



A Tradition to Stand All Time

COMMITTEE MESSAGE

In 1914, a group of students came together to form the first Ring Design Committee. Their goal was to create a ring collection that symbolized their experiences at Virginia Tech. Since that year, each class to follow has designed a unique ring collection that symbolized its memories during their Virginia Tech years.

The Class of 1998 Ring Design Committee has worked very hard to strengthen this tradition in creating the 1998 ring collection. The Committee is comprised of the Class President, Male, Female and Cadet Members-at-Large, four committee members selected from the class of 1998 and a committee chairperson. We hope that our hard work in creating and naming the collection will reflect your memories of Virginia Tech.



THE 1998 VIRGINIA TECH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PRICE BEAZLEY, SHEYNA STINNETTE, ANDY WOOD, JUDI LYNCH, JENNE GINTHER AND MARC OSTRYNIAC

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| SHEYNA P. STINNETTE | Ring Dance Chair |
| ALLISON E. BRADLEE | Ring Design Committee Member |
| PRICE P. BEAZLEY III | Ring Design Committee Member |
| SCOTT L. CHANEY | Ring Design Committee Member |

It is with pride that we now present to you the 1998 Henry J.



The History of the Virginia Tech Ring

It is a time-honored tradition at Virginia Tech that members of the sophomore class design their class ring. Beginning with the Class of 1914, the officers of the sophomore class have chosen a small committee to design its class ring collection. Challenged with the task of combining the past as well as the future into a single unifying symbol, the end result continues to be the spirit of the class combined with the pride of the university.

Since 1911, when Virginia Tech's first Class ring was introduced, the university's ring program has developed into one of the finest in the nation. Virginia

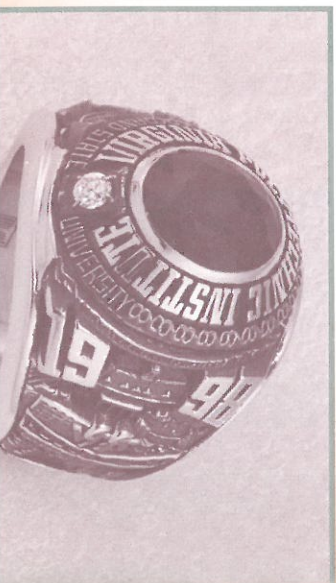
Tech is one of a handful of schools which designs its Class ring each year. It is distinctive from other schools as it is the only program to redesign an entire collection from initial concept to final completion. The Tech ring account is one of the most prestigious in the country today.

Every year, symbols have been incorporated into the traditional ring, dating back as far as 1914. The first ring featured a pair of eagles, symbolizing strength and freedom. Since then, every ring has had at least one eagle on its shank, earning the name of "The Screaming Eagle." Each Class chooses to include symbols reflecting Tech's

military heritage, campus buildings, and the Class logo and/or motto.

This year's collection is no exception. The thought that has gone into its design will always be remembered because it retains the attention to detail that has always represented the Virginia Tech collections of the past.

The deep tradition of the official Virginia Tech rings has distinguished itself from all others, making it one of the most prestigious of all. The Class of 1998 has recognized this tradition, paving the way for future classes and ring design programs.



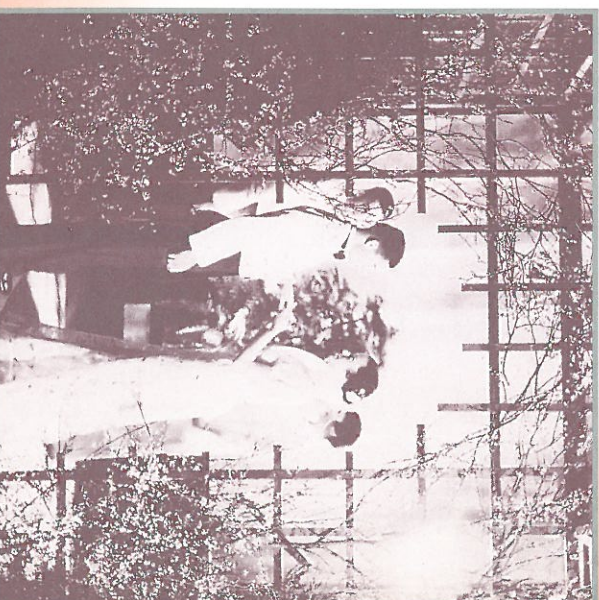
The Tradition of the Virginia Tech Ring Dance

