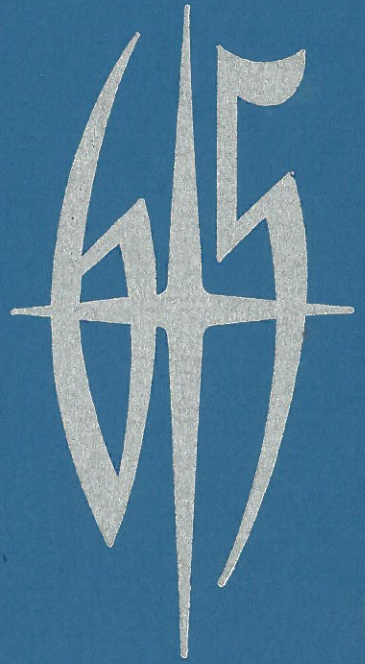
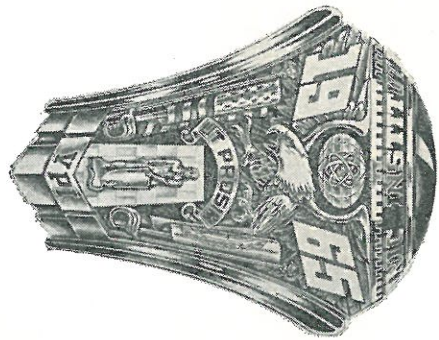
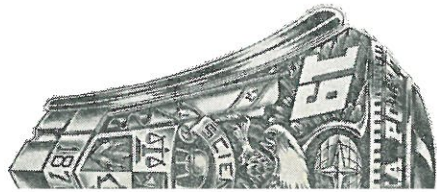




VPI





THE VPI RING

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
CLASS OF 1965

Foreword

Dear Classmates:

This booklet has been prepared as a lasting memento to a truly fine class ring, our ring, the V. P. I. 1965 Class Ring. On the following pages you may read of the extensive work which was done by your classmates composing our Ring Committee, and you may join them in a just feeling of pride, for our ring compares favorably with rings from all over the nation and it will set the standard by which many rings are made and judged for years to come.

On the following pages you will also find a short history record of the tradition that is represented in our ring and the proud heritage of V. P. I. rings for the last fifty-five years. Our ring has presented V. P. I. to the nation and has shown our appreciation to this Institution from which will come memories which we will cherish for the rest of our lives.

Dieges & Clust has presented their program for ordering rings along with the facts and figures about your ring's gold, color, stone, and construction. It has been a pleasure to work with the men from this company, and I am sure they have made many friends here who will not soon be forgotten.

I sincerely hope that the excitement and satisfaction gained by you from your ring and your class equals that of those who have worked so hard for them, for both will remain in the minds and hearts of Technicians from all points of the globe for years to come.

Sincerely,



DAVE MAGILL, *President*

Fifty-five years ago, the first VPI Class Ring was designed by the Class of 1911. Simple in design, it was a tradition for future rings. This "father of rings" was characterized by a pair of eagles and an oval stone with a square seal. The next two years saw many radical changes in design; and, in 1913, the stone was replaced with a gold seal which had the class numeral, the letters "VPI". The years following 1913 saw the use of the oval stone and the basic shape of the Ring.

Gradually, a tradition in ring design began to emerge. Since VPI was an all military institute from its military aspect of the school was strongly emphasized. Such military symbols as sabres, rifle barrels, lieutenant's stripes were used extensively. Such symbols of heritage were also recognized early with such symbols as the Virginia State Seal, the Confederate Flag, and the star U. S. flag.

The Spring of 1934 saw many changes in design and the ring. The Class of 1935 was the first to design its ring at a formal Ring Dance. Since then, Ring Design has been expanded into a whole weekend of class activities and become one of the most important events in every student's life. The precedents set at that first Ring Dance have become practiced traditions; and the dance itself has become one of the best known social events on the East Coast.

