the design of the 1986 ring collection. The Men's Signet Rings are no exception.

Offered this year is the traditional antique-shaped signet with bezel and highly polished sides. Also offered this year is a barrel-shaped, cross-finger ring. This ring represents a bold, new step in Tech rings. Not only is it the first cross-finger signet offered, but it is also the first Tech ring with a barrel shape. It is a sporty ring due to its sleek, no-bezel surface and its contrasting polished and brushed finishes.

Each style signet is available with a variety of options. Any color onyx may be set with diamonds, engraved, or encrusted. And of course, the gold cast signet without a stone is also available.

The 1986 Ring Committee members are proud of the signet rings we have designed. We believe that the two options offered will allow the class members to pick a style that best suits them, and will serve well as an everlasting memory of his years at Tech.



Women's Signet Ring



This year, the 1986 Ring Committee has established classic and contemporary Women's Signet Ring designs for your consideration. We want to offer you signet designs that will compliment your hand and project a fashionable appearance in the years to come.

The collection includes a traditional design with an antique bezel displaying "Virginia Polytechnic Institute 86." This ring is similar to the Men's Signet Ring but is softly sculptured to suit the elegance of a woman's hand. Our second selection is an original design by the 1986 Ring Committee. Consisting of an elongated oval set in an octagonal frame, this beautiful ring tapers elegantly to fit the finger with a polished finish. The sides accommodate VPISU and 1986 in circular monogramming. Choice of stone includes flat or raised selections.

Each style signet may be combined with many options. Stone or metal backing with encrusting, engraving, or cresting is available.

It is our hope that the Women's Signet Ring designs will provide for you a memoir of your years at Virginia Tech and the Class of 1986.

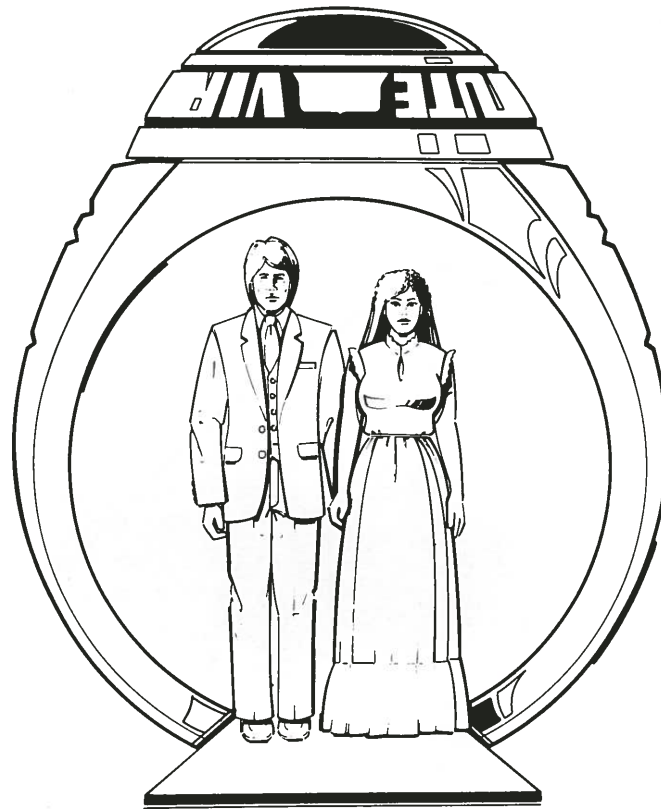
Women's Dinner Ring

The dinner ring for the Class of 1986 is distinguished by its elegant, yet solid design.

The elegance of the design can be attributed to the unique stone setting used in the construction of the ring. The stone is set in prongs, which compliments its oval shape.

The strength of the design lies in the ring's bands. The beveled sides are highly polished except for an elegantly engraved 1986 on one side and VPISU on the opposite side.





The Ring Exchange Tradition

From its design by the 1986 Ring Committee to the moment when it is placed upon your finger, the Virginia Tech Class Ring is surrounded by tradition.

You become the focus of this tradition on the night you formally receive your ring, the night of the Ring Dance. As you enter, you and your date will receive a pair of ribbons in our class colors, turquoise and grey, bearing 1986 and the theme of the Ring Dance.

The woman uses the darker ribbon to tie her date's ring about her wrist. The man does the same with the lighter

ribbon. The rings are to be kept hidden in the palm of the hand until the proper moment.

