



1982

The class of

official ring

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

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OFFICIAL RING BOOK

CLASS OF 1982

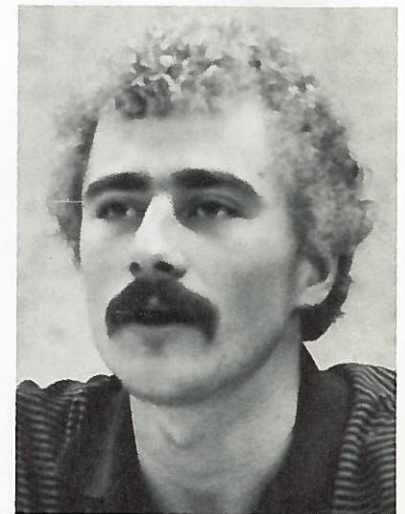
**THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE
AND STATE UNIVERSITY**

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA



The Class of 1911 started the Virginia Tech ring tradition. An eagle appeared on that very first ring as a symbol of freedom and strength. It has been a feature ever since. Burruss Hall, perhaps Tech's most distinguished building, has also been an essential element of many previous rings. A chained border has encircled the stone most years since 1940.

Joe Timko, Chairman of the Class of 1982 Ring Committee, is from Millington, New Jersey. He is a major in Electrical Engineering, a member of the German Club and former Residence Hall Social Chairman. Joe plans to do graduate work in business management and pursue a career in related fields.



Joe Timko
Chairman, Ring Committee

The class of 1973 was the first class in fifty-nine years to choose a rectangular stone over an oval. A companion ring was introduced by the Class of 1974. A class charm first appeared in 1977.

Today the Tech tradition reaches new heights. Tech is one of a few schools which completely redesigns its rings each year. The men's traditional ring is one of the largest rings in the country. The Tech ring contract is monetarily the nation's largest. The Class of '82 is first to offer a signet ring in place of the companion ring. This ring may be individually designed by the wearer. The Class of '82 has chosen to restore the tradition of an oval stone while dropping the chained border around the stone.

Ring delivery is just prior to the first weekend in May on which Ring Dance has been held every year since 1934. This formal two-night affair is one of Tech's most exciting events. It is a fitting climax to a truly unique ring program.

The Virginia Tech ring tradition shines with undiminished brightness in a world which often chooses to sever its ties with the past. The members of the class of 1982 may now participate in that tradition since payment of class dues or graduation entitles each class member to purchase a ring.

The 1982 ring committee was faced with economic conditions which threatened to put the price of a class ring completely out of reach. The price of gold has doubled and redoubled in each of the past two years. We have taken unprecedented steps to meet this unprecedented problem. With Josten's help we have done everything possible to provide uncompromised quality at reasonable cost.

The ring incorporates many traditional features found on Tech rings of the past. This is done in the interest of continuity and is a proper consideration.

In bowing to tradition, however, we have not neglected the unique and different qualities which distinguish our class. As you read this ring booklet you will see that our ring embodies many significant "firsts."

We are the first class to offer rings in a non-gold precious metal called Astrium. Though less expensive, Astrium is a precious alloy composed mainly of palladium and silver. It is guaranteed to endure for a lifetime.

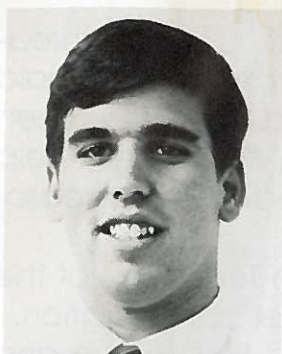
We are the first and only class to offer a ring which may be completely designed by the individual wearer. Our Signet Collection is a revolutionary alternative to the more expensive official ring. History will undoubtedly place our ring program among the finest conceived at Tech.

The Ring Committee has selected Josten's to place our memories in gold. Josten's old-world craftsmanship, coupled with advanced technology, puts the Tech tradition in most capable hands.

In any committee process there are always people who deserve special thanks. We want to first thank the members of the Ring Committee for the pleasure and privilege of working with them. We also thank our Student Affairs adviser, Peggy Paterson. Her advice, steadying influence, and effervescent enthusiasm was invaluable. It is the hope of both the committee and Josten's that your ring will serve as a reflecting mirror to bounce the rays of your memories of Tech back to you for years to come. We are honored to bring you the greatest ring possible. You deserve nothing less.



RING COMMITTEE



BERT ANDIA



Chairman Joe Timko and Ring Committee study results of survey of class on ring preference.