As the years passed, the VPI ring grew more complex in design. Campus heritage appeared in the founding date "1872" and also in the images of Lane Hall, Burruss Hall, the SAB, and most notably the World War II Memorial. With the addition and design of the Civilian Student Body, the design was changed to "CSB" on one side of the ring opposed by either "VTCC" on the other. Flags took on more me-

came in themselves a tradition, as did the various schools of learning and the VPI shield. The year 1940 saw the first use of a chain with the class number of links to encircle the stone. Before then, a rope or some other design had been used. Though each ring is completely different, we can follow the traditions of the past in all of them. VPI is the only college in the U. S. that completely redesigns its ring with each class, nevertheless the traditions of the past tie all these rings together so they are easily recognizable as VPI rings.

The 1965 VPI Class Ring is the proud descendant of over a half-century of growth and heritage. This year's ring is a new interpretation of tradition, and as such, it is a true symbol of both our class and our school. It means much more to us than just a piece of jewelry; it is the spirit—the very essence of our four years at VPI.

STEPHEN HUGGINS

ERNEST WILLIAMS

THE 1965 CLASS RING

ARTHUR G. WARE, III

Preparation for work on the design of the 1965 ring was begun many weeks before the actual design was completed. The 1965 Ring Committee worked long and hard preparing themselves both to make a fair decision in choosing a Ring Company and to design a ring in which the Class could take pride.

Dealing with Ring Companies who had proven themselves over the years, the Committee quickly learned the many phases of ring design and manufacture. After meeting with each Company twice, the Committee received bids from these Companies including prices, services, and design. Following a lengthy appraisal of each Company, the Committee unanimously chose Dieges & Clust to manufacture the Ring.

Finally, with the expert assistance of Geor sign Director of Dieges & Clust, the Committee design of the Ring. A comprehensive study previous V.P.I. Rings, and the 1965 Ring was design with them, yet with modifications to fit our age in which we live. We feel that this Ring Class's four years here and will always represent members.

The following description of the Ring explains in detail, and should help to make your Ringingful to you. This Ring should be worn with School and Class it represents.

The 1965 Class Ring features a bold, unmodern age we live in. On each shank is an depicting the aggressive, enthusiastic spirit of the eagle is neither militaristic nor dormant; it forceful bird which gives strength and dignity

Between the wings of the eagle is an elliptical bolizing VPI's international role. Superimposed on one shank is a Polaris, or guiding star, which paths throughout the world. On the other shank device signifies the advance into the atomic age Framing the center of the ring on each side that flow inward toward the center of the ring attention to this area. The Confederate flag is that heritage of the South of which we all feel proud. This flag symbolizes the gallant men of a bygone fighting spirit of independence and freedom. flag represents the heritage of the Old Dominion ers who founded this great state and nation. of our present duty to uphold and advance the past.

The Flag of the United States with its fifty stars over this prosperous land. The unity and strength of our country founded on freedom and the spirit of

are typified by this flag. The foremost symbol of peace in the world today is the United Nations, whose flag flies over men constantly striving to maintain peace in our troubled world. The United Nations flag adds the feeling of brotherhood to the ring.

Perhaps the most meaningful part of a student's life here is the honor system. We have an extraordinary honor system of which we can all be truly proud. The honor of VPI is symbolized by the statue of Honor from the VPI War Memorial. A pylon of the Memorial gives background to the figure. Throughout our lives we will be reminded of the foremost quality of a man—honor—as we look at the ring.

Framing this figure is a hand with the words "Ut Prosim", which gives our purpose for attending VPI—"that we may serve." Our life here will train us to serve our fellow men. VPI, a name which carries the tradition of many years, represents this Institute known throughout the nation for quality education. Blending with the furls of the flags are sabres signifying the military heritage of VPI.

On the other shank a student may have the name of the particular school in which he intends to graduate engraved. Beneath this will be a symbol of the student's school, and the other schools here. The symbols of Agriculture, Science, and Engineering and Architecture are taken from the school seal. A colonial betty lamp represents Home Economics and scales of commerce represent Business. These schools are all inter-related in our service to the world and therefore deserve a place together. The date of the founding, 1872, is a significant part of the history of VPI. A simple, yet beautiful, palm side completes the base.

