Sighty-five Sighty-five Collection

RING PREMIERE
NOV. 1, 1983







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President's Message

The first responsibility for the 1985 class officers was the selection of committee members and chairmen. The 10-member Ring Committee is extremely important, in that the strength of the class depends greatly on the success of the ring program. Six very talented and diversified class members were selected to serve with the

President, Male Member-at-Large, Female Member-at-Large, and Cadet Member-at-Large.

After three impressive presentations the committee felt Balfour would provide the best ring at the lowest cost for our class. In order to make the designs as meaningful as possible, the committee, working closely with Balfour, conducted a survey and spent many hours discussing, sketching, and rearranging. The goal of blending Tech tradition with the innovation and character found in the Class of 1985 was finally reached.

The Virginia Tech ring is distinctive among university rings, because each class designs its own. Our proud tradition has developed into the nation's largest ring contract. The 1985 class rings are among the finest of Tech designs and I hope that each of us will proudly wear our ring as a symbol of our meaningful years at Virginia Tech.

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Monty Wenk





History of the Ring

ear 1985 Class Members: Class rings. Virginia Tech. Tradition. What do these words have in common? Well, when it comes to class rings we here at Virginia Tech can stand proud, for we are fortunate to have one of the richest and most respected traditions of any University. Our roots stretch back to 1914 when a ring, dominated by a distinguished bald eagle on either side, was designed. Since that time the arduous task of redesigning the ring collection has been undertaken each year by a bright, energetic group of elected and appointed class members. The 1985 Ring Committee is no exception. Although this year's 10-member committee is small by past standards, it represents a cross-section of our class and has realized our class

goals far ahead of schedule under the auspicious tutoring of recently relocated

advisor Bob Lineen.

Through the years of redesigning, many different objects have appeared on the Tech ring to capture the spirit and

imagination of graduating classes.

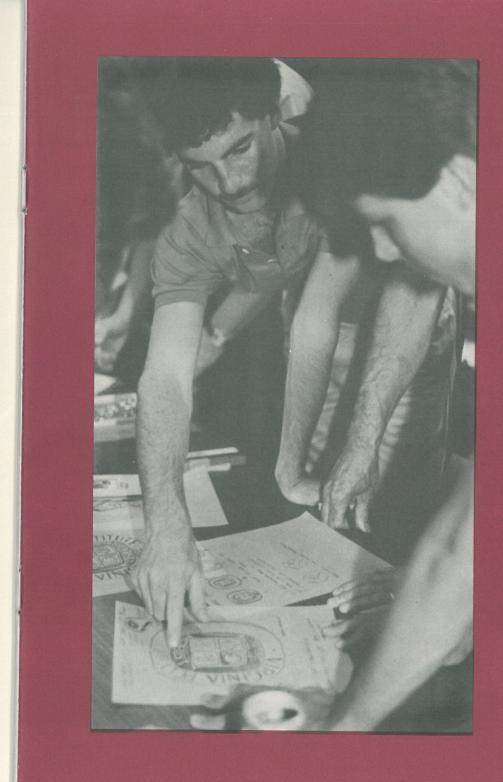
Your 1985 class ring has been specially designed for you by a creative team composed of fellow class members and the L.G. Balfour Company. With Balfour's help several new elements have been designed to make our 1985 class rings unique from their predecessors; however, this new design still carries the tradition established back in 1914.

