

CLAS OF VIRGINIA BIRTH RINGLECTION

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President's message

The 1984 Class Ring was designed by the Class of 1984 Ring Committee. This committee consists of a Cadet-Member-At-Large, a Woman-Member-At-Large, a Civilian-Member-At-Large, and the President along with ten diversified members from the class who were selected by the eight class officers. The officers tried to choose members that best represented the entire class.



The ring has been designed to represent the ideas and goals of the class as well as the unique events that have occurred during our years at Virginia Tech. Many hours of work have gone into the designing of these rings so that class members will be proud to wear them. The Virginia Tech ring is an old and very proud tradition and the Tech ring order has become one of the largest in the nation. The ring committee has successfully continued this proud tradition in a very unique way.

After years of wearing the ring, I hope that class members will look down to their ring and still feel a strong sense of class pride. The true beauty and wealth of the 1984 Tech rings are not measured in their design or in the amount of

gold they may contain, but they are measured by what the ring means in the heart and soul of the wearer.



History of the ring

The 1984 official Virginia Tech rings are preceded by a long and prestigious history. Since 1911, when Virginia Tech's first class ring was introduced, the University's ring program has grown and developed, yet never lost touch with the past and its traditions.

Beginning with Virginia Tech's first official ring and continuing to the 1984 ring, the majestic eagle, symbolizing strength and freedom, has always been present. The 1914 ring was the first to incorporate an oval stone, thus establishing a tradition which would not be broken for some fifty-nine years. In 1940, the bezel of the ring, normally encircled by a rope, was replaced with a bezel surrounded by a chain representing the bonds of class unity. This change established a more flexible and enduring tradition that allows each individual class to design its own symbolic chain. Burness Hall, representing the heart of the University, is a final element which has



been reflected on virtually every ring since the building's construction in 1936.

It is important to note that every year the class selects a ring committee to tackle the arduous task of designing the class rings. For this reason, no two Virginia Tech class rings are identical.

Each ring is a reflection of the personality of that particular class and most importantly a unique representation of the University. Although each class ring is different in design, each contains those traditional elements which contribute to the highly regarded and easily recognized Virginia Tech Rings.

The Class of 1984 Ring Committee. Left to Right: David Wu, Tammy Donnelly, Brian Wilkerson, Robin Russell, Laurie Day, Nancy Schaudel, Casey Stevens, Norris Tyler, Stacy Roberts, John Coursen, Jane Brandon, Missing: Wayland Hundley, Claire Nolen, Tony Beto.

The traditional rings

This year the Class of 1984 brings back a ring tradition. For the first time in many years, the men's traditional ring style will also be available for women. The women's traditional ring is a smaller version of the men's ring which allows everyone to be a part of the on-going tradition of Virginia Tech. The individually-designed sides of the ring are appropriately called the University side and the Class side.

The men's traditional rings are available in two sizes, extra-large and large. Each size is available in several different weights.

The reason for this is that some men may prefer the bulk of the extra-large ring but not the heaviness of a 32 pennyweight ring. (A pennyweight — abbreviation DW/T — is a unit of measure equal to one-twentieth of a troy ounce.)

The extra-large traditional ring is available in

32 DW/T

25 DW/T

22 DW/T

The large traditional ring is available in

17 DW/T

14 DW/T

The women's traditional ring is available in

7 DW/T

All of the traditional rings will have the university side and each class member will have the name of their college inscribed on the Class side of the ring.

