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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*

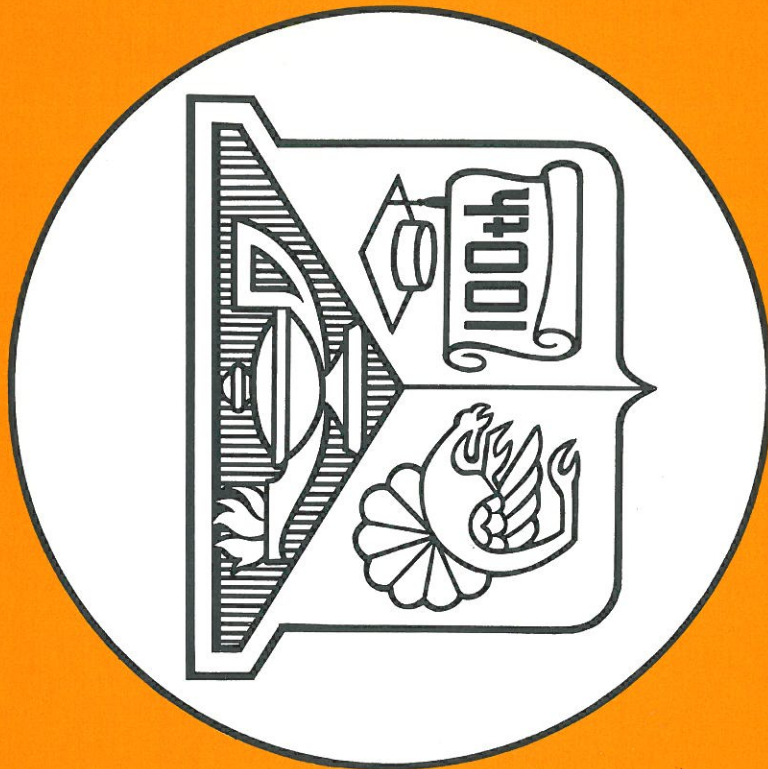
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Chairman 1976 Ring  
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**Class Shield**

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.





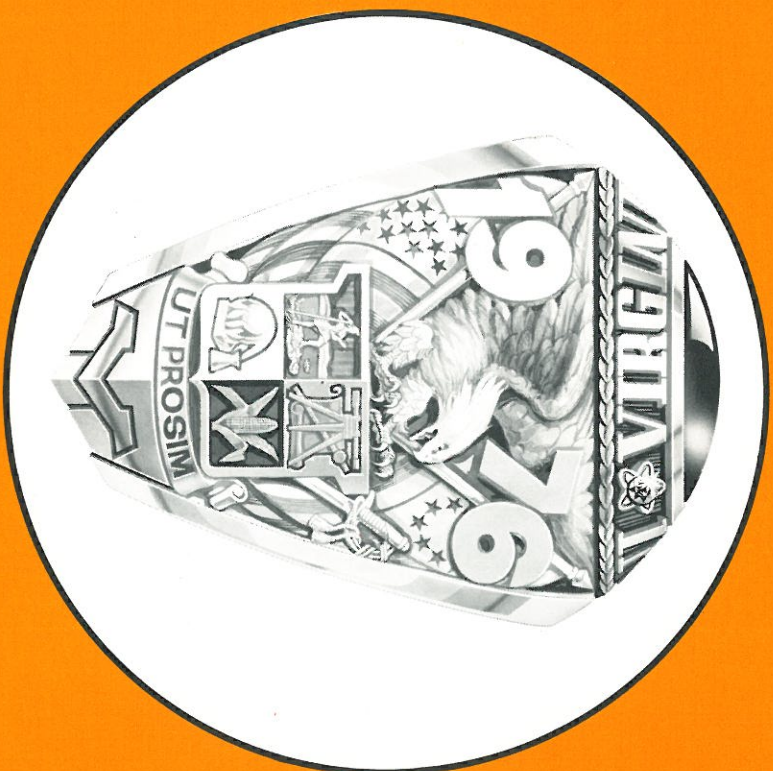
## The University Side

The three most prominent features of the University shank of the 1976 class ring—the numerical graduation year of our class, the eagle, and the shield—convey a theme of American tradition and educational excellence.

The eagle, framed by the distinctive and contemporary numerals 1976, emblemizes the strength and courage of our nation as well as constituting an integral and traditional aspect of the Virginia Tech class ring. Behind the University shield, the American flag is depicted with either the thirteen-starred Old Glory or the Confederate flag.