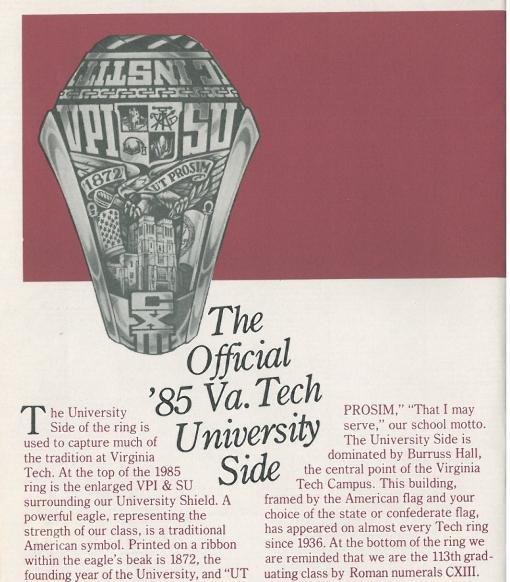
That tradition is still alive in '85. In service to our class,

Todd P. Headley

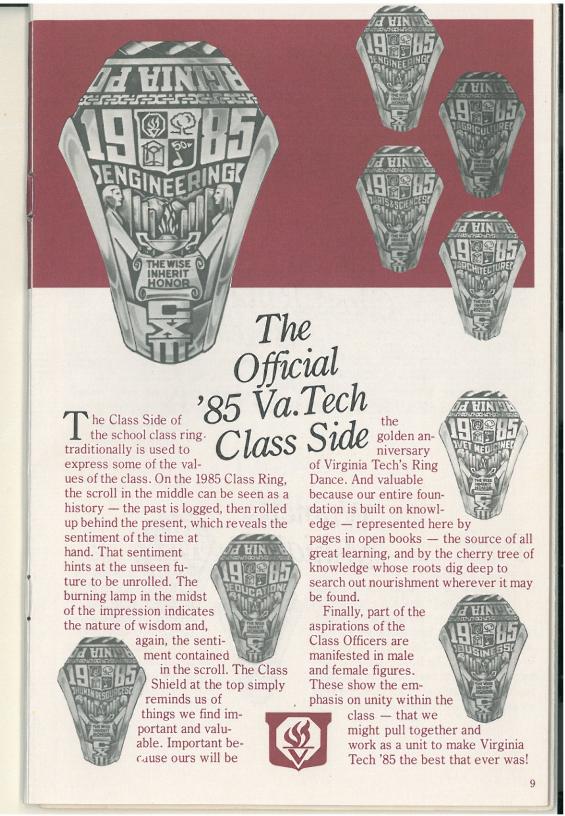
1985 Ring Committee Chairman













The iving the 1985 Class Ring a Class Ring traditional appearance is the classic design of the bezel. An oval stone combined with an oval base provides a timeless look for the ring. The perimeter of the bezel is an interlocking chain of our class year, symbolizing the unity and spirit of our class.

The University Shield serves as the honor point and provides a way to personalize the ring. This shield can hold initials, Greek letters, a diamond, a Dimonique™,

the skipper cannon, dogwood blossom, a stone, or personal or Corps initials.

You can also choose to have a smooth shield — appearing plain on your ring.

he 1985 Women's ■ Miniature Ring was chosen by the Ring

Committee with the important features of the Men's Traditional Ring in mind.

The University Side is characterized by the University Seal along with a dominant VPI & SU treated in artistic Roman letters. The Roman numerals are incorporated into both sides of the ring, representing the pride our class takes in all aspects of the University and the

Women's Miniature

honor we feel in being the 113th class to be graduated. The Class

Side of the ring is dominated by the Class Shield we believe proudly displays important ideas



incorporated through our class.

The bezel of the ring is characterized by "Virginia Tech" surrounding the stone in proud, block letters.

The Miniature Ring achieves both del-

icacy and tradition along with the symbolism we feel is so important to members of our class.





This collaboration of ideas resulted in VPI and SU and 1985 artistically engraved on either side of slender offset bands. These bands frame the distinctive marquis cut stone. The shape of the stone and the offset bands, we feel, compliment each other and add to originality.