University side

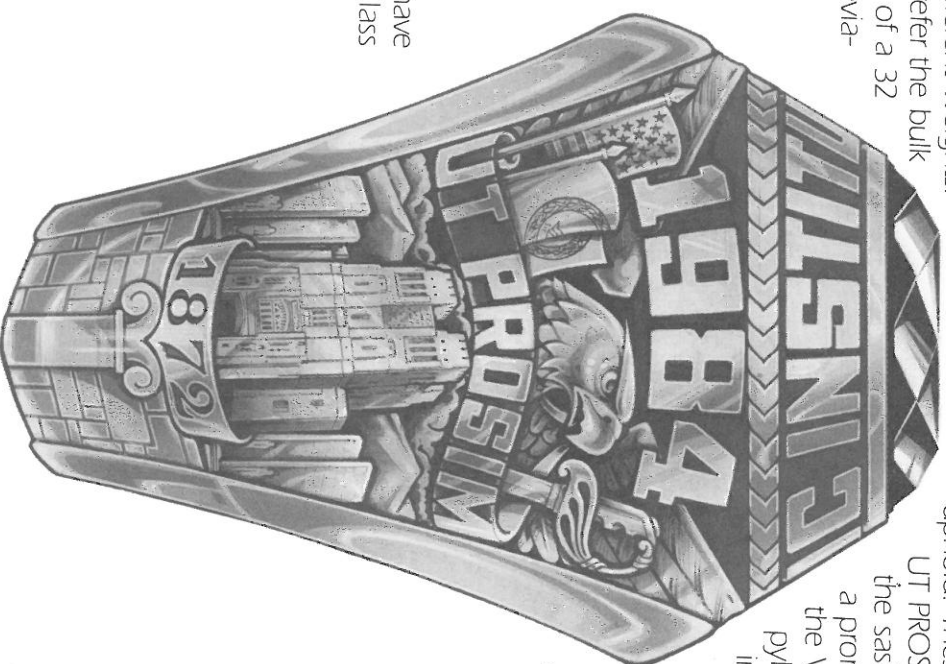
On the University side of the ring is the bald eagle which has traditionally been placed on the Tech ring symbolizing the strength and courage of our nation while solemnly looking forward to our future. Unfurling to the left of the eagle is our national flag and the option of either the Virginia state flag or the Confederate flag. The sweeping sash and powerful sabre symbolize the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and the fine traditions of the University which they uphold. These traditions are reflected by our University motto,

UT PROSIM "That I May Serve," which is embossed upon the sash. Cradled between the Blue Ridge Mountains is a prominent depiction of Burruss Hall, a focal point of the Virginia Tech campus. Framing Burruss are the pylons of the War Memorial Chapel whose crowning location at the head of the Drill Field

represents the spiritual bonds of Tech's alumni.

The founding date of the University, 1872, is set in "Hokie Stone," an architectural symbol of our University. Crowning the completed

University side of the ring is our class date, "1984" in bold block letters.