MARIAN BENDEL



GINNY GASSWINT



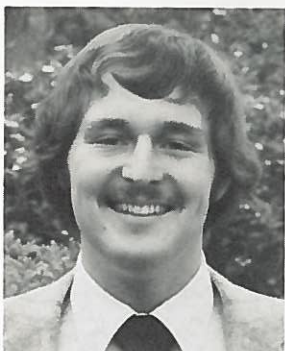
ROBERT PALMER



BRUCE WILLARD



KRIS BROWN



BART HOSICK



ANDREA BENITA TAYLOR



SHARON WILLIAMS



SHERRI DUMAS



KELLY LEPPINK



JOE TIMKO



DAVE ZAISER

Upon election the class officers assumed the challenge of the greatest Tech tradition — the class ring. The initial step to realization of the class ring was the selection of ten people from the more than one-hundred-and-twenty-five applicants. These ten, with women, civilian, and cadet members-at-large and the president as a non-voting member would be responsible for the design of the ring. Our object was to select a committee which would best represent our class.



Peggy Paterson
Office of Student Affairs

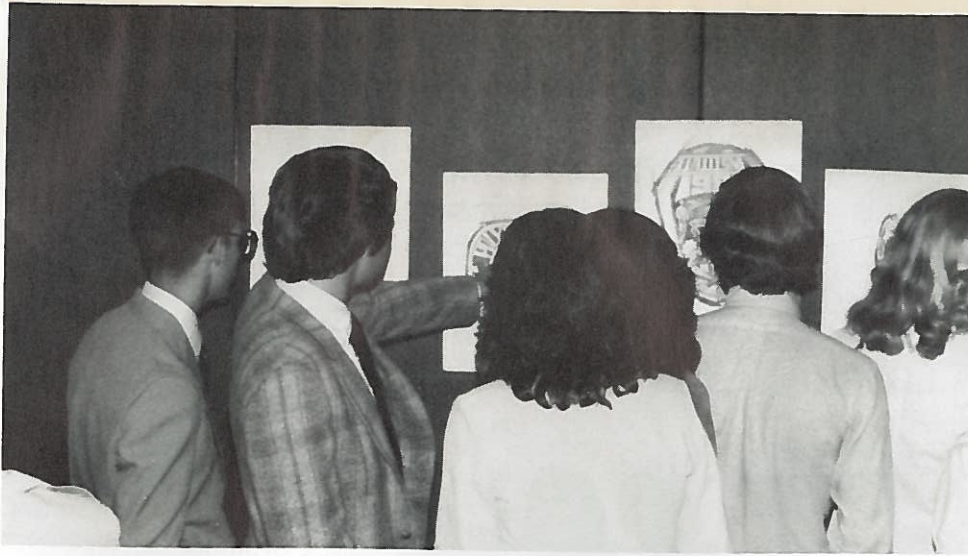


Wayne Waldrop of Montpelier, Virginia, is president of the Virginia Tech Class of 1982. Wayne is a Finance and Management major and plans to pursue a career in law after graduation. He is a member of University Council, sits on the Commission on Student Affairs and assumes various other duties as class president. Wayne is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.



Wayne Waldrop
President, Class of 1982



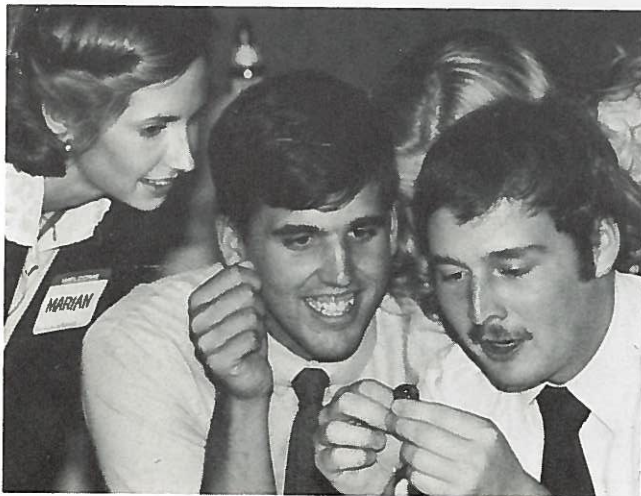


After the ring committee had been selected the creative process began. Three prestigious ring companies vied for the contract which is the largest in the United States. In each of three twelve-hour meetings companies were judged as to design, quality, service, and price. After much consideration the committee concluded that Josten's was best suited to continue the ring tradition for our class.

The design process began soon after the selection of the ring company. After many hours Josten's and the committee completed the design of all class rings and accessories.

In August, a summer meeting was held to make plans for the ring premiere and the ring booklet. At this meeting Josten's proudly presented finished sample rings to the enthusiastic reception of the whole committee.

Many hours of careful planning and creative designing have been invested in the ring program for the class of 1982. We offer a unique and beautiful ring that our class will cherish forever.