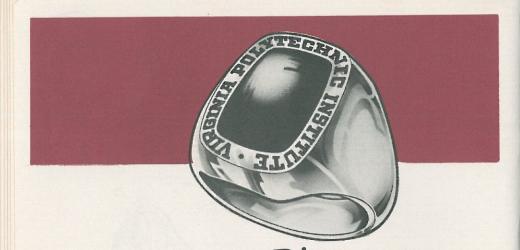
We are both proud and honored to present a ring that we believe acts not only as a symbol of our class but as

a ring to be cherished and worn years after graduation.

The Women's Dinner Ring is available with your choice of simulated birthstones, genuine Mother-of-Pearl, genuine Wyoming Jade, or genuine onyx.

Another option is placement of a 10-point diamond, Dimonique[™], or birthstone set in the center of the black onyx.





The Class of 1985
Ring Committee
proudly presents this year's
line of Men's Signet Rings

The Class of 1985
Five and Inde Sandary

with diamond sets, encrusting, engraving and, for the first time, Tiger's

Ring Committee

Five and Inde Sandary line of Men's Signet Rings. The 1985 selection offers the largest variety of options in Tech's history. We've designed each ring to represent our class and our unity - a proud tradition of Virginia Tech.

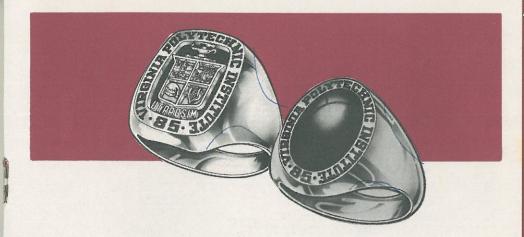
Each style signet may be combined with an almost endless supply of options. Signets are offered for the first time with a wide selection of stones. The signet selection includes: oval or antique shaped rings, any color onyx

Eye and Jade Sardonyx.

The 1985 Ring Committee believes that the new dimension and variety in Men's Signet Rings will enable every class member to become an intricate part of the Class of 1985 and serve as an everlasting memory of his or her years at Tech.







The Women's Signet
Ring collection has
been designed with
sophistication, tradition,
and elegance as our main
objectives. The Ring
Committee felt the
Women's Signet Ring
should compliment the
wearer's hand, adding

wearer's hand, adding beauty and elegance. Two different designs allow for a variety of options to satisfy everyone's tastes.

The traditional oval and antique signet rings are scaled to compliment a feminine hand. The design is similar to the Men's Signet Ring with slight changes in placement of the '85. Either a stone or metal backing with encrusting, engraving, or cresting is available on the stone.

The 1985 Ring Committee believes these ring designs allow for individual qualities of class members to shine.

These Class Rings create a sense of unity by their tying factor — a unique design which will be treasured for years to come.

Women's
Signet Rings
And
Into one that retains the "old elegance" but has a new feeling of style ... the



Women's Nostalgia Ring.

The sides of this ring are created in two tiers that slope down to platform an engraved "1985" and "VT." These dual levels add facets to catch the light and make this ring sparkle.

The top of the ring features our University Crest set on a gold backing or one of a variety of stones. The lines of this ring are smooth and delicate — adding to its beauty.

The Nostalgia Ring is unique because the style itself is dateless, original, and created strictly for 1985 class members.





The Traditional and Women's Miniature ring base price includes our 12 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.)

We also offer various Hope Stars® and

genuine stones at extra cost.

You may also wish 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 your order form but other grades are available. You may even provide a

diamond of your own to be set in your stone; your Balfour representative can review any restric-

tions that apply.

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

For Signet and Dinner Rings, refer to those sections for your stone options.

A n ENCRUSTING is a letter or design cut into the top of your stone and inlaid with gold. It's available on most rings.

Stone

Decoration

Traditional Rings for men and women can have: German Club emblem; Three Greek letters; Fighting Gobbler; VT; Forestry emblem; Skipper Cannon; or any personal initial.

The VPISU monogram is available

only on men's Traditional.

The Miniature's size does not allow for encrustings. Signet and dinner rings only can be encrusted with VT because of the small size and intricate design.