The members of the Corps are the first to see their rings, for the Corps ring figure and ring exchange begin the festivities of the evening. Civilians exchange their rings while the band plays "Moonlight and VPI," the traditional Ring Dance song composed especially for the 1943 Ring Dance by Fred Waring.

Don't let your date see his ring too soon. Legend has it that the man who sees his ring before the exchange is sure to beget trouble.

Stones

The men's and women's Traditional ring base price includes twelve simulated birthstones and sixteen additional simulated stones available with a smooth or facet cut top. Genuine Black Onyx, Green Onyx, Sardonyx, Tahitian Pearl, Mother of Pearl and Blue Onyx also are available with a smooth top only.

Also offered are various Hope Star Sapphires and genuine stones at additional cost.

You may choose to have a diamond tube set (Royal Setting) in your center

stone or in a special panel. Genuine diamonds are listed on your order form and you may provide a diamond of your own to be set — you can review these options with your Josten's representative at ordering time.

Cubic Zirconias, a new man-made diamond simulant, are an affordable alternative to genuine diamonds while still providing that look of fine jewelry.

For Signet and Dinner Rings, refer to those sections of your order forms for stone options.

Stone Decoration

An encrusting is a letter or design embedded into the stone as an inlay and is available on several designs.

Traditional rings for men and women will offer German Club Emblem, VT Symbol, Greek letters, Forestry emblem or a personal initial to name a few encrusting choices.

The men's cross-finger signet will be available with the VT Symbol as an encrusting. The small delicate size of the dinner rings restricts encrustings.

An engraved stone is a design incised into your stone without an inlay. The Women's Contemporary Signet and the Men's Cross-Finger ring include the University Seal as an engraving. Engraved stones are unavailable on the Traditional rings.

Sunburst birthstones are available in the Traditional rings. These brilliant stones are cut on the back with rays radiating from the center for maximum light refraction. Also available in birthstone colors for the Traditional rings are Fireray stones, a special refraction grating sealed in the stone which adds a spectrum of rainbow colors, and India Cut stones, specially hand cut with 40% more facets, for added brilliance.

Protected Emblems are cast emblems placed behind simulated birthstones and again are available in the Traditional rings. Choices include the Regimental crest, German Club emblem, VT symbol, Highty Tightly emblem, Fighting Gobbler and Forestry Club.





*Fraternity Encrusting With
VT Symbol In Bezel Divider*



*Block Letter V Encrusting
With VPI In Bezel Divider*



*Old English Letter K Pro-
tected Emblem — Design
Under Stone With Fraternity
Letter In Bezel Divider*



*Royal Tube Setting With
Skipper Cannon In
Bezel Divider*

*VPI Encrusting With Dia-
mond In Bezel Divider*



*VT Symbol With Personal
Initials In Bezel Divider*

Options

Our 1986 Virginia Tech rings are available with various options. Some options are limited to certain rings because of size and design characteristics. All rings are on display at our Ring Premiere and at order taking

sessions. The ring display case is located in the lobby area of Squires Student Center and will display all ring designs and options available during this academic year.

Ring Qualities

Your 1986 class ring is available in yellow, white or green gold in 10 or 14 Karat quality. All Karat gold rings are formulated from plumb gold.

All 1986 rings are also available in Jostens' distinctive jeweler alloys of Yellow Lustrium or White Lustrium. Yellow Lustrium contains silver, gold and

palladium, and its color, wearability and tarnish resistance compare favorable with gold. White Lustrium is a brilliant nickel-chromium anti-tarnish alloy which is extremely durable and has a very high lustre. Warranty provisions for Lustrium rings are the same as for Josten's gold rings.

Engravings

The Traditional rings are available with your full name and social security number in block or script letters. Men's and Women's Signet rings will be available with full name engraving. Because of their petite size, the Dinner Style rings will be available with three initials engraved inside.

Finishes

All Traditional rings are available with choice of finish — light, medium or dark.



Payment Plan

D **Deferred Deposit:** Jostens will make available the option to defer your ring deposit until the deposit can be afforded.

Place a (minimum \$30) deposit with your order, and pay the balance when your ring is delivered. Use cash, money order, personal check, MasterCard or Visa.