To culminate the Virginia Tech ring tradition, each Class holds its Ring Dance weekend in March of its Junior year. The Virginia Tech Ring Dance has a long history of being the largest and most prestigious social event in the South. This event has continued to be a proud part of Virginia Tech's heritage for the past sixty years.

The highlight of the Ring Dance is the Ring Exchange. Upon entering the dance, you will be given a pair of ribbons in the Class colors. The woman will affix her date's ring to her wrist with the darker ribbon and the man will do the same with the lighter ribbon. The rings will remain there until the time for exchange arises. During Ring Exchange, "Moonlight and VPI," by famous composer Fred Waring, and lyricist Charles Gaynor, is played. In addition, the Corps of Cadets forms a ring figure in the shape of the year of the Class. At midnight, the events end

with a fireworks display on the Drillfield and the playing of "Silver taps."

We hope you will take part in the entire ring tradition at Virginia Tech and join the many students who have participated in and will continue this everlasting tradition.



The Henry J. "H" Dekker Dedication

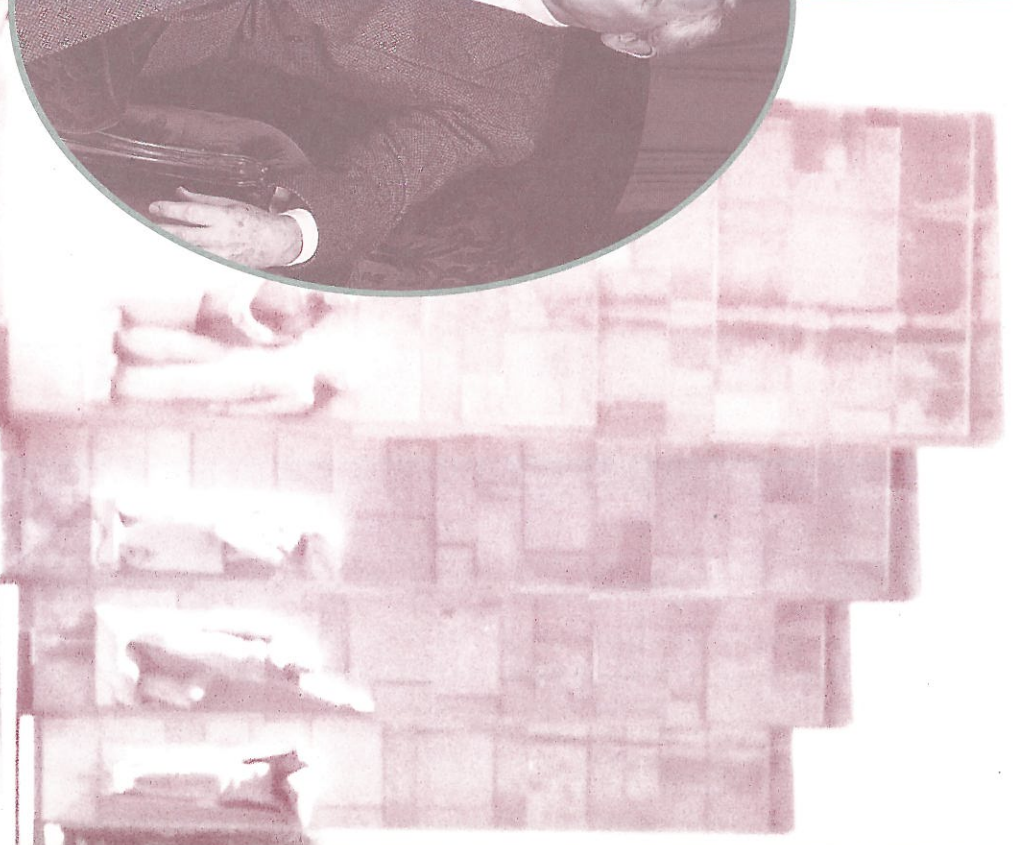
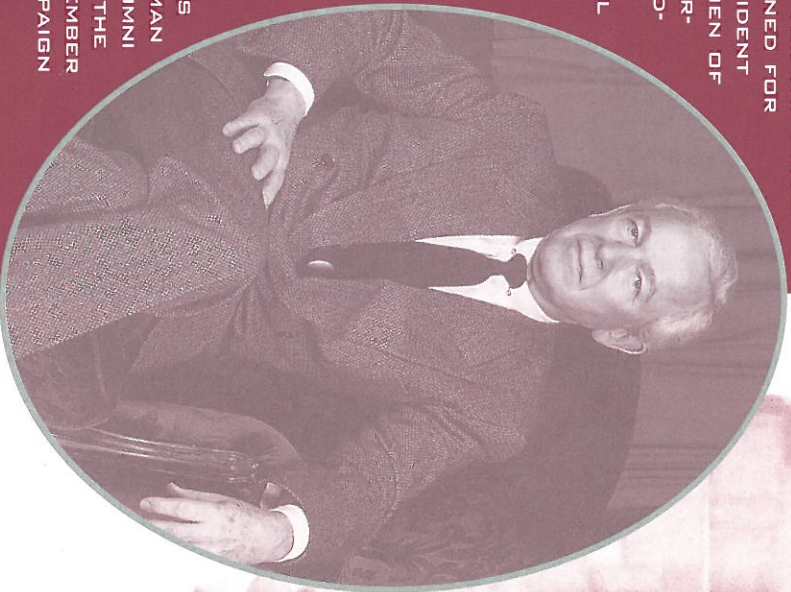
HENRY J. "H" DEKKER IS BEING HONORED BY THE VIRGINIA TECH CLASS OF 1998 WITH THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING ITS RING COLLECTION NAMED IN HIS HONOR.