An ENGRAVING is a design cut into your stone with NO gold inlay.

Dinner and Signet Rings can be engraved with: University Seal; VT; VPISU symbol.

Traditional rings do not have engraving available.

Stone

A University Seal CREST is available on Signet Rings.

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

FIREBURST stones are available in Traditional and Miniature rings. These stones are cut on the back with rays radiating from their centers for maximum light refraction. Available in smooth or cut top for all simulated birthstones.

PROTECTED EMBLEMS are metal shims placed behind simulated gemstones. Available on Traditional rings only, they are most effective with a light-colored smooth top stone. Choose from: University Seal; Highty-Tighty;

Forestry Club; Fighting Gobbler; Skipper Cannon; VT; Corps shield; VPISU monogram; or German Club.





Encrusting — Design in Gold Bonded to Stone



Protected Emblem
— Design Set
Under Stone



Protected Emblem
— Design Set
Under Stone



Encrusting — Design in Gold Bonded to Stone



Engraved Stone — Design Incised into Top of Stone

ur 1985 Virginia Tech Rings are available with several options. Some options are limited to certain rings because of their individual sizes and designs. All these rings are on display at our Ring Premiere and at ordertakings.

The ring case is located in the lobby area of the Squires Student Center, first floor. It will display all rings and options available throughout this academic year. Your Balfour representative

will assist you in ordering your ring.

Your 1985 Class Ring is available in yellow, white, or green 10 and 14 karat gold. All karat gold rings are made with plumb gold.

Metals

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All 1985 Rings are also available in Gold Tone or white Celestrium[®]. White Celestrium[®] is a tarnish-free

non-allergenic jeweler's alloy with the look and feel of white gold.

Gold Tone Celestrium[™] adds a sheathing of titanium nitrate to give your ring a golden color and extra durability.

Both are fully warranteed.

We can engrave inside your ring your full name and social security number in block or script letters. Because of its petite size, a

Engraving woman's dinner ring can be engraved with three initials only; the miniature can have three initials and either the year date ("85") or degree initials ("BA").

KAREN R BRAY

Block Full Name

KRB

Initials

Karen R Bray

Script Full Name

All Traditional Rings and Finishes a choice of finish — light, the Women's Miniature come with medium, or dark.



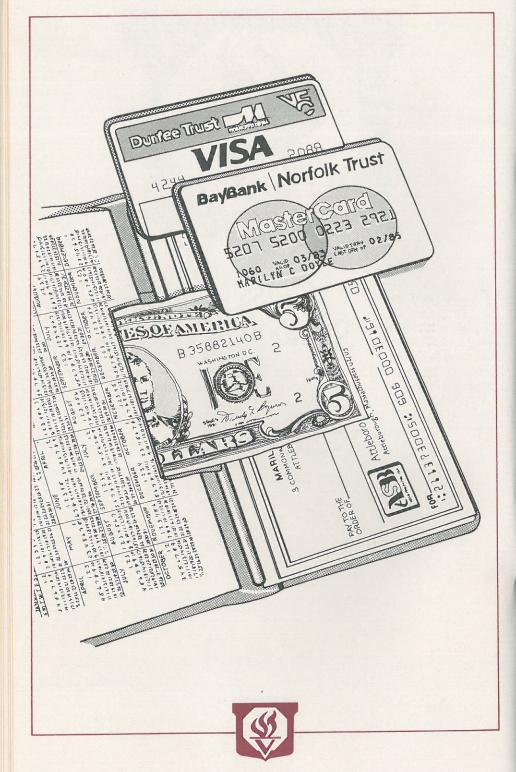


The Committee recognized the uniqueness of developing a symbol or logo dedicated to its class members. This symbol incorporates the shape of the University Shield, emblazoned with an open octagonal figure representing the numeral eight. The torch of knowledge is designed from

the Roman numeral five, while the flame incorporates the VT monogram. The octagon, unbroken, is a

symbol of unity. The torch represents a spirit, a desire to obtain the finest education available — a spirit to make the Class of 1985 the finest in the long history of Virginia Polytechnic Institute.





