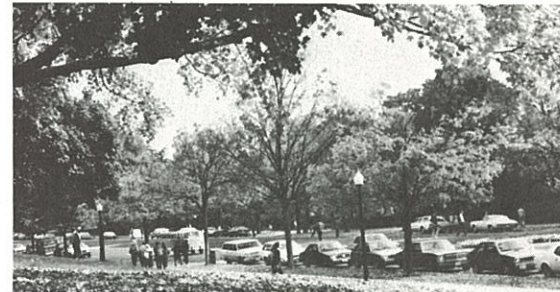
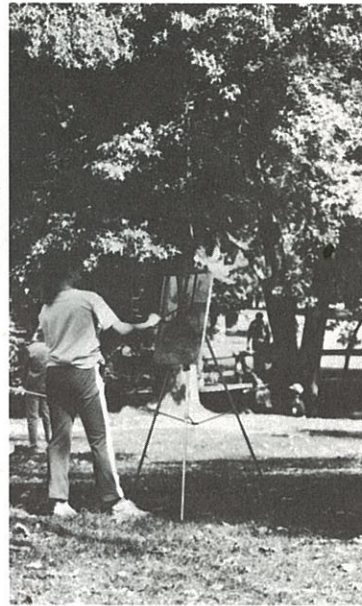


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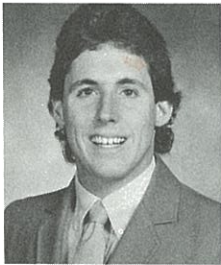


The Ring Committee of any class at Virginia Tech has some very difficult tasks. After carefully considering which jeweler to work with, the committee must begin to identify and then incorporate into the rings the many different manifestations of college life, Tech traditions, and more specifically, the meaning and significance of the Class of 1987. The design of such a selection of rings is the result of our talented Ring Design Committee.

The first job of the 1987 class officers was to select six people to work with the President, Cadet Member-at-large, Male Member-at-large, and Female Member-at-large on the Ring Design Committee. With the input of all the class officers, we were able to select a committee we knew would work well. However, even more importantly we chose a committee that contains a variety of opinions, ideas, and views of the class. This diversity is what makes the 1987 ring selection so successful.

The newly formed committee's first job was to select a ring company after presentations from both Josten's and Balfour. Each company worked hard to win the contract and each pointed out ideas that would help the committee to design a better ring. In the end the personalities, design proposals, and marketing ideas of Balfour blended best with the committee members.

The members of the committee have maintained a close working relationship with the Balfour Company and this has enabled us to produce a unique ring collection we hope the Class of 1987 will cherish forever. I know these rings will provide me with memories of my years here at Virginia Tech, and as your class President I want you to be as happy with your ring as I will be with mine, because the bottom line is, we created them for you.



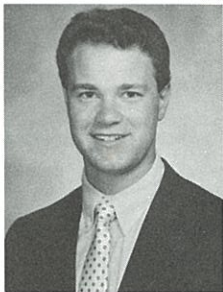
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President-Class of 1987

President's Message

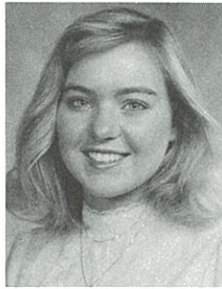
Class of 1987 Ring Committee



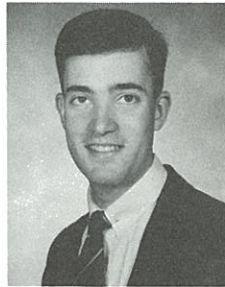
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Faculty Advisor



Steve Dorsey
Ring Publicity
Chairman



Michele Henry
Committee Member



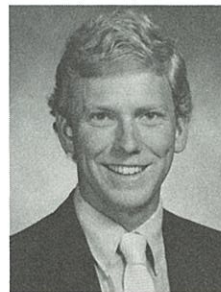
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Member-at-Large