MR. DEKKER'S LEADERSHIP AT VIRGINIA TECH BEGAN EARLY, SERVING AS CLASS PRESIDENT FOR THE CLASS OF 1944 (A POSITION THAT IS RETAINED FOR LIFE), RING DESIGN CHAIR AND PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN CLUB. LIKE MOST MEN OF HIS GENERATION, COLLEGE WAS INTERRUPTED BY WAR SERVICE. AFTER GRADUATION IN 1947, HE WAS APPOINTED TREASURER OF VPI FROM 1949 UNTIL 1951. MR. DEKKER SPENT A FORTY YEAR CAREER IN VARIOUS ROLES IN THE FIELD OF TEXTILES, INCLUDING THE RETAIL APPAREL INDUSTRY, WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES.

MR. DEKKER CONTINUES HIS SERVICE TO VIRGINIA TECH AS A NEWLY ELECTED RECTOR FOR THE BOARD OF VISITORS, HAVING BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD SINCE 1989 AND VICE RECTOR FROM 1990-1996. HE ALSO SERVES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE VIRGINIA TECH CORPS OF CADETS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND AS CHAIRMAN EMERITUS OF THE GERMAN CLUB ALUMNI FOUNDATION. HE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE VIRGINIA TECH FOUNDATION AND A MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA TECH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE UT PROSIM SOCIETY, MR. DEKKER HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND IN 1990, RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD FROM THE PAMPLIN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS. HE HAS BEEN THE RECIPIENT OF THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

THE CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH MR. DEKKER HAS MADE TO THE VIRGINIA TECH COMMUNITY ARE MANY AND TRULY EXEMPLIFY THE MEANING OF UT PROSIM...