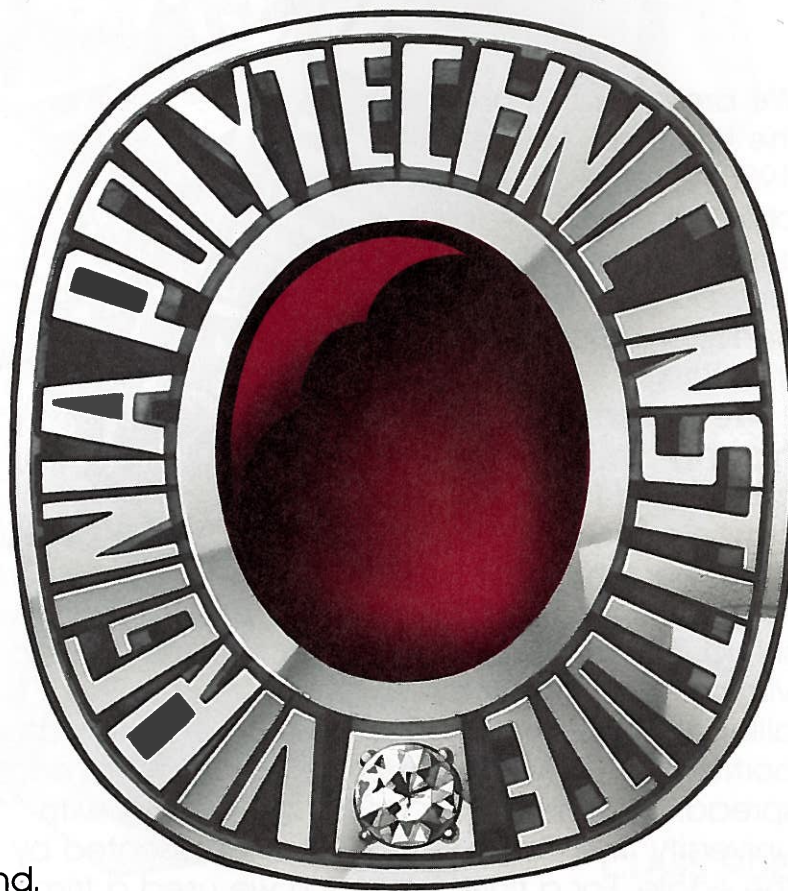
The bezel of the 1982 Class Ring brings a bright new concept to the Virginia Tech ring tradition. Recognizing that this is the part of the ring most noticeable, we have designed a bezel that is handsome, practical, and completely original. It adds a new note to the rich history of Tech by the bold design initiative of our class.

The oval shaped stones are imported from Germany by Josten's. Over thirty choices are available. Synthetic or genuine, stones are guaranteed for a lifetime and are the finest available. The cushion-shape of the bezel provides greater space for shank detail and gives a masculine look to the whole ring.

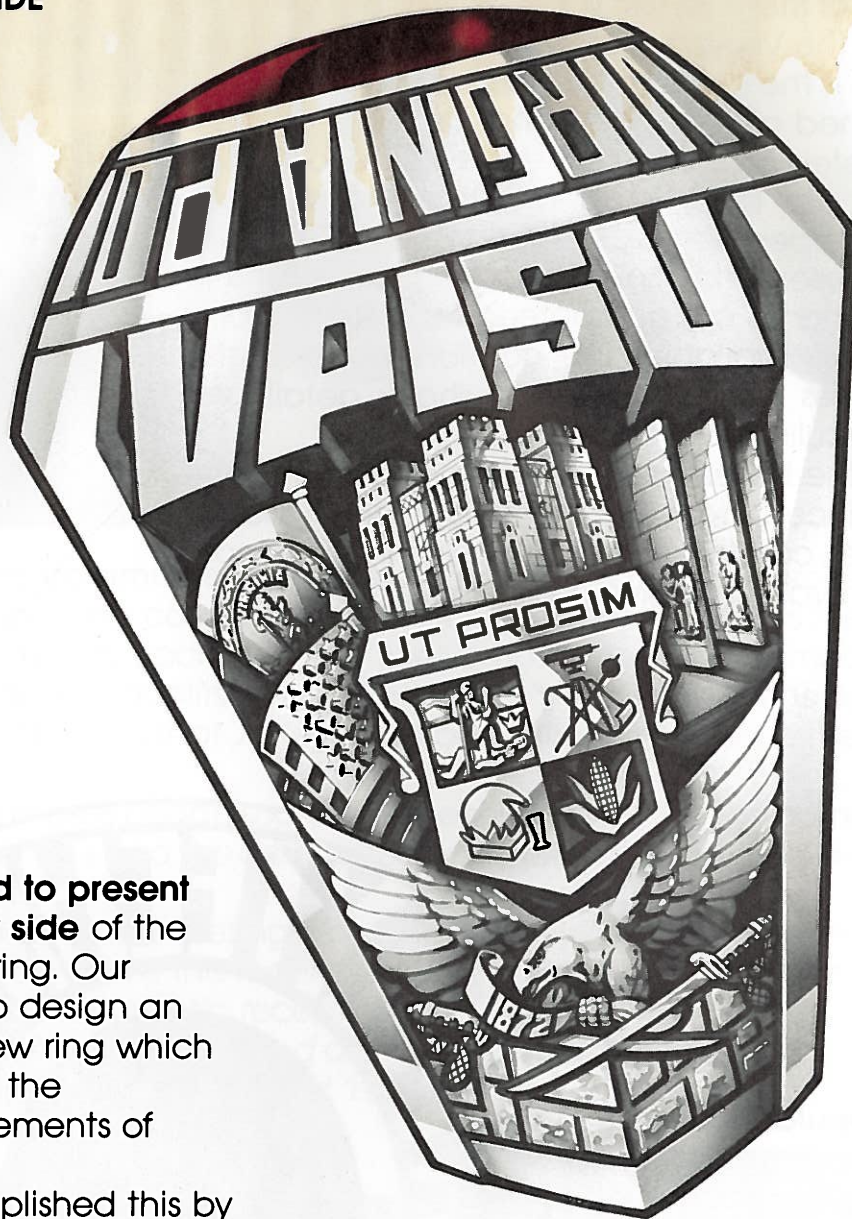
To make the bezel more readable and distinct, we have introduced a new letter styling never before used. Slender, condensed letters varying in size to conform to the oval stone give a brilliant effect.