ur ring ordertaking schedule is listed on the back cover. Balfour's representatives will help you to complete ring order forms at all order-

Ordering taking sessions.
You must pa class dues before

You must pay your class dues before you can purchase a 1985 Virginia

Tech Class Ring.

ur Class of '85 Ring Program offers several payment options:

Payment Plans 1.) Place a (minimum \$30) deposit with your order, and pay the balance when your ring is delivered. Use cash, money order, or personal check.

2.) Pre-pay your entire order with cash, money order, personal check, or VISA/MasterCard. This entitles you to a \$15 discount on your order.

3.) Use your VISA or MasterCard to pay your deposit, balance due, or full payment. If the card is not in your name, please provide a signed authorization listing the cardholder's name, address, account number, and expiration date.

4.) Place a (minimum \$30) deposit by any of these methods and continue to

make partial payments until your ring is ready. NO FINANCE OR SPECIAL CARRYING CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE!

If you've not paid your balance when rings are delivered, you can make partial payments until your balance is cleared. We cannot release your ring until your balance is paid in full.

Ask your Balfour Representative during ordertaking for information on this no-interest partial payment program.

5.) Trade in any fully-marked karat gold jewelry at all ring ordertakings. We'll credit gold salvage value toward your purchase of a 1985 Virginia Tech Ring.





In 1913, Lloyd G. Balfour recognized a need to provide high-quality jewelry to a fraternity and jewelry market long plagued by inconsistent quality and delivery.

Balfour recognized

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Since then, Balfour has become one of the world's largest providers of emblematic jewelry. For more than 70 years, we have maintained the solid standard of quality our name represents.

Company

History

facility

We're able to maintain that standard because of our unique standing as a privately-owned international company. We dedicate our design capabilities and craftsmanship to the production of the finest class rings available — and not to the production of dividends for stockholders.

As we've increased our financial strength, we've returned our profits to the Company for technological

improvements — such as our state-of-the-art CAD/CAM equipment and our new refinery. Lloyd Balfour's

first concern was his employees; his will, administered by a charitable trust, provides for maintaining our people-oriented policy and standard of high quality.

All V.P.I.S.U. Rings will be produced in the main Balfour facility in Attleboro, MA. This is only one of many manufacturing facilities, for both rings and graphics, across the United States — and it's the sight of Balfour's corporate headquarters.

The meaning and tradition Balfour class rings have today can be summed in one word — PRIDE. Balfour takes as much pride in crafting your class ring as you do in wearing it.

Balfour — when you're serious about quality.







1. All Virginia Tech 1985 class rings are 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 without charge at any time. Diamonds greater in size than 10 points and genuine stones not included in the base price are excluded from the free replacement clause.

3. All Virginia Tech 1985 rings may be resized without charge for as long as the ring exists. If a student desires to have a new ring made for resizes greater than one half size, the charge, after graduation only, will be \$30 plus the return of the original ring.

- 4. Rings which are accidently damaged will be replaced prior to a student's graduation for a charge of \$25 plus return of the damaged ring. After graduation, the charge to replace a damaged ring may increase by 10 percent per year over the \$25 pregraduation charge, up to a maximum charge of \$50 (8th year). Genuine stones and diamonds greater in size than 10 points will be replaced at the cost which is current at the time of repair.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Additional rings may be ordered at any time. After the first year's order dates, the cost of rings

will be determined by the cost of gold and stones at the time of ordering, plus the manufacturing costs.

- 7. A student who changes colleges at Virginia Tech after a ring is ordered, may return a ring to receive a ring with the proper designation at no additional cost.
- 8. A student who fails to graduate with the class designated on the ring may return that ring to receive a full refund.