"I THINK VIRGINIA TECH IS REPRESENTATIVE OF A BASIC QUALITY OF THIS COUNTRY—THAT PEOPLE CAN SUCCEED IF THEY TRY."

Thomas C. "Sto" Dobson



STADIUM
TRADITIONAL



LARGE LADIES
TRADITIONAL



SMALL LADIES
TRADITIONAL



MINIATURE



LEGEND
FRATERNITY CREST



SERENADE



GLORY



LEADERSHIP



LEADERSHIP
BURRUSS HALL



LEGEND



HONOR



CHESTERFIELD



HONOR
WITH CREST



SERENADE
NO SPELOLOUT

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UT PROSIM



SULLIVAN



TWILIGHT



LOYALTY



SACRIFICE



SERVICE



LOYALTY WITH
BLACK ONYX



DUTY



BROTHERHOOD



OBSESSION
NO SIDE STONES



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REALITY

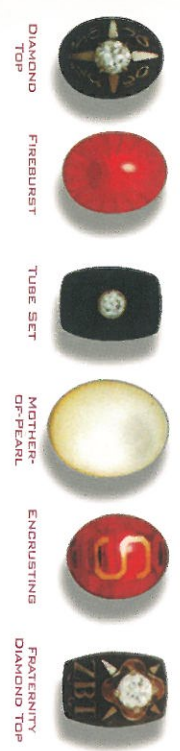


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Simulated Gemstones



Special Stone Options



PAYMENT PLANS FOR THE CLASS OF 1998

- 1 PAY IN FULL**
Receive a \$10 discount when you pay in full at time of order.
- 2 TIME PAYMENT**
Leave at least a \$75 deposit on your Mastercard, Visa, American Express or Discover when you place your order. The remaining balance is then divided into equal payments (up to eight) and will be charged at 30 day intervals.
- 3 MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PLAN**
Leave a \$50 deposit when you place your order. Pay for your ring in 5 monthly installments. Ring will be processed upon receipt of fourth payment. No interest charged on balance due.

GENUINE STONES

	MEN'S 12 X 10	WOMEN'S 8 X 6
Palmella Citrine Topaz	\$110.00	\$30.00
Medium Aquamarine	\$370.00	\$80.00
Swiss Blue Topaz	\$155.00	\$40.00
London Blue Topaz	\$155.00	\$40.00
Lapis Lazuli	\$55.00	\$40.00
Rhodolite Garnet	\$325.00	\$45.00
Mozambique Garnet	\$155.00	\$40.00
Medium Amethyst	\$160.00	\$65.00
Carnelian	\$30.00	\$20.00
Hematite	\$30.00	\$20.00
Blood Stone	\$20.00	\$15.00
Adventure Quartz	\$25.00	\$15.00
Hope Blue Star Sapphire	\$90.00	\$50.00
Hyacinth Sapphire (Tech Orange)	\$20.00	\$20.00

OPTIONS

	PRICE
Stone Cuts/Fireburst	\$15.00
Engravings	\$10.00
Rose or Green Gold	\$15.00
Sculptured Palmside	\$15.00
Satin Finish	\$10.00
Protected Emblems	\$15.00
Custom Crest	\$25.00
Engraved Stone (incising)	\$20.00
India Facet Cut	\$25.00
Yellow Gold Panels	\$30.00
Crown Setting	\$40.00 + stone
Custom Made Engraving	\$45.00
Fraternity Color Crest	\$20.00

SIZE	DIAMONDS	CUBIC ZIRCONIA
2 pts	\$35.00	\$15.00
3 pts	\$65.00	\$18.00
5 pts	\$90.00	\$20.00
10 pts	\$105.00	\$23.00
20 pts	\$160.00	\$28.00
25 pts	\$360.00	\$35.00
50 pts	\$720.00	\$50.00

Other sizes and stones are available upon request.