Class side

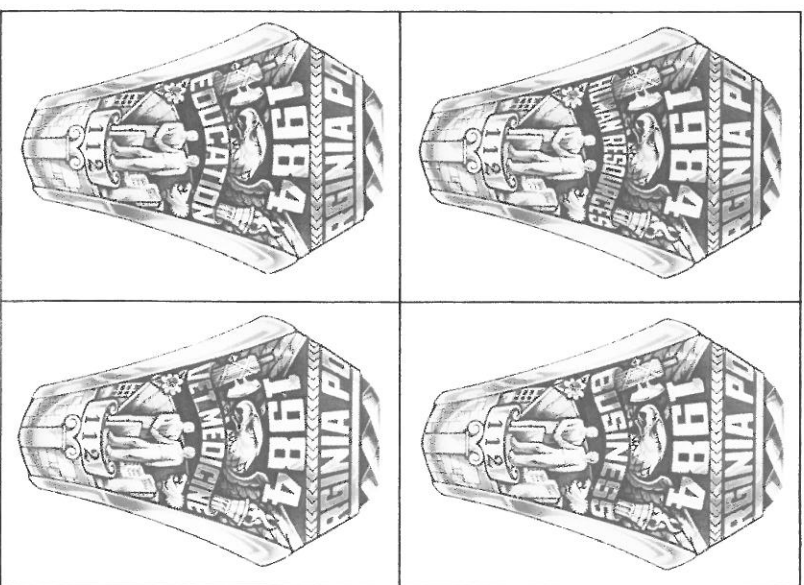
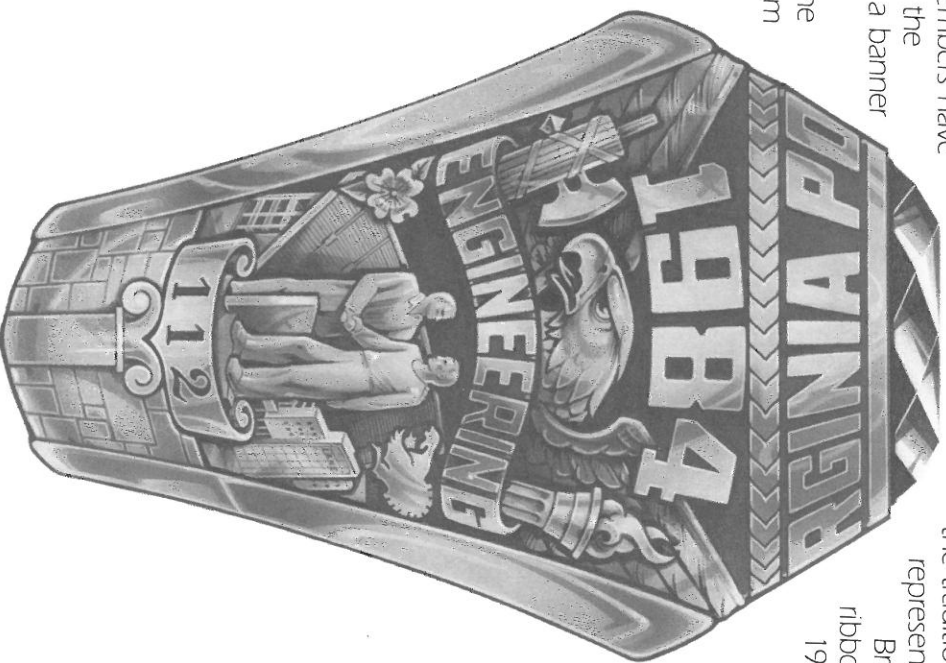
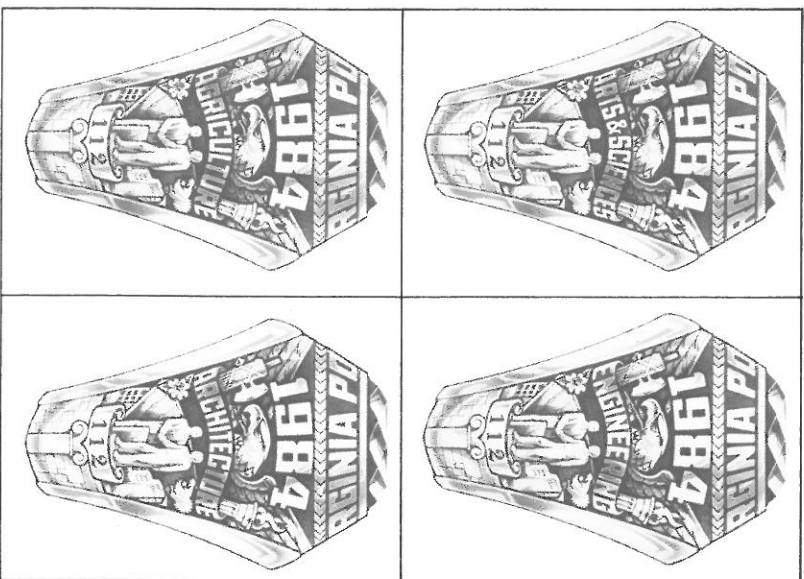
The Class Side of the traditional ring uniquely depicts the individuality of our class. This distinctive design is highlighted by a bold '1984' year date which complements the date present on the University side of the ring. Below the year date lies an assertive eagle which symbolizes the zealous potential of our lives. This eagle looks toward the symbolic mace which represents the strength of our class as a whole. On the right side of the eagle stands a flaming torch representing the knowledge that we as class members have sought during our years at Virginia Tech. Uniting the mace of strength and the torch of knowledge is a banner which proudly displays your academic college.

The dominant feature of the Class Side of the ring is the brotherhood figurine with Lane Stadium in the background. This figurine is one of eight

which are represented on the pylons of the War Memorial Chapel and symbolizes the close friendships developed by class members. Lane Stadium represents one of the landmark events which occurred during our class years since it was during this time that a large addition to the stadium was completed. The addition of this section in 1980 gave Lane Stadium the distinction of being the largest stadium in the state of Virginia and was filled to capacity during the eventful (30-0) Va Tech vs. UVA football game. The dogwood flower on the left side of the stadium represents

the tradition of Virginia while the gobbler on the right side represents the spirit of Va Tech.

Bringing the Class Side to a close is a beautiful ribbon proudly displaying the fact that the Class of 1984 will be the 112th graduating class.



Bezel

The Bezel of the 1984 Class Ring is uniquely styled to enhance the overall boldness of this ring. The oval stone set in a cushion base gives the ring a distinctive look. The ever-popular honor point in the shape of the university shield, can hold a stone, Greek letters, the skipper cannon, dogwood blossom, Diamond, Dimonique™, personal or Corps initials.