9. Several ring adjustment times will be scheduled with company representatives present on campus. After a student's graduation the cost of shipping, insurance, and handling will be the responsibility of the ring owner.

- 10. Any college, junior college, or high school gold ring will be credited at current gold salvage value towards the purchase of the Class of 1985 V.P.I.& S.U. ring. Current trade-in value will be available at all ordertaking sessions.
- 11. Disputes about the validity of warranty claims will be resolved by the Ring Committee until the time of a student's graduation. Thereafter, Virginia Tech will designate a staff member with responsibility to work with the ring company. The company agrees to abide by the decision of the Ring Committee or the Virginia Tech staff representative.



Notes

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College Ring Manager
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Attleboro, MA 02703
(617) 222-3600



Options and Stones Included in the Base Price

GOLD COLOR

Choice of Yellow, White, or Green (Restricted to Traditional and Gold

INSIDE ENGRAVING

Full Name and Social Security Number engraved in Script or Block.

STONE SELECTION

Choice of Fireburst (Sunburst), Supreme Cut, or other simulated birthstones, synthetic gemstones, or genuine stones listed on this page.

ENCRUSTING

(Restricted to Traditional Rings and only on simulated stones)

VT Monogram

VPI **VPISU**

Greek Letters German Club Emblem Forestry Emblem Skipper Cannon Co-op Symbol Block Personal Initial Roman Block Personal Initial

Linear Personal Initial Old English Personal Initial Fighting Gobbler

Triangle **FINISHES**

Light, Medium, or Dark

HONOR POINT OPTIONS

VT Monogram VPI Monogram Fraternity Letters Dimonique™ (Cubic Zirconia) Dogwood Blossom Skipper Cannon

Any Stone included in base price

Corps Insignia Personal Initials

YOUR SCHOOL ON THE CLASS

SIDE Architecture Agriculture Engineering Education Arts & Science **Human Resources** Veterinary Medicine Business

FLAG SIDE

(U.S. Flag appears on all rings) Choice of Virginia State or

Confederate Flag

PROTECTED EMBLEM

Miniature Rings) Corps Shield Forestry Club Emblem

Highty-Tighty Skipper Cannon VT Monogram Triangle

Fighting Gobbler German Club University Seal

VPISU

FOR SIGNETS, ENGRAVED

DESIGN IN ONYX

(Restricted to certain ring sizes)

German Club University Seal VT Monogram

SIMULATED BIRTHSTONES

Garnet Kunzite Aquamarine White Spinel Shamrock Spinel Alexandrite Ruby Peridot

Fire Blue Spinel Rose Sapphire Topaz

Blue Zircon

Tech Orange (Padparascha)

Tourmaline

SYNTHETIC SAPPHIRES

Black Brown Ceylon Blue Green Rose White Dark Blue Golden

GENUINE STONES

Black Onyx Green Onyx Blue Onyx Red Sardonyx Mother-of-Pearl Wyoming Jade

SYNTHETIC SPINELS

Black Blue Green Topaz White Green Zircon White Zircon

Metals, Optional Stones, and Prices

Men's and Women's Traditional and Women's Miniature Rings.

	10K	14K	White Celestrium®	Gold Tone Celestrium™
32 dwt	\$398.00	\$603.00	\$131.00	\$205.00
26 dwt	344.00	528.00	124.00	183.00
22 dwt	290.00	471.00	121.00	173.00
17 dwt	251.00	408.00	116.00	156.00
14 dwt	225.00	375.00	113.00	139.00
7 dwt	146.00	227.00	106.00	122.00
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Men's and Women's Signet and Women's Dinner and Nostalgia Rings.

