THE CLASS OF

76

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Presented by the 1976 Ring Committee

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
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The Virginia Tech Class Ring denotes one of the oldest and finest traditions here at the University. It is not only the years of tradition which mark the Tech ring as one of the first college rings, but also the amount of imagination and innovation each ring committee pours into each individual class ring design. The 1976 Ring Committee is no exception.

To aid the Committee in creating the most beautiful class ring, Josten's, Inc. has been selected for the fourth consecutive year as the ring manufacturer. Members of the Josten's staff, backed by over 75 years of jewelry manufacturing expertise and service, have been of tremendous assistance in the Ring's creation.

Each class seeks to arrive at a ring design which is new and original yet aesthetically beautiful. We, the 1976 Ring Committee, submit our design to you, the class, with the sincere hope you will find it as we did—one of the best designed class rings for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Robert Rapaport
Chairman 1976 Ring Committee
Class Shield

The seventy-six class shield is a unique departure from the traditional shield that Tech rings have had in the past.

Instead of the Four Quadrant design, the seventy-six class shield is divided into three sectors. The two lower sectors, both engraved upon a raised backing, describe the class as a whole. The Fighting Gobbler on the left represents the spirit of our class on and off the campus. The cap and the scroll on the right symbolize the fact that our class is the one hundredth class to complete four years of study at this University. The upper sector's figure is impressed into the face of the shield. The indentation of the sector draws the attention of the observer to the individual class member's college symbol. Not only does the position of the sector above the others in the shield indicate the importance of the individual within the class of seventy-six, but also the impression of the symbol does.
The University motto UT PROsim (that I may serve) right of the four-section placed. The University model of the Confederate flag depicted with either the thirteen-starred Old Glory or behind the University shield, the American flag is traditional aspect of the Virginia Tech class ring. The eagle, framed by the distinctive and complementary theme of American tradition and educational excellence, shank of the 1976 class ring—the numeral graduation year of our class, the eagle, and the shield—convey a sense of the most prominent features of the University Side.
Class Side

The class side of our 1976 ring exemplifies both the traditional and modern nature of our class. The most outstanding feature of this ring is the symbol of the American Revolution. This symbol represents the 1976 commencement of our nation's independence. The revolutionary figures on the class shield are surrounded by the traditional symbols of our nation's heritage, including the olive branch and arrows, the olive branch being a symbol of peace and happiness for our class seeking the goals set out by the class shield.

Beneath the class shield, the traditional motto of our nation's heritage, 'YpsiU', signifies the strength and courage our class holds as goals followed by the palm side in which is inscribed 'VT'.

Utilizing both panels of the ring.
available for those who desire them.

The regular sizes in heavier gold weights will also be
of the making art.

To purchase what is designed to establish a new standard
Our 76 class is the first group ever to have the opportunity
after many months of research and investigation.

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ring at a substantially reduced (approximately 30%) price
in eye for even offering the option of a regular size. Each
mind of the continuing increase in gold prices and with
patented and exclusive method of ring construction.

Both the men's traditional and the proportioned sizes
the shape, size, contour of wearing durability.
now permits the elimination of excess gold without altering
A revolutionary new concept in class ring manufature
are sure to complement any stone.

Features of which the antique cushion design is composed

are part of the American Revolution. The disting and symbolic

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a unique graduation class whose existence is a product

national-continental ambition of the bezel also represents

prance, symbolizing America's struggle for freedom. The

Polytechnic Institute is boldly visible at a casual

education, and carved in modern Roman letters, Virginia.

Surrounded by laurel leaves the symbol of excellence in

outstanding feature of this fine piece of jewelry.

The bezel of the 1796 class ring is perhaps the most

Bezel
Women's Dinner Ring

The women's dinner ring exhibits a most unique feminine design available exclusively to the women of the Class of 1976. The oval stone, secured by six delicate prongs, is set low in its bezel, to enhance the stone's beauty and brilliance. The right shank of the ring bears the letters of our University while the left shank displays the year of graduation, both in an eloquent script style. An intricate pattern of filigree borders both inscriptions. The flowering dogwood appears on both sides of the thin band which completes the ring's truly elegant appearance.
Companion Ring

This year's Ring Committee presents an original and distinctive signet ring available to all members of the Class of 1976. These basic men's and women's companion rings bear a simple round-shaped monogram. Engraving of modified block style creates a bold effect for the male. In comparison to the smaller, more delicate female ring, it will be more easily read without embelishment with script engraving. Every class member will be proud to give and to wear these signet rings as mementos of the Class of 1976.
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