Erin O'Rourke
Woman
Member-at-Large



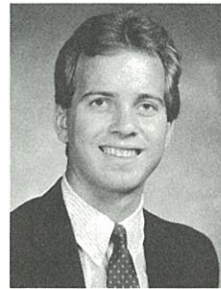
Bernadette Light
Committee Member



Jerry Canaan
Committee Member



Judy Kiely
Committee Member



Steve Hangartner
Male
Member-at-Large



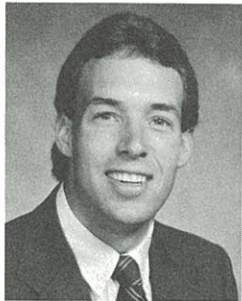
Mary McGuirk
Committee Member

The Ring Chairman Speaks

The enduring task of designing a ring collection each year is steeped in tradition. Ever since the first class ring was designed for the Class of 1914, a select group of students has had the arduous job of redesigning the rings for their respective class.

Since February the Ring Committee has been searching for that unique design that would unite us as a class while keeping our ties with the past classes at Virginia Tech. We feel that after having worked long hours we have accomplished this goal.

This year we are offering a greater selection of rings than have previously been offered and have been able to come up with some very attractive design ideas. We have been able to capture the Ring History of Virginia Tech on these rings to produce a collection that we hope you will find traditional yet exciting.



The 10 appointed and selected members of the Ring Committee along with the LG

Balfour Company have worked hard to design a ring that you will be proud to wear for years to come. Remember, TOGETHER WE'RE BETTER — THE CLASS OF '87 and BALFOUR!

Samuel L. Lionberger III

Samuel L. Lionberger III
1987 Ring Design Committee Chairman

Ring History



Class Logo

The class logo serves as a symbolic representation of the Class of 1987. The Ring Committee designed a logo that would appropriately reflect the values and aspirations of the class

members. The torch in the center of the symbol represents scholastic achievement and most importantly the freedom that we share as Americans. The hand around the torch represents the individual class member striving to meet his or her goals, while the circular wreath symbolizes friendship and the unity of the class of '87. The eternal flame depicts the spirit of our class and the fact that the memories of Tech will live with us forever. The logo will be our mark on campus in the form of a pin and a sticker, so display it with the pride of the Class of 1987.

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, the Balfour Company has become one of the largest providers of emblematic jewelry in the world. Yet through seventy years of business, expansion of product lines, and the training and development of three generations of skilled craftsmen, 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. Also as our financial strength increased over the years, a substantial portion of our profits has been returned to the company in the form of technological improvements, such as our state-of-the-art CAD/CAM equipment and our refinery.

Your class ring will be crafted at our main facility in Attleboro, Massachusetts, site of our corporate headquarters.

We can assure you that Balfour will take as much pride in the making of your class ring as you will in wearing it.

This is our commitment to you.



University Side

While the University side of the men’s traditional ring differs from past rings, it still adheres closely to Tech tradition. VPISU appears in the center at the top with the Bald Eagle directly beneath. On either side is the War Memorial Chapel. Under the top portion of the shank is a ribbon engraved with “Founded 1872” and “UT PROSIM,” a Latin phrase meaning “that I may serve.” In the center of the ring is Burruss Hall enclosed in laurel leaves with a sabre and rifle crossed behind, something that is completely new this year. Unfurling on each side from the sabre and rifle is the American Flag and the Virginia Flag. At the bottom of the shank is the school crest which rests on top of a Greek pillar that continues to the base of the ring. Many of the objects on the ring are traditional; however, we feel that we have combined them in a way that makes the 1987 men’s traditional ring the most attractive yet.



SAVE \$20! When you pay for your ring in full this month!

November '85

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
						Cross Country Louisville, KY (A) Greek Day
					Volleyball Southern Mississippi (H)	Football Memphis State (H)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Volleyball (A) William & Mary		Volleyball (A) Appalachian St.				Soccer Metro Invitational (A) Cross Country(A) Greenville, S.C. Governor's Day & Parent's Day Football Louisville (H)
Soccer Richmond (H)		Soccer Roanoke College (A)	Last Day To Resign Without Penalty		Volleyball U. of V. Classic (A)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		RING PREMIERE Commonwealth Ballroom 7 & 9 pm	ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 9 am-6 pm	ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 9 am-9 pm	ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 9 am-2 pm	Volleyball Georgetown (A) Football Vanderbilt (A)
Soccer Metro Invitational (A)						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						Volleyball Metro Conference (A) Basketball (A) Hawaiian Airlines Classic Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
		Cross Country Greenville, S.C. (A)			Basketball Hawaiian Airlines Classic (A)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Volleyball Metro Conference (A)	Basketball Southern California (A)			Thanksgiving Day		Basketball Old Dominion (A)