If you do not choose any of these options, the honor point shield will appear plain on your ring.

Encompassing the bezel is a chain of 84 interlocking hemlock needles which symbolize the unified growth of our class. An evergreen tree has been planted by the Class of 1984 as a symbol of the everlasting growth of our class.



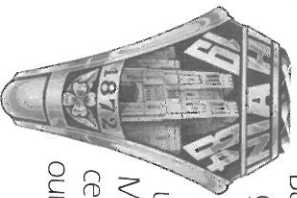
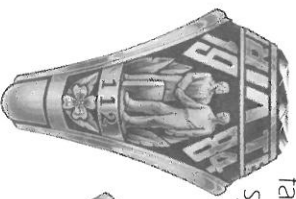
Women's miniature

In designing the 1984 Women's miniature ring, the Ring Committee concentrated on creating a sophisticated yet simple ring which maintains the traditional elements while remaining feminine. We feel we have achieved our goal and are very proud to present the Class of 1984 Women's miniature ring.

Depicted on the University side of the ring is a unique, yet familiar angle of Burruss tower. We chose this as a symbol of the University because it is such a familiar and cherished site for all Tech students. Framing

Burruss is a bold representation of our graduating year, 1984, and the 1872 founding date of the University. On the Class side, the brotherhood figure from a pylon of the War

Memorial Chapel stands as the center of the design. It is framed by our graduation year 1984 and our



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graduating class number, 112. As a finishing touch, on both sides of the ring the dogwood blossom is placed as a special representation of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Some of the designs and options available on the traditional rings are not available on the miniature due to its petite size. Please see the options page of this booklet for information on the restrictions.



Women's dinner ring

The formal dinner ring of the Class of 1984 was one of the most difficult rings to design. Our goal was to maintain the daintiness of this exquisite ring with a design and style that would be appealing to all women.

The dinner ring is characterized by its uniquely slender bands that swirl around the stone. This unusual design impressively gives the image of a bezel while maintaining the ring's femininity. We have chosen the traditional

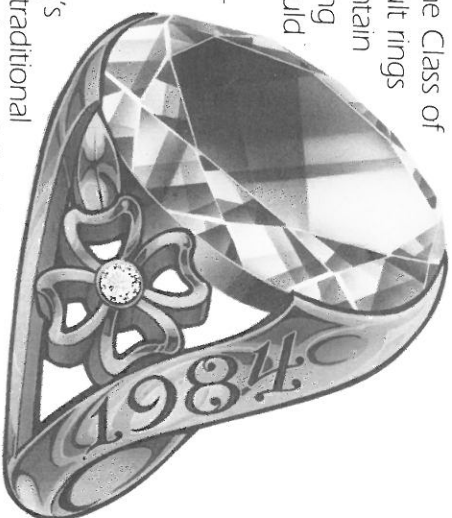
oval-shaped stone for the dinner ring — definitely a more appropriate stone for this stylish ring. On either side of the ring engraved in elegant script is found "1984" and "VPSU." Lastly, the tradition of Virginia is portrayed through the symbolic dogwood blossom encasing sides of the ring with the leaves of the dogwood blossom encasing the stone. We, the 1984 Ring Committee, are very honored to present this stunning ring to the women of Virginia Tech.

The women's dinner ring is available with your choice of:
simulated birthstones genuine Wyoming jade
genuine mother of pearl genuine onyx

The onyx can be engraved (design is cut into the stone) with the: University Seal VPSU symbol VT

You could also choose encrusting (design is cut into the stone and inlaid with gold) with "VT"

An especially attractive option is to have a 10 point diamond,



Dimonique™ or birthstone set in the center of the black onyx. Please see the order form for the extra charge incurred with a Grade C diamond. Other diamond grades are available but for a stone of this size, grade C is more than adequate.

The dinner ring has been designed to accept a diamond on either side of the ring set into the center of the dogwood blossoms. Please see the order form for extra charges.

Signet rings

The Class of 1984 demonstrates its ability to move in new directions in order to provide unity to the men and women of our class. For the first time ever at Virginia Tech, three beautifully designed sets of signet rings for men and women — identical except for scale — are being offered as part of the class ring selection.

Each style signet — octagonal, oval and a unique "barrel" shape — is shaped to complement either a masculine or feminine hand.