The very popular honour point has been retained. With this feature each student can personalize his ring with initials, Greek letters, or stone. Diamonds, or the superb man-made cubic zirconia add a touch of opulence in this place.

Encircling this unique bezel we added a continuous gold band which — like friendships of class members — has no end.



UNIVERSITY SIDE



We are proud to present the University side of the 1982 official ring. Our object was to design an interesting new ring which incorporated the significant elements of tradition.

We accomplished this by placing the university seal in the center and framing it with Tech symbols. The university motto "Ut Prosim" (That I May Serve) is engraved on a banner which rests on the shield. Burruss Hall, representing strength, magnificence, and the power of education, towers over the university shield. To the left of Burruss Hall the American flag waves with either the Virginia or Confederate flag displayed behind. Balancing the flags are pillars of the War Memorial. We placed the statue of Brotherhood in front to portray the unity of our class. The traditional eagle is poised with wings spread. Clutched in his talons is a banner with "1812", founding date of the university. The Corps of Cadets is represented by sabers crossed beneath the eagle. For a finishing touch we used a trim of the ubiquitous Hokie stone.



TRADITIONAL RING



PROPORTIONAL RING



CLASSIC RING

Beneath the shield, an outline of Virginia with Blacksburg marked by a star, reminds us of our heritage, of which VPI is a vital part. Flames of the crossed torches of knowledge form the letters "VPI" and the numerals "110", our place in the Tech lineage. As a frame at the base of the ring we used Hokie stone in miniature replica.

The Class side of the 1982 Official Ring captures the progressive spirit of Virginia Tech's 110th graduating class. The Newman Library, itself undergoing change, symbolizes the development of the members of our class during our years at VIP & SU. Our bonds with the deep traditions of the university are portrayed by two figures from the War Memorial, Honor and Service, which flank the college shield.

The college shield represents each of the academic endeavors at Tech, this year, for the first time, including the new shield of the School of Veterinary Medicine.



CLASS SIDE

WOMEN'S OFFICIAL RING



Designed to complement the lifestyle of Tech women today the Women's Official Miniature of 1982 is the most petite official ring ever offered in Tech's history.

By intricate craftsmanship the Women's Official Miniature has been reduced to the most essential elements of the Men's Official ring. On the university side we have retained the school seal, eagle, VPI & SU. On the class side we have kept the date, college seal, and our mascot, the gobbler.