The bezel of the ring has a crenelated edge with 65 mer-
lions encircling the words "Virginia Polytechnic Institute." This same effect is seen on the tower of Burruss Hall and many other buildings on campus. This edge gives the ring a bold, striking appearance. Dividing the words "Virginia Polytechnic Institute" is an equilateral triangle, a perfect geometrical shape, to symbolize equality.

The Class of 1965 will have three distinctively able: the men's official ring, the ladies' official miniature. The Ladies' ring and the miniature tain the exact detail of the men's ring. Only st will wear men's and ladies' official rings.

ORDERING AND SERVICE

The following section has been prepared thorough understanding of order procedure an make a proper choice.

Order packets are available from your class members of the ring committee.

Review the material thoroughly. Should questions our "Special Service Team" will be you. The special service team will be at your se day, 18 November 1963, and on Tuesday, 19 N This team is available for these two days so take advantage of their experience and come your assigned ordering day. By having your or out in advance all that will be required for con ordering procedure will be the paying of depos of finger sizes. In this manner every student v place his order without delay.

GOLD

All gold used in your V. P. I. ring is full t karat gold. The use of "plumb" gold is a sta with Dieges & Clust. It evidences our sincere top dollar value. Our gold is purchased from man, the largest alloyer of precious metal in th chosen for its toughness and beauty of color.

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EXAMPLE OF AN ORDER BLANK FILLED IN PROPERLY

PRINT ALL INFORMATION

PRESS FIRMLY WITH A BALL POINT PEN

CLASS OF 1965 — V. P. I. — OFFICIAL RING ORDER

Note: Print "Name and Hometown" exactly as you wish them engraved.

STUDENT'S NAME JOHN JOSEPH DOE
First Name Middle Name Last Name
 HOME ADDRESS 104 MAPLE STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
No. Street City Zone State

SCHOOL (check one) Agriculture Business Science Engineering Architecture

Note: "CHECK OPTIONS DESIRED AND CARRY PRICE OVER TO RIGHT HAND COLUMN AND TOTAL"

| STYLE: | | | |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| 10K—OPEN BACK | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Gold or <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Gold in | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 dwt (\$49.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$52.50) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 dwt (\$52.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$56.25) → |
| 10K—PROTECTO BAK | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Gold or <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Gold in | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$52.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 dwt (\$55.50) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$55.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 dwt (\$59.25) → |
| 10K—GOLD CLOSED BAK | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green Gold or <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Gold in | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 dwt (\$54.25) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 26 dwt (\$57.25) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 dwt (\$57.25) | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 dwt (\$61.00) → |
| 14K—OPEN BACK | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Gold or <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Gold in | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 dwt (\$58.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$63.45) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 dwt (\$61.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$67.20) → |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Astral White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 18 dwt (\$67.50) | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$74.25) |
| 14K—PROTECTO BAK | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Gold or <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Gold in | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$62.85) | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 dwt (\$67.80) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$65.85) | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 dwt (\$71.55) → |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Astral White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 21 dwt (\$74.25) | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 dwt (\$81.00) |
| 14K—GOLD CLOSED BACK | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Gold or <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Gold in | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 dwt (\$65.75) | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 dwt (\$70.70) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 dwt (\$68.75) | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 dwt (\$74.45) → |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Astral White Gold | <input type="checkbox"/> 23 dwt (\$77.25) | <input type="checkbox"/> 26 dwt (\$84.00) |

FINISHES AVAILABLE:
 YELLOW GOLD..... Burmese Dk. Burmese Dk. Rose Yell. Antique Eterna Five (add \$3.00)
 GREEN GOLD..... Jade Med. Jade Dk. Green Grn. Antique Eterna Five (add \$3.00)
 WHITE GOLD..... Light Dark Eterna Five (add \$3.00)

FREE STONES:
 No Extra Charge Buff Faceted
 Garnet Peridot Grn. Tourmaline Fire Blue Spinel
 Amethyst Blue Sapphire Topaz Black Sapphire
 Aquamarine Rose Zircon Grn. Zircon Onyx
 White Sapphire Gldn. Sapphire Ultralight Sardonyx
 Emerald Spinel Blue Zircon Erinite Green Onyx
 Alexandrite Blue Spinel Grn. Spinel Blue Onyx
 Ruby Blood Stone