Class Side

The class side of the traditional ring boldly displays the many aspects of the Class of 1987. The focal point of this side is the flaming torch encircled by a wreath of laurel leaves, creating perfect balance with the University Side and displaying the strength of our class. This bold torch also symbolizes that which is proudly held high by the Statue of Liberty. At the base of the wreath is a scroll, engraved with the word Libertas, Latin for Liberty. Because the Class of 1987 is dedicated to keeping Lady Liberty's torch lit forever, we are donating some of the proceeds from our ring sales to the reconstruction of the statue, which is taking place during our years here at Virginia Tech.

Near the top of the ring we have placed two of the most important buildings on campus: Lane Hall and Alumni Hall. Lane Hall, the oldest on campus, is symbolic of the rich heritage of Virginia Tech and the role that the Corps of Cadets has played in that past. Alumni Hall represents our future as Tech Alumni and as world leaders. Your college bridges the two, for it is your years here at Tech that form the bridge between your past and your future.

The logo that lies below the scroll brings the Roman numeral 115, for we are the one hundred fifteenth graduating class, together with the new Virginia Tech logo, representing the closeness with which the Class of 1987 and this university work together. At the base of this side and extending around the palmside of the ring stands a Greek column, symbolic of the ever-present force of Greek organizations on campus.

SAVE \$15! When you pay for your ring in full this month!

December '85

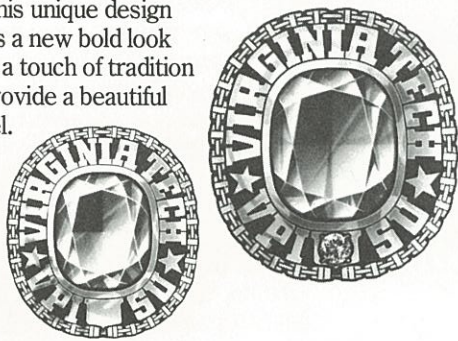


S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Thanksgiving Break Ends	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Basketball Coppin State (H)			
		ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 1 pm-4 pm	ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 9 am-2 pm			Basketball Virginia Commonwealth University (H)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Basketball Roanoke (A)	Classes End		Final Exams Begin	Basketball (A) Virginia Commonwealth
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				Exams End	Christmas Holiday Begins	Basketball West Virginia (H)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Christmas Day		Basketball Miller Classic (A)	Basketball Miller Classic (A)
29	30	31				

The bezel of the 1987 Class Ring is a contemporary design with a touch of tradition. For the first time, "VIRGINIA TECH" is spelled on the bezel of the men's traditional ring, which reflects the progressive trend here at Tech. This new look is linked to "VPISU" by two stars, which represent our lifetime goal to "shoot for the stars." The University Shield serves as the traditional honor point and provides a way to personalize the ring. This shield can hold initials, Greek letters, the "Skipper" cannon, a Dogwood Blossom, the V.T. monogram, a diamond*, a Dimonique™*, or a birthstone*.



This unique design holds a new bold look with a touch of tradition to provide a beautiful bezel.



*Not available in Celestrium and GTC metal qualities.

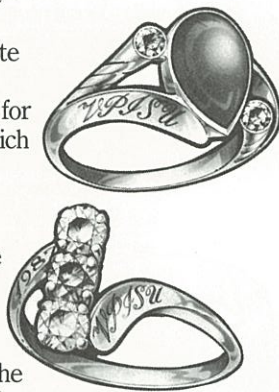
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January '86

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
January '86			New Year's Day	Basketball (H) James Madison		Basketball Western Kentucky (H)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Classes Begin	Basketball Southern Mississippi (H)			Basketball Southern Carolina (A)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Basketball (A) James Madison			
			ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 9 am-4 pm	ORDER TAKING East Commonwealth 1-4 & 6-9 pm		Basketball Cincinnati (A)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Last Day To Drop Classes		Basketball North Carolina A&T (H)			Basketball Florida State (H)
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	Basketball Memphis State (A)			Basketball Richmond (H)		

For the first time in Virginia Tech's history the ring committee is proud to offer two styles of dinner rings to the female members of the Class of 1987. These rings were carefully designed specifically for those class members who desire a ring which will be more than just a symbol of the years spent at Tech. These rings have a classic look — one which will withstand the changing lifestyles of the individual and be as appropriate to wear twenty years from graduation as they are now.