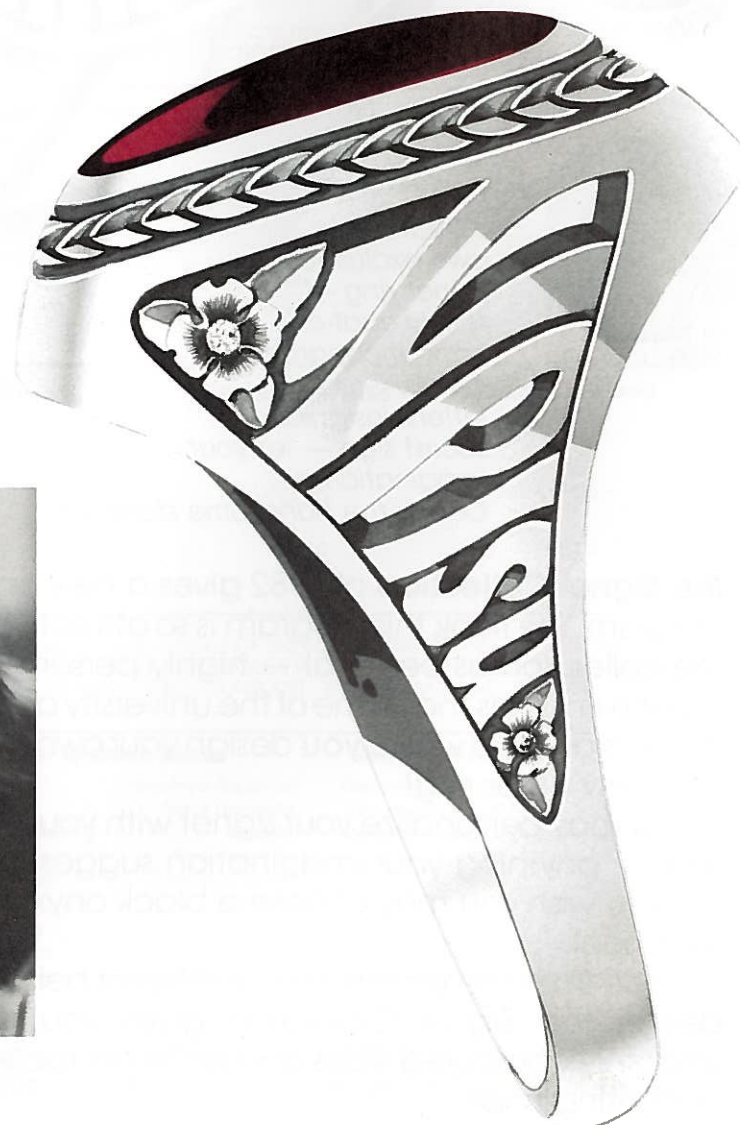
The aim of the committee was to clarify the above elements while including them in a more delicate appearing, more feminine ring, to appeal to the Tech woman who wants tradition with fashion. The 1982 Women's Official ring accomplishes this for the first time.

New open filigree shanks give delicate grace to the 1982 dinner ring. Distinguished styling is heightened by a bold, simple overall design.

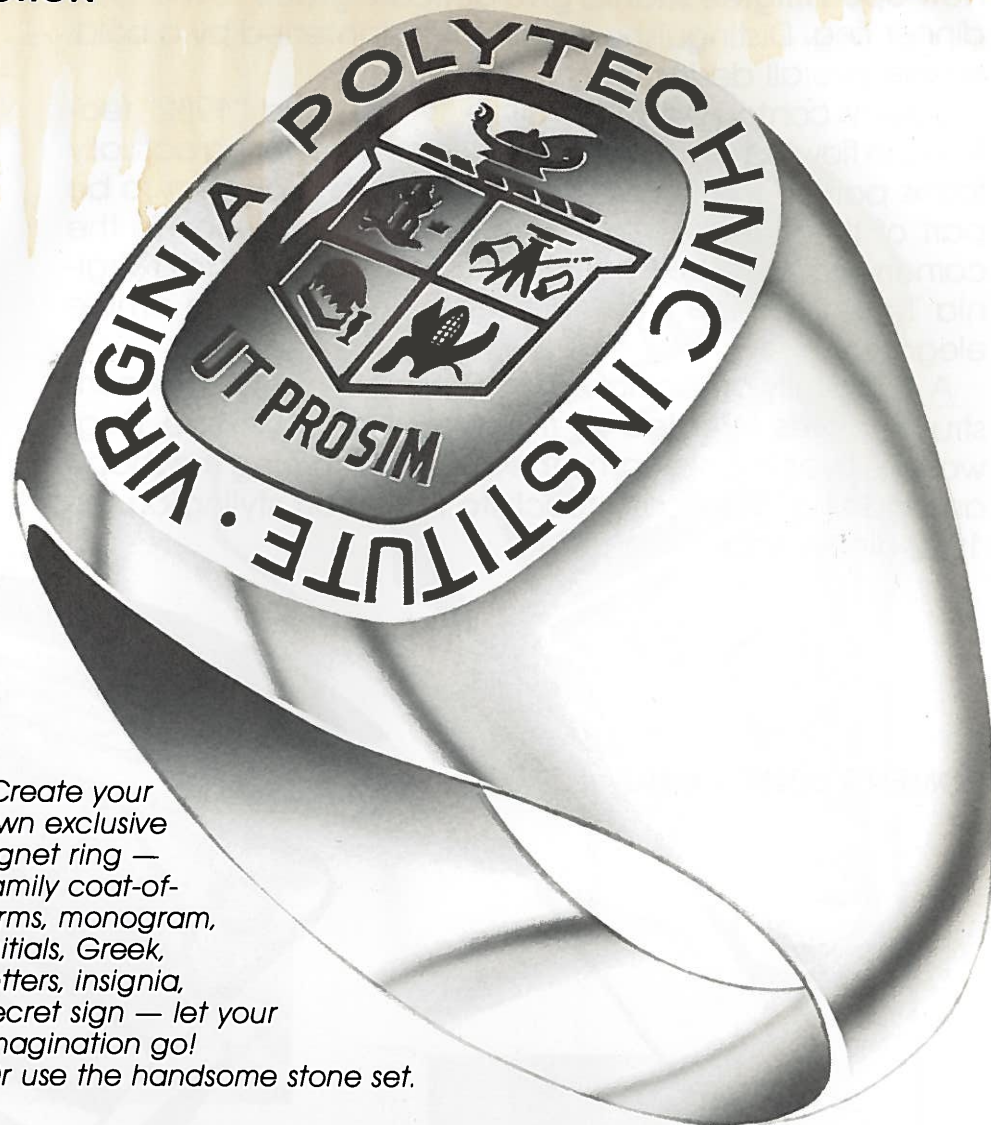
Sleekly contoured sides frame "VPISU" and "1982" featured in flowing, decorative, lettering. The lettering actually forms part of the ring's structure making it appear to be part of the design rather than applied. Dogwood in the corners provides the traditional touch necessary to a Virginia Tech ring. The overall effect is lightness with simple elegance.