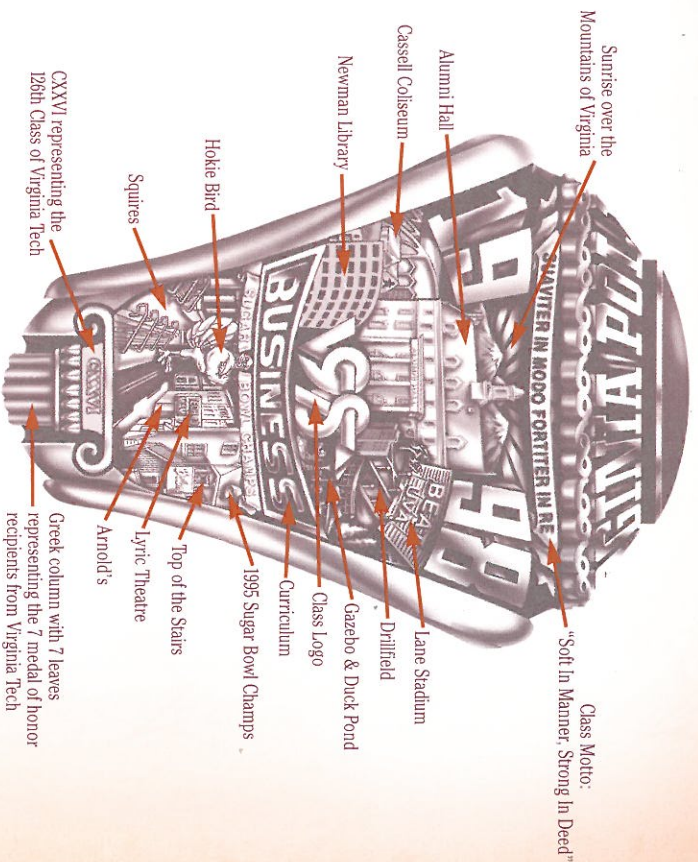
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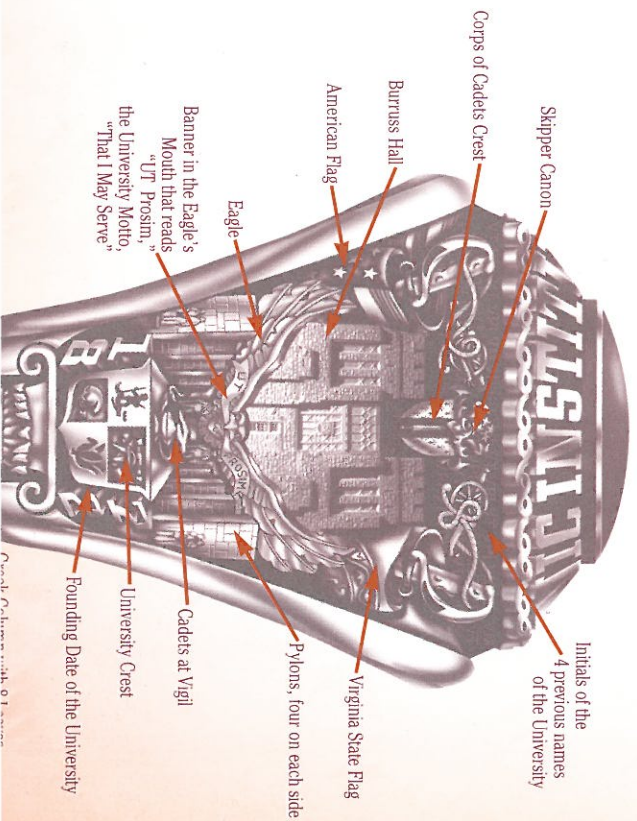
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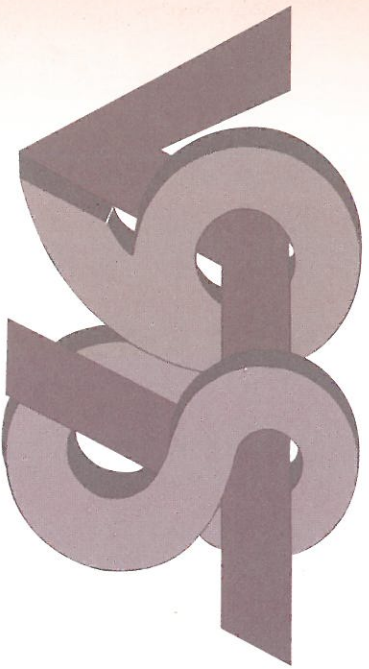
THE CLASS SIDE