The committee chose to break tradition and offer two styles simply because we realize that each pair of hands is different from the next. To accommodate these differences we first designed the pear shaped ring for females who desired a ring which would accent long, slender fingers. This ring is gracefully styled with soft contours and curves. It possesses one large stone and two smaller stones which can be selected from a large variety of high quality stones. Written delicately on the sides of the ring are the school name and the graduating year.



The second ring was designed by the members of the committee to complement those females with petite hands. This ring contains three stones geometrically placed in a rectangular setting. Again the stones can be chosen from a large variety, thus allowing the individual to personalize her ring to her own tastes. Adorning the sides of the ring are the school name and graduating year.

We hope that through our efforts we have provided the female members of the class the opportunity and desire to purchase one of these rings as a lasting symbol which will embody the many memories of the years spent at Virginia Tech.

February '86

February '86

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Events:

- Basketball Louisville (A) (Feb 13)
- Basketball Memphis State (H) (Feb 15)
- Basketball Louisville (H) (Feb 17)
- Washington's Birthday (Feb 24)
- Basketball VMI (H) (Feb 26)
- Basketball Southern Mississippi (A) (Feb 28)
- Basketball Florida State (A) (Feb 29)

Order Taking:

- ORDER TAKING Rm. 208• Squires 1 pm-4 pm (Feb 18)
- ORDER TAKING Rm. 208• Squires 9 am-2 pm (Feb 19)

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Dear Members of the Class of 1987,

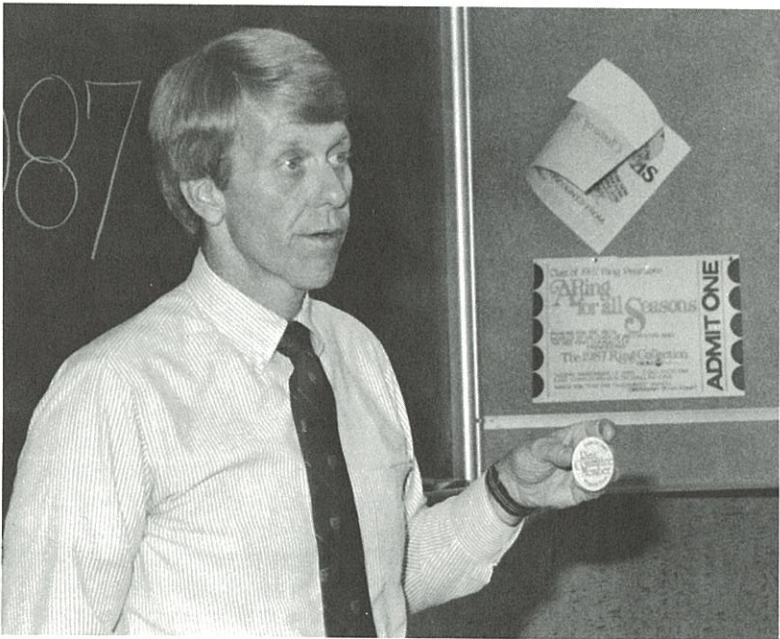
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the university. I look forward to meeting you and assisting you with the selection of your Virginia Tech Class Ring. My personal congratulations to the outstanding 1987 Ring Committee and its chairman, Sam Lionberger, for doing such an excellent job!

Balfour is proud of its long history at Virginia Tech. We will continue to work, as a team, with the 1987 Ring Committee to produce the finest ring collection in the long ring history at Virginia Tech.

Please call me or any of the "Balfour family" if we may be of service.

We are proud to be a part of the "Ring for all Seasons."