Pre-paying your entire order with cash, money order, personal check, MasterCard or Visa will entitle you to a \$15.00 discount during the first ordering period.

Use your Visa or MasterCard to pay deposit, balance due, or full payment. If

the card is not in your name, please provide a signed authorization listing the cardholder's name, address, account number, and expiration date.

Place a (minimum \$30) deposit by any of these methods and continue to make partial payments until your ring is ready. **NO FINANCE OR SPECIAL CARRYING CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE!** If you've not paid your balance when rings are delivered, you can make partial payments until your balance is cleared. Your ring will be available when the balance is paid in full.



Pricing

CLASS OF 1986 VIRGINIA TECH RINGS

	14K	10K	YELLOW LUSTRIUM	WHITE LUSTRIUM
MEN'S TRADITIONAL				
32 DWT	\$561.00	\$392.00	\$194.00	\$139.00
25 DWT	477.00	335.00	174.00	129.00
22 DWT	440.00	287.00	154.00	119.00
17 DWT	374.00	250.00	134.00	109.00
WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL				
7 DWT	213.00	145.00	114.00	89.00
WOMEN'S DINNER RING or WOMEN'S MARCHIONESS RING	146.00	117.00	96.00	79.00
WOMEN'S CONTEMPORARY SIGNET	146.00	117.00	96.00	79.00
WOMEN'S ANTIQUE SIGNET	156.00	127.00	104.00	79.00
MEN'S ANTIQUE SIGNET	232.00	165.00	114.00	89.00
MEN'S CROSS FINGER SIGNET	200.00	137.00	110.00	89.00

Official Ring Prices above include individual choice (where applicable) of the following 34 stones, Yellow or White Gold, Full Name (Block, Script or Facsimile) and Social Security Number.

*12 Simulated Birthstones

Garnet	Ruby
Kunzite	Peridot
Aquamarine	Fire Blue Spinel
White Sapphire	Rose Zircon
Shamrock Spinel	Topaz
Alexandrite	Blue Zircon

*Available in Buff or Facet top

*Other Simulated Stones

Tourmaline	Amethyst Sapphire
Green Zircon	Black Sapphire
Golden Sapphire	Ultralite
Brown Sapphire	Pink Sapphire
Ceylon Sapphire	Dark Blue Spinel
Blue Sapphire	Ivy Green
Artic Sapphire	Green Spinel
Green Sapphire	White Spinel

Genuine Stones

Genuine Black Onyx
Genuine Green Onyx
Genuine Sardonyx
Tahitian Pearl
Mother of Pearl
Genuine Blue Onyx

JOSTENS OFFERS as a special consideration and an elective option to the class of 1986 the following deluxe feature at a package price:

Package A — Choice of Sunburst stone, Encrusting, Green Gold, Skipper Bezel Divider, or Personal Initial Bezel Divider — add \$6.00 Each



**OFFICIAL RING OPTION PRICING
ON APPLICABLE DESIGNS**

	MEN'S TRADITIONAL	WOMEN'S
SIMULATED STONES		
Cubic Zirconias		
5 pt Cubic Zirconia in Special Panel	\$23.00	\$23.00
10 pt Cubic Zirconia in Special Panel	24.00	24.00
20 pt Cubic Zirconia in Special Panel	46.00	26.00
25 pt Cubic Zirconia in Special Panel	27.00	27.00
10 pt Cubic Zirconia set in Bezel Divider	12.00	—
5 pt Cubic Zirconia set in Bezel Divider	11.00	—
1 pt Cubic Zirconia set in Bezel Divider	—	10.00
Black Spinel	10.00	10.00
Hyacinth Sapphire (Tech Orange)	7.00	7.00
Hope Star Sapphire	89.00	55.00
SPECIAL STONE ENHANCEMENTS		
Fire-ray Effect	10.00	10.00
India Facet Cut	10.00	10.00
Protected Emblems	9.00	9.00
GENUINE STONES		
Garnet	105.00	58.00
Amethyst	111.00	63.00
Bloodstone	21.00	21.00
Citrine Topaz	55.00	36.00
Tigers Eye Quartz	21.00	21.00
Cats Eye Quartz	21.00	21.00
Jade	26.00	26.00
Opal	145.00	55.00
Striped Agate/Earthstones	16.00	16.00
Epidote	26.00	26.00
Rhodinite	16.00	16.00
Lapis Lazuli	47.00	21.00
Moss Agate	21.00	21.00
Sodalite	16.00	16.00
Malochite	21.00	21.00
DIAMONDS		
5 pt Diamond in Special Panel	51.00	51.00
10 pt Diamond in Special Panel	93.00	93.00
20 pt Diamond in Special Panel	204.00	204.00
25 pt Diamond in Special Panel	284.00	284.00
Option of Birthstone set in Panel	24.00	24.00
Royal Setting (\$30.00 plus Diamond Price)		
1 pt Diamond in Divider — Women's Traditional	—	18.00
5 pt Diamond in Divider — Men's Proportional	39.00	—
10 pt Diamond in Divider — Men's Traditional	82.00	—
HAND SCULPTURED PALMSIDE	9.00	9.00





