

CLASS OF 1958 REFLECTION
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The class reflection is intended to address how an important event or events that occurred during our four years at F&M impacted us as students. Obviously, the impact is in the eyes of the writer of this reflection, who in this case scoured four years of Student Weekly's (SW) in the hope that such an endeavor would reveal how world and national events, such as Rosa Parks in 1955; Salk's polio vaccine in 1956; Soviets launching Sputnik in 1957; and President Eisenhower ordering troops to enforce desegregation of schools; to name a few, impacted our class.

There was also a presidential election in 1956 which got more SW coverage than any other important event. It was interesting to note that (the staunchly and entirely democratic F&M government department notwithstanding), F&M students, by a decisive majority, liked Ike. And while an SW article on February 12, 1958 reported an AP wire story stating that college students were talking a lot about Sputnik and the USA's response to it, the February 19, 1958 SW edition the very next week reported that over 50% of the mem

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