Ron Thiesen
Regional Representative



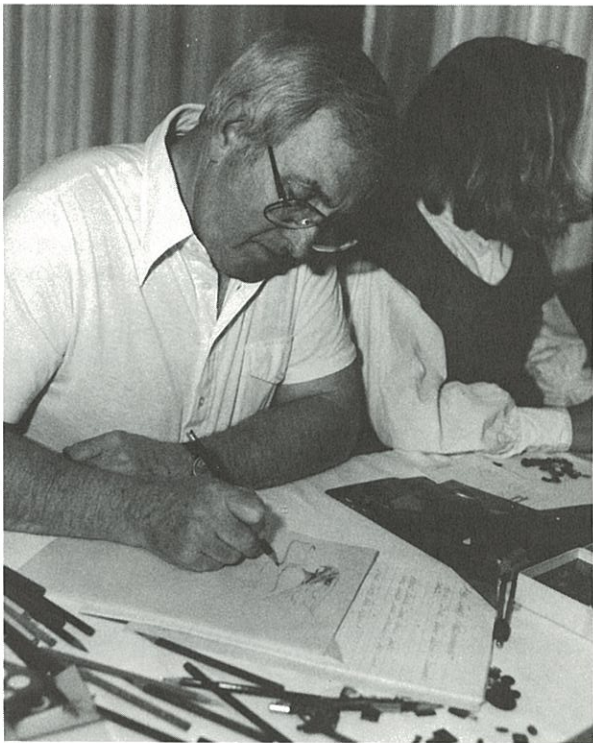
Lifetime Warranty V.P.I.&S.U. Class of 1987

1. All Virginia Tech 1987 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 1987 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 accidentally 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 pre-graduation 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 1987 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.

Ordering Instructions

Our ring ordertaking schedule is highlighted in the calendar of events. Balfour representatives will help you to complete the ring order form at all ordertaking sessions.

You must pay your class dues before you can purchase a 1987 VPISU Class ring.



Payment Plans

Our Class of '87 Ring Program offers several payment options:

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 1987 VPISU ring.

Options and Stones Included in the Base Price

GOLD COLOR Choice of Yellow, White, or Green Gold	FINISHES Light, Medium, or Dark	PROTECTED EMBLEM (Restricted to Traditional Rings)	BIRTHSTONE SELECTION Garnet Kunzite Aquamarine White Spinel Emerald Spinel Alexandrite Ruby Peridot Fire Blue Spinel Rose Sapphire Gold Sapphire Blue Zircon
INSIDE ENGRAVING Full Name and Social Security Number engraved in Script or Block	HONOR POINT OPTIONS VT Monogram VPI Monogram Fraternity Letters Dogwood Blossom Skipper Cannon Any Stone included in base price Corps Insignia Personal Initials	Corps Shield Forestry Club Emblem Highly-Tighty Skipper Cannon VT Monogram Triangle Fighting Gobbler German Club University Seal VPISU	SIMULATED SPINELS Black Blue Green Topaz White Green Zircon White Zircon
STONE SELECTION Supreme Cut or other simulated birthstones and gemstones.	YOUR SCHOOL ON THE CLASS SIDE Architecture Agriculture Engineering Education Arts & Sciences Human Resources Veterinary Medicine Business	FOR SIGNETS, ENGRAVED DESIGN IN ONYX (Restricted to certain ring sizes) German Club University Seal VT Monogram	
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 Initials Fighting Gobbler Triangle	FLAG SIDE (U.S. Flag appears on all rings) Choice of Virginia State or Confederate Flag		

