Class of 1982 History
When 550 frosh arrived at F&M in late August, 1978, they hailed from 24 states and
Puerto Rico as well as 10 foreign countries including, among others, Iran (this was
before the American Embassy hostage crisis). The class was unique in that the male
to female ratio was 55 to 45, the closest the College had come to a balanced ratio
since the school went coed a decade earlier. Also, our class had 22 black students,
double that of the previous year. Tuition was $4,130 and residence fees, which
entitled you to dine at Saga (which later gave way to ARA), was $1,565.00.
If the tuition figures seem laughable now, that’s because it was a much different
time. The only computers on campus were six feet tall with tape reels. Our24 591.34 Tm
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