		10K	14K	White Celestrium®	Gold Tone Celestrium™
Men's Signet	8 dwt	\$167.00	\$239.00	\$107.00	\$126.00
Women's Signet -	4 dwt	126.00-	159.00	103.00	112.00
Women's Dinner	3 dwt	116.00	142.00	102.00	109.00
Nostalgia Ring -	4 dwt	126.00-	-159.00	103.00	112.00

DIAMOI	ND PRICES	5			DIMO	NIQUES™
Size	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Grade D	Clear	Colored
3 pt.	\$ 40.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$10.00	N/A
5 pt.	65.00-	55.00	35.00	30.00	13.00	N/A
10 pt.	125.00	100.00	65.00	55.00	15.00	15.00
15 pt.	180.00	160.00	100.00	85.00	20.00	20.00
20 pt.	305.00	255.00	165.00	125.00	25.00	25.00
25 pt.	575.00	405.00	235.00	190.00	30.00	30.00
50 pt.					50.00	50.00

As full size center stones:

Men's \$100.00 \$100.00

Women's 75.00 75.00

PRICES FOR OPTION STON	ES
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Hope Stars®	Genuine Stones	Men's	Women's
Men's \$75.00	Amethyst (medium)	\$45.00	\$35.00
Women's \$40.00	Turquoise	50.00	20.00
Plum Purple	Cat's Eye	25.00	20.00
Azure Blue	Tiger Eye	25.00	20.00
Shell White	Striped Agates	20.00	18.00
Claret Red	Sodalite	20.00	18.00
Mint Green	Rhodolite	20.00	18.00
Cornflower Blue	Lapis Lazuli	70.00	50.00
Azalea Pink	Citrine Topaz	45.00	35.00
Honey Black	Smokey Topaz-	45.00	35.00
Bahama Blue	Garnet	65.00	45.00
Lemon	Opal	125.00	75.00
Salmon	Diopside	55.00	40.00
Burgundy	Black Star Sapphire	200.00	100.00
Fern Green	Aquamarine (medium)	200.00	150.00
Charcoal Black	Bloodstone	25.00	20.00
	Hematite	25.00	20.00
	Smoked Mother-of-Pearl	25.00	20.00

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STUDENT INFORMATION Name	Record Your Selections In The Column Below
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FINISH Light, Medium, or Dar	k
HONOR POINT (select one) See Complete List of Selections on Page 1 Grade C Diamond \$35.00 Extra	·a
SCHOOL SIDE See Complete List of Selections on Page 1	
FLAG SELECTION (U.S. Flag will appear on all rings) Confederate or State of Virgin	ia
PROTECTED EMBLEM See Complete List of Selections on Page 1	
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Hope Star® See Complete List of Selections and Prices on Page 2 Stone Cole	or
Genuine Stones See Complete List of Selections and Prices on Page 2 Stor Cole	
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Class of 1985 Ring Schedule_

November 1, 1983 7:00 pm First Session 9:00 pm Second Session	Ring Premiere	Commonwealth Ballroom Squires Student Center
November 2 & 3, 1983 9:00 am-6:00 pm	Order Taking	East Commonwealth Ballroom
November 4, 1983 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Order Taking	East Commonwealth Ballroom
January 11 & 12, 1984 9:00 am-6:00 pm	Order Taking	East Commonwealth Ballroom
January 13, 1984 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Order Taking	East Commonwealth Ballroom
February 29 & March 1, 1984 9:00 am-6:00 pm	Order Taking	Old Dominion Ballroom
March 2, 1984 9:00 am-2:00 pm	Order Taking	Old Dominion Ballroom
May 2, 1984 9:00 am-6:00 pm	Ring Delivery	Old Dominion Ballroom
May 3, 1984 9:00 am-12:00 pm	Ring Delivery	Old Dominion Ballroom
May 4 & 5, 1984	Ring Dance	Old Dominion Ballroom
May 16, 1984 12:00 pm-6:00 pm	Ring Service	Squires Room 342
May 17, 1984 9:00 am-1:00 pm	Ring Service	Squires Room 342



No one remembers in so many ways.