Metals, Optional Stones, and Prices

		14K	10K	Celestrium®	Goldtone Celestrium®
Men's Extra Large Traditional	32 dwt	\$490.00	\$370.00	\$130.00	\$150.00
	26 dwt	430.00	325.00	120.00	140.00
	22 dwt	375.00	280.00	110.00	130.00
Men's Large Traditional	17 dwt	325.00	245.00	110.00	130.00
	14 dwt	285.00	225.00	100.00	120.00
Men's Standard Traditional	8 dwt	155.00	145.00	85.00	105.00
	8 dwt	205.00	180.00	N/A	N/A
Women's Miniature	8½ dwt	215.00	190.00	N/A	N/A
	4 dwt	160.00	140.00	N/A	N/A
Men's Signet Traditional with Metal Top	4½ dwt	170.00	150.00	N/A	N/A
	14 dwt	275.00	215.00	N/A	N/A
Women's Signet Traditional with Metal Top	9 dwt	210.00	190.00	N/A	N/A
	3 dwt	145.00	135.00	N/A	N/A
Men's Fashion Ambassador	130.00	125.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
	140.00	130.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Men's Fashion Executive	150.00	140.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Above ring prices include: Choice of Birthstone, Full Name Engraving, Encrusting (14K), and Protected Emblem.					

Stone and Stone Options

Stone Size	Dimoniques	Diamond (Grade C)	Stone Variations
1 pt. (Honor Point)	\$10.00	\$ 35.00	Starcut \$15.00
5 pt.	15.00	60.00	Fireburst 12.00
10 pt.	20.00	125.00	India Cut 12.00
15 pt.	25.00	160.00	Starflame 12.00
20 pt.	35.00	285.00	
25 pt.	45.00	360.00	
Stone Set — \$30.00 plus stone cost			

Genuine Stones

	Men's	Women's
Amethyst	\$ 76.00	\$26.00
Bloodstone	26.00	26.00
Hematite	26.00	26.00
Jade	26.00	26.00
Green Onyx	26.00	26.00
Opal	45.00	42.00
Sardonyx	26.00	26.00
Tiger Eye	53.00	26.00
Topaz	63.00	63.00
Turquoise	94.00	26.00
Smokey Topaz	32.00	32.00
Garnet	147.00	32.00

Simulated Stones

	Men's	Women's
Brown Sapphire	\$26.00	\$26.00
Blue Sapphire	26.00	26.00
Green Sapphire	26.00	26.00
Black Spinel	26.00	26.00
Green Spinel	26.00	26.00
Hope Star® (all colors)	95.00	55.00

Keep The Torch Lit



The L.G. Balfour Company is proud to join with the Class of 1987 in helping to “Save the Lady.” More than 110 years ago, when France chose Frederic Auguste Bartholdi to create a gift to America to commemorate the 100th anniversary of our independence they turned to young people for support. The young people of France and the United States contributed much of the money needed to assemble the Statue on Liberty Island. For them, and for all generations, that statue has become the symbol of freedom. For most of this century, Balfour has had a dual commitment — to students and the Freedom of Choice. Balfour will donate, in the name of the Class of 1987, toward the continuation of that symbol of freedom. Balfour joins with you as the nation prepares for the restoration and the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty.

A Message From Our Campaign Chairman

Dear Friends,

The effort to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island is truly a great undertaking. Our aim is to preserve these symbols of freedom and hope for all Americans. Yes, Freedom and Hope are the wellsprings of our Centennial Celebration; they are the blessings we claim as Americans. They represent a heritage that precedes the arrival of the first immigrants at the gates of Ellis Island, and a legacy since fueled by ethnic diversity. Our inheritance is a unique one, comprised of a breadth of cultural accomplishment, an unequalled dignity of labor, an unsurpassed respect for individual enterprise, and a tradition of freedoms that have won us the envy of the world. As millions of immigrants came to America, they sought these ideals with uncommon courage. Upon their arrival, they passed and beheld the most heraldic of our national treasures — the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. These newcomers would, in turn, add to the richness of our great legacy.



My own parents were among the seventeen million immigrants who passed through Ellis Island seeking freedom and opportunity in the new world. In fact, nearly half of all Americans today can trace their roots to a family member who arrived at Ellis Island. Now, we’ve got the chance to pay homage to the continuing greatness of America; her traditions and values. What better way to reaffirm our confidence in the future than by rebuilding the monument that has best symbolized that confidence in the past! All Americans can honor the memory of those who accomplished so much then by contributing now to the effort to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. These are the symbols that link the tradition of freedom with the pursuit of opportunity. By preserving them we foster the crowning spirit and rekindle hope for generations to come. I hope each and every American will join in this tribute and celebration of our nation’s heritage.

Lee A. Iacocca