THE UNIVERSITY SIDE



The Class of 1998 Logo

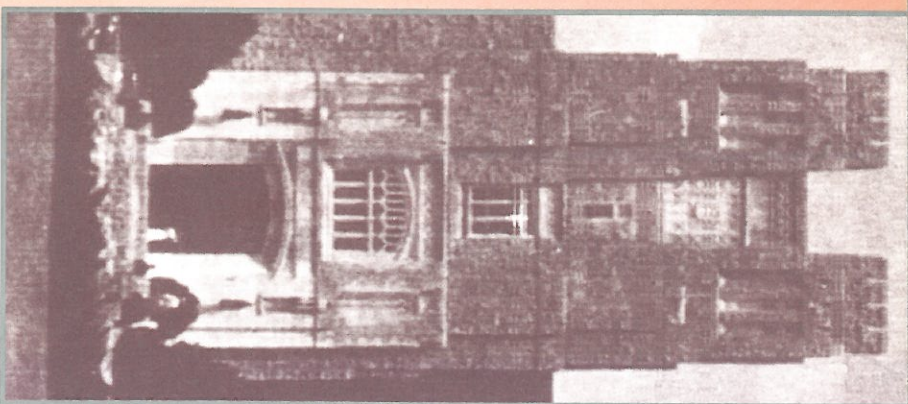


The Traditional Beyer



The Henry J. Dekker Collection

Being Swicing for the Class of 1998



MEN'S TRADITIONALS

	10K	14K	18K	21K	SIL.
XXL 40 Dwt	\$524	\$643	\$809	\$1,182	\$140
XL 34 Dwt	\$442	\$556	\$671	\$1,072	\$140
Large 28 Dwt	\$393	\$499	\$553	\$962	\$140
Stadium Top	\$393	\$499	\$553	\$962	\$140
Medium 20 Dwt	\$321	\$419	\$502	\$816	\$140

LADIES' TRADITIONALS

	10K	14K	18K	21K	SIL.
XL 10 Dwt	\$226	\$315	\$441	\$648	\$140
Large 5 Dwt	\$195	\$239	\$306	\$498	\$140
Mini 3 Dwt	\$175	\$219	\$285	\$439	

FASHION

MEN'S SIGNET

	10K	14K	18K	21K	SIL.
Brotherhood	\$246	\$326	\$416	\$682	\$140
Duty	\$246	\$326	\$416	\$682	\$140
Service	\$256	\$337	\$431	\$705	\$140
UT Prosim	\$266	\$367	\$451	\$741	\$140
Legend	\$215	\$285	\$385	\$596	\$140

WOMEN'S SIGNET

	10K	14K	18K	21K	SIL.
Honor	\$182	\$220	\$292	\$514	\$140
Leadership	\$182	\$220	\$292	\$514	\$140
Loyalty	\$175	\$211	\$277	\$493	\$140
Sacrifice	\$201	\$242	\$337	\$574	