SPECIAL CUT STONES—Indicate Cut: and Stone:
 Diamond Cut Aquamarine Fire Blue Spinel Add (\$1.50)
 Grooved Back Erinite Golden Sapphire
 Grooved Back Harlequin Cut Ruby White Sapphire

GENUINE AND SPECIAL SYNTHETIC STONES:
 Linde Syn. Star Ruby (\$75.00) Linde Syn. White Star Sapphire (\$75.00)
 Linde Syn. Blue Star Sapphire (\$75.00) Genuine Citrine Topaz (\$20.00)
 Linde Syn. Black Star Sapphire (\$75.00) Genuine Garnet (\$20.00) Add (\$)

Price For Unlisted Special Stones \$..... For..... Name of Stone

IMBEDMENTS: Masonic Emblem German Club Emblem Cotillion Club Emblem Add (\$3.50)
 Miraculous Medal Star of David

ENCrustINGS: 2 Greek Letters (\$2.75) 3 Greek Letters (\$3.75)
 Masonic Emblem (\$3.00) Varsity Monogram (\$3.50) Single Block Letter ... (\$3.00) Add
 Single Old English Letter . (\$3.50) German Club Emblem. (\$4.50) Cotillion Club Emblem. (\$5.00) (\$)

SPECIAL INFORMATION:

57.25
54.25

3.00

1.50

3.50
67.93
6.18
1.75

be heat treated so that it will attain a hardness of 200-220 Brinnell. This process guarantees a long lasting and extremely durable ring.

FINISHES

Students may choose Yellow, Green, or White alloy in a variety of finishes. A complete display is available for your inspection. We recommend the darker finishes as they enhance the depth and detail of the design.

"ETERNA FIVE" FINISH

This finish is available at extra charge. It has been developed by an exclusive process which results in a "Permanent Finish." This finish is guaranteed for the life of the wearer, provided the ring has not been mutilated or abused.

BASIC CONSTRUCTION

You may have a choice of: Open Back, Plastic "Protecto-Bak", or Closed Back construction. In each of these categories, you may elect to add 3 dwt. of gold.

For Example:

The standard weight for the men's official open back ring is 18 dwt., you may add 3 dwt. additional and purchase a 21 dwt. open back ring. The same option is available for the plastic back ring (21 dwt. or 24 dwt.), and the gold closed back ring (23 dwt. or 26 dwt.).

Note:

Additional gold weight cannot be added to any style ring if your finger size is less than size 9.

SYNTHETIC STONES—(Included In Basic Price)

Dieges & Clust has offered a large variety of synthetic stones. The following list is provided for information:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan.—Garnet (9) | July—Ruby (9) |
| Feb.—Amethyst (9) | Aug.—Peridot |
| March—Aquamarine (8) | Sept.—Blue Sapphire |
| April—White Sapphire (9) | Oct.—Rose Zircon |
| May—Emerald Spinel (8) | Nov.—Golden Spinel |
| June—Alexandrite (9) | Dec.—Blue Zircon |
| Blue Spinel (8) | Ultralite (9) |
| Green Tourmaline (8) | Erinite (8) |
| Topaz (9) | Green Spinel (8) |
| Green Zircon (8) | Fire Blue |
| | Black Sapphire |

All stones are first quality imported stones of their beauty and hardness. The hardness of each stone is indicated opposite the stones listed above. The ratings compare with diamond at 10 on the Mohs scale. In addition the following genuine stones are offered at special prices:

ONYX-SARDONYX-GREEN ONYX-BLOODSTONE

Special stones are available and displayed in our store. Prices will vary depending on the stone itself and the quantity. Mr. John Anderson, The Company's Gemologist, is available hand prior to ordering time to assist you with your choice.

Novelty cuts such as diamond cut stones, grooved back stones and harlequin cut stones are also on display for your inspection.

It has been our experience that the student who bases his stone choice on depth of color (dark shade) and maximum durability (buff top) will be happiest with his choice in future years.

SPECIAL IMBEDDED MEDALS—Men's Ring

We are furnishing medals that may be imbedded in the plastic behind the stone. Each medal will match the karat content of the ring in which it is imbedded. The following medals are available: Masonic Emblem, German Club, Cottl-ion Club, Miraculous Medal and Star of David—\$3.50.