The signet rings are available with:

genuine black onyx genuine blue onyx
genuine green onyx genuine red onyx

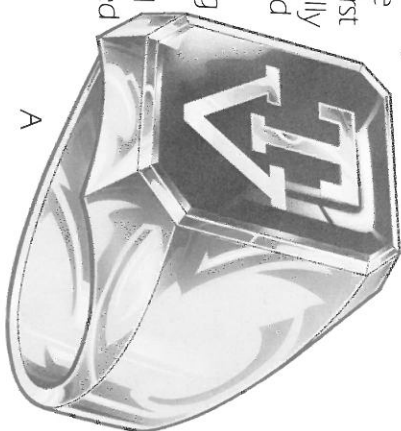
The onyx stone can be engraved (design is cut into the stone)

with: University Seal VPIU symbol VT

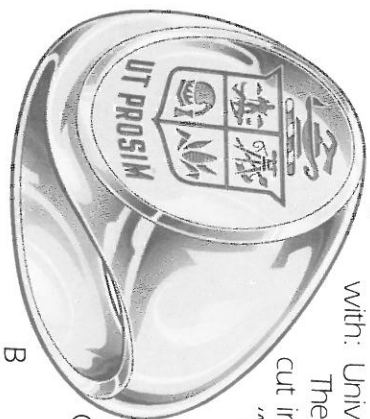
The onyx can also be encrusted (design is cut into the stone and inlaid with gold) with "VT" (see A)

The signet ring is also available with an all metal engraved top featuring: University Seal (see B) VPIU symbol VT

Only the signet ring features a crest of the



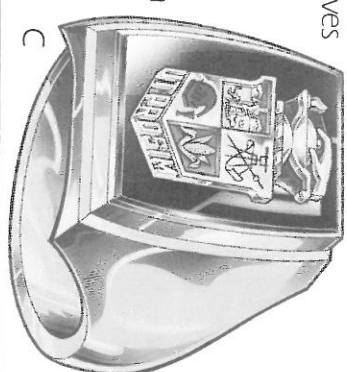
A



B

University Seal mounted on the stone of your choice. (see C)

The Ring Committee of 1984 believes that this varied selection and wide choice of options enables virtually every class member to find that one, special ring that will serve as a memento of his or her years at Virginia Tech.



C

Options

The 1984 Virginia Tech rings are available with several different options. Some of these are limited to certain rings because of the individuality of the designs. All of these will be on display at the Ring Premiere and order takings.

The ring case (located in the lobby area of the first floor of the Squires Student Center) will be set up with a display of all rings and options and will be available through the 82/83 academic year. Your Balfour representative will assist you in ordering your ring.

Metals

Your 1984 class ring is available in yellow, white or green 10 & 14 karat gold. Silver gives green gold its distinctive golden green color while nickel is what makes white gold white. All karat gold rings are made with plumb gold.

All 1984 class rings are also available in yellow and white Celestrum™. Celestrum™ is a non-precious jeweler's alloy with the durability of gold. White Celestrum™ has the look and feel of white gold while Yellow Celestrum™ contains a percentage of yellow gold which gives it a delicate champagne color. Both are fully warranted.

Engraving

All traditional and signet rings can be engraved on the inside of the ring with your full name and social security number in either block or script letters. Due to their petite size, the women's dinner ring can be engraved with three initials only while the miniature can have three initials and either the year date ("84") or degree initials ("BA").

Finish

All traditional rings and the women's miniature come with a choice of finish: Light, medium or dark.

All signet rings and the women's dinner ring come highly polished.

Stones

Traditional & Miniature

Included in the base price of the traditional and women's miniature ring are the twelve simulated birthstones and synthetic sapphires available with a smooth or cut top. Genuine black onyx, Mother-of-Pearl, Sardonyx, and Wyoming Jade are available with a smooth top only.

At an extra charge (see back of the order form) there are various Hope Star and genuine stones available.

You may also choose to have a diamond set into your center stone (a black onyx with a diamond is a popular choice). Prices for grade C diamonds are listed on the order form but other grades are available. You may also provide a diamond of your own to be set in your stone. There are size restrictions which your Balfour representative will review with you.

Dimoniques™, a fine grade of cubic zirconia, are an affordable alternative to genuine diamonds and provide the same look of fine jewelry.

Signets & Dinner Rings

Please refer to the Signet and Dinner Ring sections for these stone options.