A gracefully proportioned oval stone in open-back construction was selected as the most wanted shape. Dogwood leaves in gold frame the stone, reinforcing the shape and adding a delicate touch to the smart styling on the 1982 dinner ring.

WOMEN'S DINNER RING



SIGNET COLLECTION



Create your own exclusive signet ring — family coat-of-arms, monogram, initials, Greek, letters, insignia, secret sign — let your imagination go!
Or use the handsome stone set.

The Signet Collection of 1982 gives a new and exciting dimension to our ring program. We think this program is so attractive that you will want to wear one of the collection as personal — highly personal — jewelry.

Each ring has the name of the university as a frame around the top. Inside the frame is an area where **you** design your own signet — a part of yourself, different from any other ring!

You may personalize your signet with your name, initials, Greek crest, college seal, or anything your imagination suggests.

If you wish you may choose a black onyx stone, plain, or engraved with the Tech seal.

Aside from the exciting possibilities of being able to create your own special design the Signet Collection gives you sleek, sophisticated styling with smoothly contoured sides and polished top with detail intaglio contrasted by accenting finish.

PRICES

Style	Weight	Construction	10 Karat Yellow Gold	14 Karat Yellow Gold	Astrium*
Official Traditional	32 DWT	Solid-Closed	\$491.50	\$719.50	
Official Traditional	27 DWT	Solid-Closed	428.50	621.50	\$235.50
Official Traditional	25 DWT	Open Back	403.50	582.50	
Official Traditional	22 DWT	Uni-Balance-Closed	366.50	523.50	
Traditional Proportioned	22 DWT	Solid-Closed	366.50	523.50	205.50
Traditional Proportioned	18 DWT	Solid-Open	316.50	444.50	
Traditional Proportioned	17 DWT	Uni-Balance-Closed	303.50	425.50	
Official Classic	14 DWT	Solid-Closed	265.50	365.50	180.50
Official Classic	11 DWT	Uni-Balance-Closed	228.50	308.50	
Men's Signet Ring*	Solid-Closed	All Metal/Black Onyx	179.50	235.50	

*Deduct \$5.00 if purchased with Men's or Women's Official.

*Astrium is a specially formulated precious white alloy.

OFFICIAL RING BASE PRICES ABOVE INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL CHOICE (WHERE APPLICABLE) OF THE FOLLOWING 34 STONES: Yellow Gold, White Gold or Green Gold. Full Name Engraved inside (Block, Script or Facsimile), City and State or Social Security Number, Sunburst Stones, Encrusting, Custom top and Bezel Divider (where applicable).

+Josten's suggests that students strongly consider the uni-balance ring for its comfort and value. There is no difference in warranty and appearance between uni-balance and the solid back rings.

*12 Synthetic Birthstones		Other Synthetic Stones		Genuine Stones	
Garnet	Ruby	Tourmaline	Amethyst Sapphire	Genuine Black Onyx	Tahitian Pearl
Kunzite	Peridot	Green Zircon	Black Sapphire	Genuine Sardonyx	Mother of Pearl
Aquamarine	Fire Blue Spinel	Golden Sapphire	Ultralite	Genuine Green Onyx	Genuine Blue Onyx
White Sapphire	Rose Zircon	Brown Sapphire	Pink Sapphire		
Shamrock Spinel	Topaz	Ceylon Sapphire	Dark Blue Spinel		
Alexandrite	Blue Zircon	Blue Sapphire	Ivy Green		
*Available in Buff or Facet Top		Arctic Sapphire	Green Spinel		
**Available in Sunburst, India Cut and Fireray Variations.		Green Sapphire	White Spinel		

Style	Construction		10 Karat Yellow Gold	14 Karat Yellow Gold	
Women's Miniature	Closed Back		\$102.50	\$120.50	
Women's Dinner Ring	Closed Back		114.50	138.50	
Women's Signet Ring*	Closed Back	All Metal	120.50	148.50	*Deduct \$5.00 if purchased with Men's or Women's Official.