**LIFETIME WARRANTY
CLASS OF 1986**

- 1) All rings are fully warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for life.
- 2) All stones included in the base price and all stone decorations are fully warranted and will be replaced without charge at any time. Diamonds greater in size than 10 points and genuine stones not included in the base price are excluded from the free replacement clause.
- 3) All Virginia Tech 1986 class rings may be resized without charge through June of 1986. If a student desires to have a new ring made for resizes greater than one half size, the charge, after June of 1986 only will be \$30 plus the return of the original ring.
- 4) Rings which are accidentally damaged will be replaced prior to a student's graduation for a charge of \$25 plus return of the damaged ring. After graduation, the charge to replace a damaged ring may increase by 10% per year over the \$25 pre-graduation charge. Genuine stones and diamonds greater in size than 10 points will be replaced at the cost which is current at the time of repairs.
- 5) If a student is not totally satisfied with his or her original choice of finish, refinishing will be done at no additional charge with the return of the ring.
- 6) Additional rings may be ordered at any time. After the first year's order dates, the cost of rings will be determined by the cost of gold and stones at the time of ordering, plus the manufactured costs.
- 7) A student who changes colleges at Virginia Tech after a ring is ordered, may return the ring to receive a ring with the proper designation at no additional cost.
- 8) A student who fails to graduate with the class designated on the ring may return that ring to receive a full refund.
- 9) Several ring adjustment dates will be scheduled with the company representatives on campus. After a student's graduation the cost of shipping, insurance, and handling will be the responsibility of the ring owner.
- 10) Any college, junior college, or high school gold ring will be credited at current gold salvage value towards the purchase of the Class of 1986 VPI & SU ring. Current trade-in value will be available at all order taking sessions.
- 11) Disputes about the validity of the warranty clauses will be resolved by the ring committee until the time of a student's graduation. Thereafter, Virginia Tech will designate a staff member with responsibility to resolve the disputes with the ring company. The ring company agrees to abide by the decision of the ring committee or the Virginia Tech ring program coordinator.



Ring Schedule

CLASS OF 1986

November 13, 1984 7:00 p.m. First Session 9:00 p.m. Second Session	Ring Premier	Commonwealth Ballroom Squires Student Center
November 14, 15, 1984 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Order Taking	East Commonwealth
November 16, 1984 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Order Taking	East Commonwealth
January 9, 10, 1984 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Order Taking	Old Dominion
January 11, 1985 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Order Taking	East Commonwealth
March 5, 6, 1985 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Order Taking	East Commonwealth
March 7, 1985 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Order Taking	East Commonwealth
May 1, 1985 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Ring Delivery	East Commonwealth
May 2, 1985 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Ring Delivery	East Commonwealth
May 3, 4, 1985	Ring Dance	
May 21, 1985	Ring Service	East Commonwealth
May 22, 1985	Ring Service	East Commonwealth



Dear Class of '86.

We at Josten's, from the Customer Service Department to Die Cutter, are proud and excited to serve Virginia Tech's Class of '86. Your Ring Committee, along with Jostens design artists, marketing specialists, and in-plant service experts have painstakingly designed the ring program to ensure maximum wearability and compliment every proud member of the Class of '86.

Josten's is recognized as the leading manufacturer of class jewelry in the United States. You may rest assured that each of your rings are made to your specifications — one at a time.

VPI & SU has become known throughout the company as "the Tech order" and is heralded as the premier college account. I, Mickey Tish, as your personal representative, pledge to serve you with this always in mind.

Enthusiastically submitted,

Mickey Tish
College Sales Representative