Stone enhancements

Various **ENCrustINGS** (designs cut into the top of your stone and inlaid with gold) are available on most rings.

The traditional rings for men and women can have:

German Club emblem Fighting Gobbler Forestry emblem
Three Greek letters VT Skipper Cannon

VPISU monogram* any personal initial

*Not available on women's traditional

The petite size of the miniature does not allow for encrustings.

The signet and dinner rings can only be encrusted with VT due to the intricate design and small size.

Various **ENGRAVINGS** (design is cut into the stone but there is no gold inlay: The dinner & signet rings can be engraved with:

University Seal VT VPISU symbol

The traditional rings do not have engraving available.

The signet rings are also available with a University Seal

CREST. This is a gold image of the seal which is anchored to the top of your stone choice.

FIREBURST stones are available in the traditional and miniature rings. These stones are specially cut on the back with rays which radiate from the center providing maximum light refraction. They are available in cut or smooth top for all simulated birthstones.

PROTECTED EMBLEMS are metal shims placed behind the simulated gemstones on the traditional rings only. They are most effective with a light colored, smooth top stone and are available in:

University Seal	Fighting Gobbler	Corps shield
Highly-Tighty	Skipper Cannon	VPISU monogram
Forestry Club	VT	German Club

ORDER FORM
MENS AND WOMENS TRADITIONAL AND WOMENS MINIATURE RING
OFFICIAL CLASS RING
VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
CLASS OF 1984

STUDENT INFO NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE
SCHOOL ADDRESS NO. STREET CITY STATE ZIP
HOME ADDRESS NO. STREET CITY STATE ZIP
FINGER SIZE/ ENGRAVING FINGER SIZE INSIDE ENGRAVING SCRIPT BLOCK
ENGRAVING RESTRICTIONS: on women's miniature. Three initials and year/date or degree NAME SOC. SEC. #
GOLD COLOR SELECTION YELLOW WHITE GREEN
MENS EXTRA LARGE TRADITIONAL 10K 14K WHITE CELESTRIUM YELLOW
32 dwt 354.00 488.00 131.00 205.00
25 dwt 315.00 488.00 124.00 183.00
22 dwt 263.00 427.00 121.00 173.00
MENS LARGE TRADITIONAL 17 dwt 229.00 378.00 116.00 156.00
14 dwt 205.00 326.00 113.00 146.00
WOMENS TRADITIONAL 7 dwt 136.00 218.00 106.00 122.00
WOMENS MINIATURE 3 dwt 111.00 144.00 102.00 109.00
FINISH LIGHT MEDIUM DARK
SCHOOL SIDE Arts and Sciences Education Human Resources
Architecture Business Engineering Vet Medicine
FLAG SELECTION ON UNIVERSITY SIDE (Choose One) (U.S. FLAG WILL APPEAR ON ALL)
CONFEDERATE OR STATE OF VIRGINIA
STONE SELECTION FIREBURST SUPREME CUT
SIMULATED GEMSTONES AND SELECT GENUINE STONES
STONE COLOR STONE CODE
SAPPHIRE COLLECTION CUT TOP SMOOTH TOP
STONE COLOR STONE CODE
HONOR POINT: (Choose One) GREEK LETTERS INITIALS
DIMONIQUE* DOGWOOD BLOSSOM 5pt GRADE C DIAMOND:
SKIPPER CANNON (Refer to simulated gemstone section) \$39.00 Extra
ENGRAVING: — not available on women's miniature
FIGHTING GOBBLER SKIPPER CANNON BLOCK LETTER
FORESTRY CLUB DVT LINEAR LETTER
GERMAN CLUB DVT OLD ENGLISH BLOCK
GERMAN CLUB DVT ROMAN BLOCK LETTER
AVAILABLE ON EXTRA LARGE AND LARGE RINGS ONLY:
VPI SU MONOGRAM
— EXTRA CHARGES —
HOPE STAR COLLECTION: MEN\$86.00 WOMENS \$52.00
STONE COLOR STONE CODE
GENUINE STONES: PRICES MAY VARY — CHECK STONE SELECTION LISTING
STONE COLOR STONE CODE PRICE \$
PROTECTED EMBLEM — \$10.00 — NOT AVAILABLE ON WOMEN'S MINIATURE
CORPS SHIELD FORESTRY CLUB SCHOOL SEAL DVT SU MONOGRAM
FIGHTING GOBBLER GERMAN CLUB SKIPPER CANNON DVT
DIAMOND/DIMONIQUE* SET IN CENTER STONE
DIAMONDS — GRADE C DIMONIQUE*/CUBIC ZIRCONIA
3pt - 23.00 15pt - 138.00 5pt - 14.00 15pt - 22.00
5pt - 39.00 20pt - 235.00 5pt - 16.00 20pt - 24.00
10pt - 91.00 25pt - 321.00 10pt - 18.00 25pt - 26.00
PRICES EFFECTIVE THROUGH 5/83 ONLY