RING BASE PRICES ABOVE INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL CHOICE (where applicable) OF THE FOLLOWING STONES: YELLOW GOLD, WHITE GOLD OR GREEN GOLD, FULL NAME ENGRAVED OR INITIALS, TWELVE BIRTHSTONES PLUS TOURMALINE, BLUE SPINEL, SARDONYX, BLACK ONYX, GREEN ONYX, MOTHER OF PEARL AND TAHITIAN PEARL, SUNBURST. ENCRUSTING AND CUSTOM TOP WHERE APPLICABLE.

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White Sapphire	Rose Zircon	Brown Sapphire	Pink Sapphire		
Shamrock Spinel	Topaz	Ceylon Sapphire	Dark Blue Spinel		
Alexandrite	Blue Zircon	Blue Sapphire	Ivy Green		
		Arctic Sapphire	Green Spinel		
		Green Sapphire	White Spinel		

PRICE GUARANTEE

PRICES SHOWN HERE ARE GUARANTEED ONLY THROUGH THIS SCHOOL YEAR. DO NOT DELAY IN ORDERING! FUTURE PRICES WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM THOSE NOW QUOTED.

SPECIAL INFORMATION TO HELP IN ORDERING YOUR RING

GOLD — Pure gold has continued for centuries to be a highly desirable and valuable metal of lasting beauty.

Gold in a pure state is 24 Karat and impractical for use in the manufacture of class rings. It is soft in its original state and requires the addition of other alloying materials, primarily copper, silver and zinc.

Jostens will formulate for your VPISU class ring, a special 10K and 14K "Plumb" alloy. 10K rings will contain in excess of 41% pure gold and 14K rings will contain in excess of 58% pure gold.

Your ring will exceed U.S. Government standards assuring continuing value of your investment. Plumb Gold . . . The Best for Virginia Tech.

STONES — All Jostens synthetic stones and many of the genuine stones are cut and polished to exacting specifications by master cutters in the Herbert Stephan Factory in Idar Oberstein, West Germany. Synthetic stones are not an imitation, but actually synthesized, or man-made — "grown" under controlled conditions — the result of 20th century technological advances. They have all the same chemical, physical, and optical characteristics (such as molecular structure, hardness and brilliance) as their natural stone counterpart. Virtually all types of gem stones have been synthesized — even emeralds and diamonds. Jostens by maintaining its' own stone cutting and grading lapidaries insures finest quality. Vastly superior in all respects to imitation stones and fully warranted in your VPI Ring.

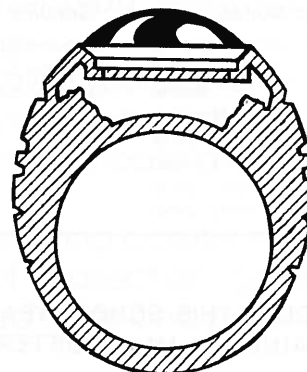
The widest selection of thirty-four stone options is available at Official Ring base prices. A full complement of genuine (natural) stones is also made available and includes jade, turquoise, opals and diamonds, plus additional selections.

Cubic Zirconia — Scientific progress allows Jostens to offer to the Class of '82, Cubic Zirconia, the most convincing diamond substitute yet created. A new man-made diamond simulant, "grown" at nearly 5000° F, Cubic Zirconia has a combination of optical properties which produce a brilliance remarkably close to nature's own diamond. Cubic Zirconia is a distinctive choice and will retain its unique properties, durability and appearance for years.

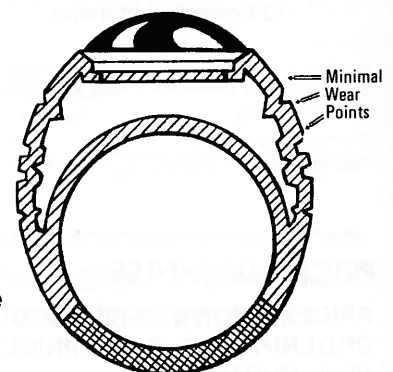
Jostens also provides UniBalance rings, a revolutionary new patented process in class ring manufacturing that permits elimination of excess gold (non functional interior portion) without altering or affecting the size, shape, contour or wearing durability. The Men's Traditional, Proportioned and Classic sizes of the VPISU Ring will be available in UniBalance construction resulting in a savings of considerable magnitude. The full selection of VPISU ring sizes and constructions (weights) insures the widest choice in all price ranges. Alternate alloy(s) as required will be made available.