WOMEN'S FASHION

	10K	14K	18K	21K
Chesterfield	\$182	\$219	\$291	\$494
Lancaster	\$172	\$210	\$273	\$477
Obsession no stones	\$167	\$204	\$264	\$466
Obsession w/ cz sides	\$247	\$274	\$334	\$536
Obsession w/ dia sides	\$347	\$374	\$434	\$636
Reality	\$174	\$213	\$279	\$488
Serenade w/ cz	\$210	\$249	\$315	\$524
Serenade w/ dia	\$297	\$336	\$402	\$611
Sullivan	\$185	\$216	\$284	\$493
Twilight w/ cz	\$232	\$270	\$333	\$537
Twilight w/ dia	\$312	\$350	\$413	\$617
Glory birthstones	\$180	\$222	\$285	\$504
Glory bth & cz	\$225	\$267	\$330	\$549
Glory cz	\$255	\$297	\$360	\$579
Glory bth & dia	\$285	\$327	\$390	\$609
Glory diamonds	\$355	\$397	\$460	\$679

All prices include 7 1/2 percent licensing. All prices also include shipping and handling. Official ring prices include 10k and 14k yellow or white gold and 18k and 21k yellow gold, full name engraving and second line engraving where applicable. Your Virginia Tech rings are available with several options. Contact your ArcCarved sales representative or call toll free 1-800-952-7002 for specific details.

Full Lifetime Warranty

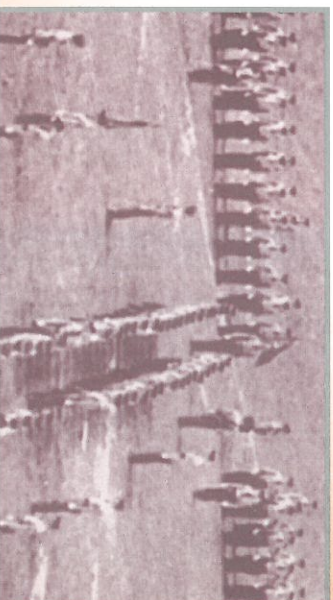
WARRANTY COMMITMENT

The Virginia Tech ring is created through special artistry, craftsmanship, and many hours of diligent effort.

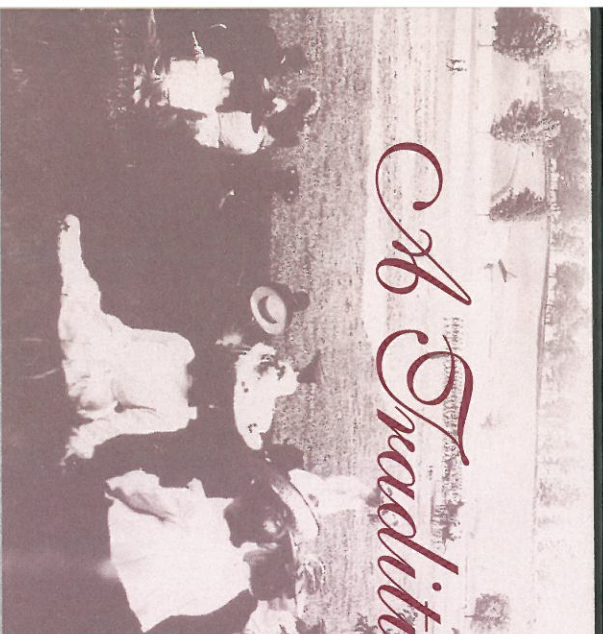
Your ring will be among the most personal and meaningful pieces of jewelry you will ever own. Therefore, ArtCarved wants to provide you with the most complete warranty commitment for a lifetime of satisfaction.