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HOME ADDRESS NO. STREET CITY STATE ZIP
FINGER SIZE/ ENGRAVING FINGER SIZE INSIDE ENGRAVING SCRIPT BLOCK
ENGRAVING RESTRICTIONS ON WOMEN'S DINNER: THREE INITIALS ONLY NAME SOC. SEC. #
GOLD COLOR SELECTION YELLOW WHITE GREEN
STYLE SELECTION
MENS SIGNET 10K 14K WHITE CELESTRIUM YELLOW
8 dwt 156.00 232.00 107.00 126.00
OVAL DOCTAGON BARREL
WOMENS SIGNET 4 dwt 124.00 157.00 103.00 112.00
OVAL DOCTAGON BARREL
WOMENS DINNER 3 dwt 111.00 144.00 102.00 109.00
SIGNET RING OPTIONS
Color of Onyx: BNX — Black 162 — Blue 163 — Green 280 — Red Sardonyx
Engraved Onyx: Univ Seal VPI SU Symbol VT
Encrusted Onyx: VT Symbol
Crest: Univ Seal
OR All Metal Top: VPI SU Symbol VT
WOMENS DINNER RING OPTIONS
Color of Onyx: BNX — Black 162 — Blue 163 — Green 280 — Red Sardonyx
Engraved Onyx: Univ Seal VPI SU Symbol VT
Encrusted Onyx: VT Symbol
Stone set in Square Plug
Stone Color Stone Color Grade C Diamond
Stone Code Stone Code — \$99.00 extra
(Refer to Simulated Gemstone Selection)
2-7pt Grade D Diamonds set in Sides \$15.00 extra
ALTERNATIVE CENTER STONE SELECTION:
Simulated Gemstones and select genuine stones
Stone Color
Stone Code
CHANGE POLICY: You the buyer may cancel this transaction at any time prior to midnight of the third business day after the date of this transaction.
PRICES EFFECTIVE THROUGH 5/83 ONLY

Ordering instructions

The schedule for ring ordertaking is listed on the back cover. Trained Balfour representatives will be available at all ordertaking sessions to assist you in completing the order form.

Please note that you must pay your class dues in order to purchase a 1984 Virginia Tech class ring.

Methods of payment

The class of '84 Ring Program has several different payment options:

- 1.** You can place a deposit (minimum \$30.00) with your order and pay the balance when your ring is delivered. You may use cash, money order or personal check.
- 2.** You may pre-pay the entire order with cash, money order, personal check or MasterCard/Visa. This entitles you to a \$15.00 discount on your order.
- 3.** You may use MasterCard or Visa to pay your deposit, balance due or full payment. If the card is not in your name, you will need to provide a signed authorization listing the cardholder's name, address, account number and expiration date.
- 4.** You may place a deposit (minimum of \$30.00) by any of the above methods and continue to make partial payments while your ring is being manufactured. **There are no finance charges or special carrying charges for this service.**
If your balance is not paid by the time the rings are delivered, you can continue to make partial payments until the balance is cleared. Please note that your ring will not be released until the balance is paid in full.
- 5.** Ask your Balfour Representative during ordertaking for information on the no-interest partial payment program. You may trade in any fully marked karat gold jewelry at the ring order takings. Current gold salvage value will be credited towards the purchase of a 1984 V.P.I.S.U. ring.

Balfour company history

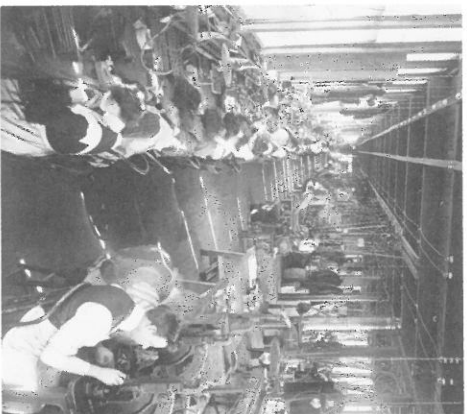
Lloyd G. Balfour recognized a need in 1913 to provide high quality fraternity and sorority jewelry to a market that had been receiving inconsistent quality and delivery by small, local manufacturers.