Note:

Imbedments are recommended only when an opaque or very dark stone is selected. A sample of an imbedment may be found in the display.

You will find a very complete display of stones and finishes in the library. In addition to this the members of your Ring Committee and Class Officers will be wearing sample rings for your inspection.

LIST OF STUDENTS AND SAMPLES

Francis D. Magill.....10K Yel. Gold—Eterna Five Finish
Buff Garnet

Frank W. Nolen.....10K Grn. Gold—Etern
Buff F

James Ashenbach.....10K White Gold—Eter
Buff
Encrusted—Alpha

Garland Selby Litton..10K Yel. Gold—Yellow A
Buff F

Carol Schuck.....10K Grn. Gold—Medur
Facete

Warren Eugene Zirkle.....10K Grn. Gold
Facete

Stephen Huggins.....10K White Gold—Etern
Buff F

Ernest Roger Williams..10K Grn. Gold—Grn. A
Masonic E

Robert Arthur Stern.....10K White Gold-
with]

Arthur G. Ware, III.....10K Yel. Gold
Buff F
Masonic Emb

Mary Anna Minogue..10K Yel. Gold—Yellow A
Y
Buff F

HOW TO ORDER YOUR 1965 V.P.I. RING

The following steps should be followed in order to insure total satisfaction of your choice:

1. Examine the sample display carefully and choose your stone and finish.
2. Study the sample order form (on pages 8 and 9) carefully and follow instructions for filling out the form.
3. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION—MAKE USE OF THE "SPECIAL SERVICE TEAM". This team will be on campus for two days prior to the scheduled ordering time to assist you in ordering your ring.
4. Complete your order form in **Ball Point Pen**. Do not separate copies. When your order has been processed you will receive a copy.
5. Choose your stone and finish wisely—changes in stones and finishes after delivery will be made at your cost.

\$10.00 deposit is required at time of ordering. All checks are to be made payable to Dieges & Clust. The student's name and address must appear on the back of the check.

Additional order forms may be obtained from the "Special Service Team". Standard college order forms will also be found in your ordering kit. These forms are to be used by the girls to order their Official Rings and also for the men who wish to order Miniature Rings.

LADIES' OFFICIAL RING

The Ladies Official Ring matches the Men's in every respect. It has been designed to fit comfortably and is feminine and stylish in appearance. The same stones are being offered to the ladies as to the men. Ladies' official open back ring 7½ tured in:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 10K Green or Yellow Gold..... | \$29.00 plus 10 |
| 10K White Gold..... | 32.00 plus 10 |
| 14K Green or Yellow Gold..... | 32.75 plus 10 |
| 14K White Gold..... | 35.75 plus 10 |
| 14K Astral White Gold..... | 36.50 plus 10 |

For Gold Closed Back rings—add \$3.00 (plus Tax) to prices quoted above.

For Special stones for ladies rings—add as 10% Federal Tax:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Linde Syn. Star Ruby..... | |
| Linde Syn. Star Sapphire..... | |
| Linde Syn. Black Star Sapphire..... | |
| Linde Syn. White Star Sapphire..... | |
| Genuine Citrine Topaz..... | |
| Genuine Garnet..... | |

The ladies are requested to bring their order Special Service Team for assistance and complete Monday and Tuesday prior to the regular schedule time.

MINIATURE RING INFORMATION

The standard college order form included in your ordering kit should be used to order a Miniature V.P.I. ring. You will find this year's ring is a very feminine "exact reproduction" of the Men's Official Ring. The miniature is offered in all finishes and stone choices. Special diamond settings will be available for your inspection. Quotations will be given upon request.

PRICES:

| | |
|---|------------------------------|
| 10K Yellow or Green Gold ring .41 $\frac{1}{2}$ dwt. net gold content | |
| | \$26.50 plus 10% Federal Tax |
| 10K White Gold | 29.50 |
| 14K White Gold | 31.75 |
| 14K Astral White Gold | 33.75 |

Anyone who wishes to order a miniature is requested to see a member of the "Special Service Team" for assistance.