- A.** Lengths and conditions of guarantee regarding defects in material and workmanship.
 - The rings are warranted to be free of defect in workmanship and materials.
- B.** Length and scope of guarantee regarding stones and stone decorations.
 - Any damaged simulated stone will be replaced at no charge regardless of the cause of damage.
- C.** Conditions and associated charges for ring resizing and ring adjustments.
 - The ring will be resized at any time at no charge.
- D.** Conditions and associated charges for replacement of damaged rings.
 - Any damaged encrusted stone will be replaced at no charge regardless of cause of damage.
- E.** Conditions and associated charges for ordering additional rings.
 - Additional rings may be ordered at any time. After graduation, the rings may be ordered at the prevailing price at time of order. Prevailing price would be determined according to cost of gold and stones at the time of ordering.
- F.** Conditions and associated charges for changes in academic college destination.
 - A classmate who changes colleges at Virginia Tech after a ring is purchased may return the ring to be remade with proper designation at no charge.
- G.** Refund policy for rings returned for students who fail to graduate with the class designated on the ring.
 - A classmate who fails to graduate with your Class may return the ring for a full refund less class dues.
- H.** Responsibility and procedures for resolving disputes regarding the validity of warranty clauses.
 - Disputes as to the validity of the warranty clauses will be resolved by the Ring Committee. With ArtCarved's philosophy that the customer is always
- I.** Conditions and associated charges for restoring ring finish.
 - Should a classmate not be totally satisfied with his or her original choice of finish, refinishing would be completed at no charge.
- J.** Conditions on how repairs are made, who to contact, and how shipping rates are handled.
 - Prior to graduation of your Class, service dates will be established to handle any adjustments. All shipping, handling and insurance costs will be the responsibility of ArtCarved during these sessions.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

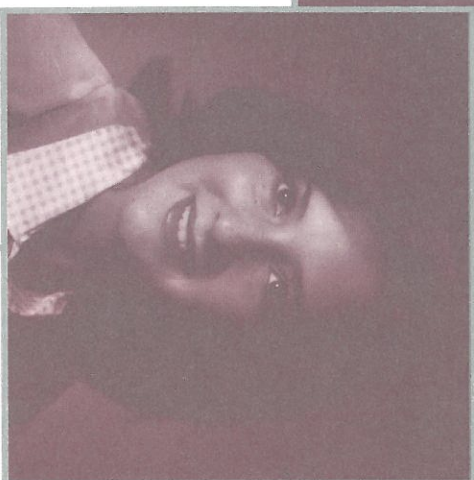
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s President of the Class of 1998, I have great pride in presenting the 1998 ring collection to the Class. Much time has been put into the creation of our collection to ensure enjoyment by each and every Class member. I hope that the Ring Design Committee's excitement about capturing Virginia Tech's tradition and putting it into a ring shines through each individual ring. At some point we will all move on from Virginia Tech. It is my desire for our Class members to be able to look at their class ring and remember all of their invigorating and exciting memories of college.

March 21st and 22nd will be the Class of 1998's Ring Dance. Mark your calendars so you don't miss one of Tech's longest living traditions. There is a great deal of preparation to be done to orchestrate this event. If you are interested in helping or have any suggestions, please contact the class office at (504) 231-9911, or stop by 304 Squires.

"Unless you choose to do great things with it, it makes no difference how much you are rewarded, or how much power you have."

-Oprah Winfrey



CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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et me start by saying what an honor it has been to be so involved with such a great tradition. Since 1914, a committee has been formed to redesign the Virginia Tech Ring Collection.

Through my experience as Ring Design Chair and with this committee, I have learned so much about the university and its history.

None of this could have been possible without the ingenuity, hard work and dedication of the Class of 1998 Ring Design Committee. I am deeply indebted to each of them because they made my job so much easier and more enjoyable. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Judi Lynch who has done so much behind-the-scenes work for our committee.

Because the responsibility of handling the largest ring account in the country is no easy task, I also need to extend my thanks to ArtCarved and all of the representatives who supported us and guided us through this process.

To the Class of 1998, we have worked very hard to put this collection together. I hope you like it. I present to you, the Class of 1998, the Henry J. Dekker Collection.



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