Representing the fine tradition and honor of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, the sash and saber is placed to the right of the four-section placard.

The University motto **UT PROSIM** (that I may serve) forms a decorative base for the University side in addition to symbolically serving as the impetus for our educational endeavors.







### **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 shank is the symbol of the American Revolution. This symbol represents the 1976 Bi-Centennial of our nation's independence. The contemporary nature of our class is portrayed through the modernistic script of the date surrounding the revolutionary figures. Beneath the revolutionary symbol lies the class shield. It is surrounded by the traditional olive branches and arrows. The olive branches portray the peace and happiness our class seeks, and the arrows signify the strength and courage our class holds as goals. Beneath the class shield lie the university letters, VPISU, followed by the palm side in which is inscribed VT unifying both panels of the ring.



## Uni-Balance

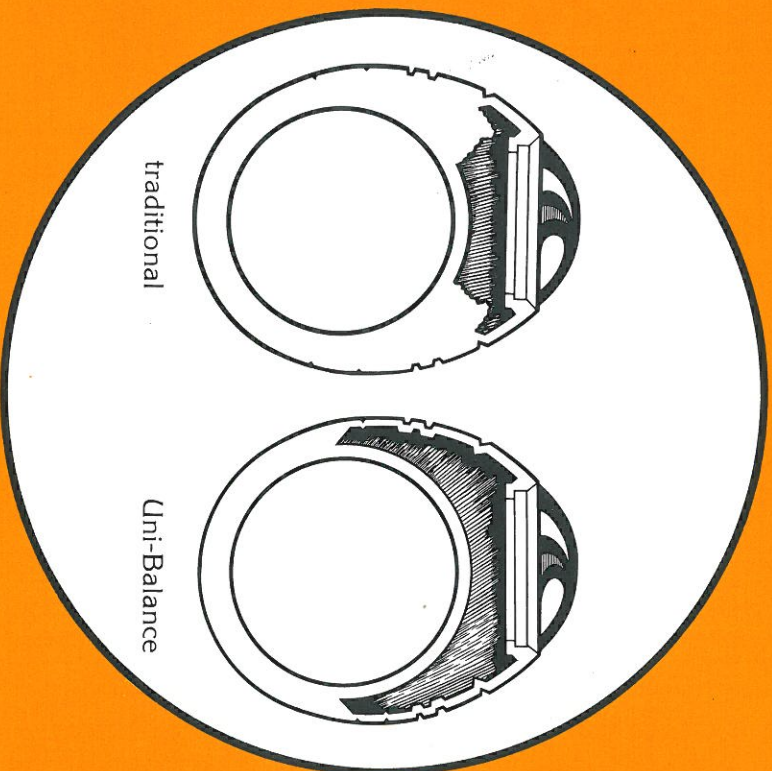
A revolutionary new concept in class ring manufacture now permits the elimination of excess gold without altering the shape, size, contour or wearing durability.

Both the men's traditional and the proportioned sizes of the '76 VPISU ring will be optionally available in this patented and exclusive method of ring construction.

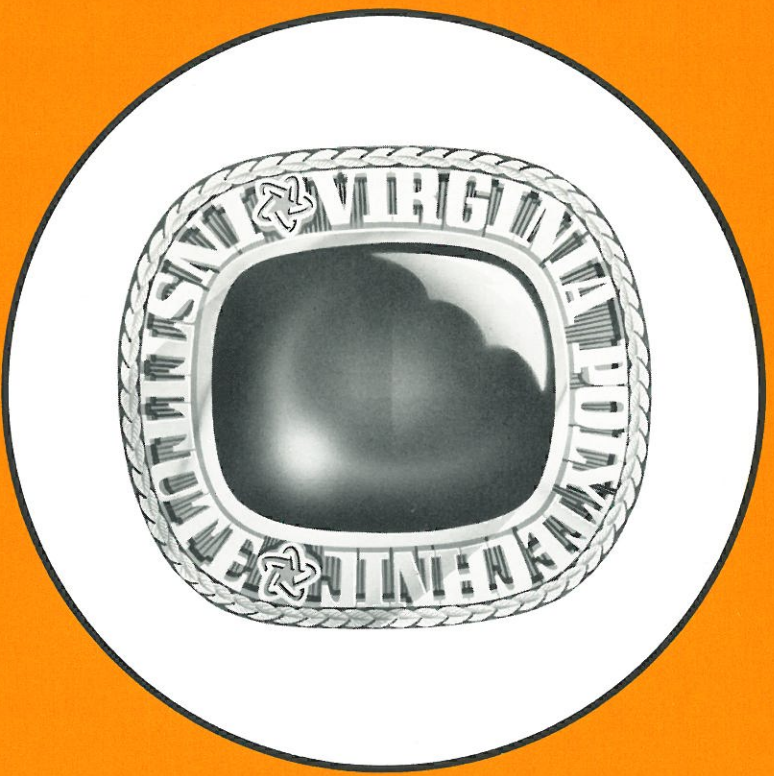
Mindful of the continuing increase in gold prices and with an eye toward offering the option of a regular size Tech ring at a substantially reduced (approximately 30%) price ... the Josten's people developed the Uni-Balance ring after many months of research and investigation.