Size and construction

Heavyweight



Uni-Balance





LIFETIME WARRANTY CLASS OF 1982 VPISU

1. All Virginia Tech Class Rings are unconditionally guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship for the LIFETIME of the purchaser.
2. All stones, both synthetic and genuine, are fully guaranteed and will be replaced at anytime free of charge. Also there will be no charge for an exchange of a stone (within the same price category) if a student is not totally satisfied with his or her original purchase.
3. Josten's agrees to make a new ring free-of-charge should a finger size adjustment be required.
4. Should a student change his major course of study while at Virginia Tech, a new ring with the proper curriculum shield will be exchanged at no charge.
5. If a student is not totally satisfied with his or her original choice of finish, Josten's will refinish the ring at no charge. Finishes are guaranteed for a LIFETIME; and, this option may be exercised anytime.
6. Should a student not graduate with his or her class, a new ring with the proper graduation year will be refunded at no charge, or we will refund to the student the total cost of the ring.
7. While a student at VPISU, any ring accidentally damaged or destroyed will be replaced at no charge. Following graduation and for the owner's lifetime, any ring damaged or destroyed will be replaced at a flat rate of \$15.00 plus stone and the damaged ring.
8. Josten's agrees to replace a lost 1982 VPISU class ring at \$15.00 plus current cost of gold and stone at the time of loss provided a written affidavit is filed with local authorities at time of loss.
9. If a student fails to graduate or for personal reasons wishes to return his or her VPISU ring, a full refund will be made.
10. Any College or High School ring will be credited at current salvage value towards the purchase of a VPISU Ring. Current trade-in value will be available at all order-taking sessions. Josten's will pay double the current gold salvage value on all Josten high school class rings in on trade.
11. Josten's, Inc. will post a \$200,000.00 Bond guaranteeing a faithful performance under the terms of the Agreement. The bond shall remain in effect until graduation of the Class of 1982. Continuance of performance thereafter will be guaranteed by the possibility of disqualification by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs from future ring competitions at VPISU.
12. It is agreed that your Ring Committee will be the sole and final arbitrator in all matters pertaining to quality and service. Upon graduation, this authority will rest with the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.

**OUR GOAL IS YOUR GOAL — LIFETIME SATISFACTION FOR
EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR CLASS**

Dear Class of 1982:

We thank each of you for giving Josten's the opportunity to be of service to your university and to your class.

Each year, the entire College Division at Josten's looks forward to assisting in creating ideas, concepts, and in general, the planning of the program. The "Tech Account" as it is referred to at the plant, is the most demanding and cherished of all in the industry today. Our people look forward to challenging the Ring Committee's pre-conceived ideas along with those of the competitors.

Without doubt, the ring program for the Class of '82 represents a milestone for "Tech" orders by Josten's. It is as unique as it is traditional and as representative of the Class of '82 as it will be representative of each individual's personal choice.

Josten's representatives are committed to friendly, professional and comprehensive service. We salute those of you who worked to bring this program to fruition — a very special thanks.

Sincerely,



Cristen M. Gleason
National Manager/Prestige Accounts



HOW TO ORDER:

During the ring order sessions you will have an opportunity to see all the rings and options available. Your finger will be sized for a perfect fit. Class dues can be paid at ring order sessions. Once you have decided which ring and which options you prefer, Ring Committee members and Josten's representatives will be glad to help you fill out the order form.

CREDIT CARD SALES — IMPORTANT

Sales of Class Rings by Master Charge or VISA **must** be approved **prior** to the day of delivery. In order to facilitate approval with a minimum of delay it is suggested that each class member who wishes to pay for their ring by credit card complete the credit application **at the time of ordering!** All such applications will then be processed no sooner nor later than two weeks prior to delivery. By so doing, you will have little or no inconvenience at time of delivery.

ORDER DATES

October 27, 1980	Commonwealth	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Ring Premiere
October 28, 1980	Commonwealth	3:00-9:00 p.m.	Ring Premiere
November 17, 1980	E. Commonwealth	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Orders
November 17, 1980	Room 204	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Adjustments
November 18, 1980	E. Commonwealth	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Orders
November 18, 1980	Room 204	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Adjustments
January 13, 1981	E. Commonwealth	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Orders
January 13, 1981	Room 204	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Adjustments
January 14, 1981	E. Commonwealth	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Orders
January 14, 1981	Room 204	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Adjustments
*February 9, 1981	E. Commonwealth	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Orders
February 9, 1981	Room 204	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Adjustments
*February 10, 1981	E. Commonwealth	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Orders
February 10, 1981	Room 204	9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Ring Adjustments
April 29, 1981	Old Dominion	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Ring Delivery
April 30, 1981	Room 219	8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.	Ring Delivery

*Last chance to order rings for delivery by Ring Dance

ORDERING DURING YOUR SENIOR YEAR:

Josten's representatives will be on campus several times during the year to take new orders or to make adjustments. Watch the newspaper or check with the Office of Student Affairs, 121 Patton Hall, for the exact dates. Should you wish to place a ring order at a time other than those planned, come to 121 Patton Hall for an authorization form. Your class dues can be paid at the time you order.

ORDERING AFTER GRADUATION:

A letter should be sent to the Vice President for Student Affairs, 121 Patton Hall, indicating your full name, year of graduation (or the class with which you are affiliated) and a current mailing address. You will receive a copy of a letter sent to Josten's indicating that you are eligible to purchase a 1982 class ring. You should then write to: Josten's Inc., "VPI Customer Service", 148 Broadway, Owatonna, Minnesota 55060, for an order form and current prices.