From that modest beginning, Balfour has become one of the largest providers of emblematic jewelry in the world. Yet through our seventy years of business and many product lines, we have maintained that standard of high quality first set by Mr. Balfour in 1913.

The ability to maintain a standard of high quality is aided by

Balfour's unique standing as a privately owned international company. Due to our singular situation, we can dedicate our exceptional design capabilities and craftsmanship to the production of the finest quality class rings available and not to the production of dividends for stockholders.

As our financial strength has increased considerably over the years, our profits have been returned to the company in the form of technological improvements as evidenced by our



state-of-the-art-CAD/CAM equipment and our new refinery. Mr. Balfour's first concern was for his employees and his will, being administered by a charitable trust, provides for the maintenance of our people-oriented policy and standard of high quality.

The V.P.I.S.U. rings will be produced in our main facility in Attleboro, Massachusetts. This is only one of the many manufacturing facilities, for both rings and graphics, across the United States, and is the sight of our corporate headquarters.

Balfour class rings have as real a meaning and tradition today as they did when the first West Point ring was made. This meaning and tradition can be summed up in one word — PRIDE.

We can assure you, Balfour will take as much pride in the making of your Virginia Tech class ring as you will in the wearing of your ring.

This is our commitment to you.

Balfour — the quality ring manufacturer



Lifetime Warranty

V.P.I.S.U. Class of 1984

- 1.** All Virginia Tech 1984 Class Rings are unconditionally guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship for life.
- 2.** All stones included in the base price and all stone decorations are fully guaranteed and will be replaced at any time 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. The only exclusion to this stone warranty regards diamonds greater in size than 10 points. Said diamonds would be replaced at manufacturer costs without additional setting charges.
- 3.** Should a student change his or her major course of study while at Virginia Tech, a new ring with the proper course designation will be exchanged at no charge.
- 4.** If a student is not totally satisfied with his or her original choice of finish, Balfour will refinish the ring at no charge. Finishes are guaranteed for life and this option may be exercised at any time.
- 5.** While a student is at V.P.I.S.U., any ring accidentally damaged or destroyed will be replaced at no extra charge with receipt of damaged ring. This includes the base price stones.
- 6.** Following graduation and for the owner's lifetime, any ring damaged or destroyed will be replaced upon Balfour's receipt of the damaged ring at a flat rate of \$20, plus the cost of the stone.
- 7.** Balfour agrees to replace a lost 1984 V.P.I.S.U. class ring at \$20 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.
- 8.** If a student fails to graduate with his or her class or for personal reasons wishes to return his or her 1984 V.P.I.S.U. ring, a full refund will be made.
- 9.** Should a student not graduate with his or her class, a new ring with the proper graduation year will be remade at no charge, or we will refund to the student the total cost of the ring. Any college, junior college, or high school gold ring will be credited at current gold salvage value towards the purchase of the Class of 1984 V.P.I.S.U. ring. Current trade-in value will be available at all ordertaking sessions.

Class of 1984 ring schedule

November 2, 1982 Tuesday 7:30pm	Ring Premiere	West Commonwealth Ballroom Squires Student Center
November 3 & 4, 1982 Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am — 6:00pm	Order Taking	East Commonwealth Ballroom Squires Student Center
January 25 & 26, 1983 Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00am — 6:00pm	Order Taking	East Commonwealth Ballroom Squires Student Center
January 27, 1983 Thursday 8:00am — 6:00pm	Order Taking	Room 342, Squires Student Center
March 2, 3 & 4, 1983 Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00am — 6:00pm	Order Taking	Room 342, Squires Student Center
May 11, 1983 Wednesday 8:00am — 4:00pm	Ring Delivery	Old Dominion Ballroom Squires Student Center
May 12, 1983 Thursday 8:00am — 8:00pm	Ring Delivery	Room 342, Squires Student Center
May 13 & 14, 1983 Friday & Saturday	Ring Dance	
May 25 & 26, 1983 Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am — 6:00pm	Ring Service	Room 342, Squires Student Center