Our '76 class is the first group ever to have the opportunity to purchase what is destined to establish a new standard of the ring making art.

The regular sizes in heavier gold weights will also be available for those who desire them.







### **Bezel**

The Bezel of the 1976 class ring is perhaps the most outstanding feature of this fine piece of jewelry. Surrounded by laurel leaves the symbol of excellence in education, and carved in modern roman letters, VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE is boldly visible at a casual glance. Symbolizing America's struggle for freedom, the national bi-centennial emblem of the bezel also represents a unique graduating class whose existence is a product of the American Revolution. The distinct and symbolic features of which the antique cushion design is composed are sure to compliment any stone.



### 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 face accented by a VPI & SU monogram. Engraving of modified block style creates a bold effect for the male, in comparison to the smaller, more delicate female ring, embellished with script engraving. Every class member will be proud to give and to wear these signet rings as mementos of the Class of 1976.





## Class Officers

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Vice President.....	Mr. Steve Snare
Secretary.....	Ms. Joan McDaniel
Treasurer.....	Ms. Jan Hedge
Historian.....	Ms. Terry Keuser
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Civilian-at-Large.....	Mr. Mike Spriegel
Cadet Member-at-Large.....	Mr. Joe Green

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	Cadet Joe Green
	Mr. Mike Spriegel
	Mr. Tom Clark (non-voting)



### Josten's Lifetime Guarantee

- ☐ To unconditionally guarantee all Virginia Tech 1976 class rings against defects in materials and workmanship for the lifetime of the purchaser.
- ☐ All synthetic stones are fully guaranteed and will be replaced at anytime free of charge. Also, there will be no charges for changes in synthetic stones for a student ordering one particular stone and upon receiving his or her ring desiring a change in stone. This is, of course, for the same comparably priced stone.
- ☐ To make a completely new ring at no charge if resizing is necessary.
- ☐ To make a new ring with proper curriculum shield at no charge should a student change his major course of study while at Virginia Tech.
- ☐ To replace at no charge until graduation any ring which is accidentally damaged or destroyed. After graduation any ring showing excessive wear or any ring which appears not to be up to the rigid standards of quality of Josten's will be replaced free of charge. A ring which is accidentally damaged beyond repair after graduation or one which shows abuse or evidence of tampering by an outside jeweler or by someone unqualified to repair it will be replaced at a flat rate of \$15.00 plus stone and damaged ring during the lifetime of the purchaser.
- ☐ To guarantee finishes for the lifetime of the purchaser. Should for any reason there arise the necessity for refinishing, this service will be performed at no charge. Also, there will be no charge for changes in finishes for a student ordering one shade and upon receiving his or her ring desiring a change.
- ☐ To replace a lost 1976 Class Ring at \$15.00 plus the current cost of gold and stone at the time of the loss. A written affidavit must be filed with local authorities at time of loss.
- ☐ To post a \$200,000 bond guaranteeing faithful performance under the terms of the agreement. The bond shall remain in force until graduation of the Class of 1976. Continuance of performance, thereafter, will be guaranteed under threat of the disqualification by the Office of the Dean of Students from future participation in Virginia Tech ring competitions.
- ☐ If a student fails to graduate and wishes to return his or her ring, a full refund will be made.
- ☐ Any college ring, manufactured by a firm other than Josten's, will be credited at the current gold salvage value toward the purchase of a V.P.I.... Class of 1976 Josten ring.
- ☐ Any high school ring, manufactured by any firm, will be credited at the current gold salvage value toward the purchase of a V.P.I.... Class of 1976 Josten ring. Depending upon weight, most high school rings will range in gold evaluation up to \$15.
- ☐ To permit the Class of 1976 Ring Committee arbitrary discretion in all matters pertaining to quality and service. They may reject any ring which in their opinion does not come up to the expectations of the contract.