

a MADISON CENTURY

James Madison University will be 100 years old in 2008. A Madison Century points toward that centennial four years hence and highlights important and human moments in university history.



Who's that discussing future building plans with G. Tyler Miller (center)? Turn to Page 2 to find out how to write, email or call *Montpelier* with the answer.

100 YEARS AGO

1904 — Citizens of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County held a mass meeting to arouse local interest and support for locating the state's proposed normal school in Harrisonburg. Organizers emphasized that the school would benefit the community educationally, socially and commercially.

[Raymond S. Dingleline's *A Madison College: The First Fifty Years, 1908-1958*]

70 YEARS AGO

1934 — Some things never change. "I remember checking my mailbox every day in Wilson Hall. When you got baked goodies or a package from home, you suddenly had lots of friends."

[Margaret Mitchell Claffy ('34), *2004 Madison Confessional*]

50 YEARS AGO

1954 — "You talk about all together one today; I think we may have invented it. Our sorority sisters usually only lived in the Phi Mu House for one year. We were 13 girls on the second floor of Lincoln House with one bathroom and one closet. We learned togetherness."

[Irene Wright Burke ('54), *2004 Madison Confessional*]

40 YEARS AGO

1964 — "While we lived in triples in Converse Hall, we had a terrible time of the fuses blowing, and nothing was done about our complaints, so we staged the great Plug-in Protest of 1964. Everyone in the hall plugged in their hair dryers all at once to blow the circuits. It wasn't much later that the building was rewired."

[Phyllis Andrews ('64), *2004 Madison Confessional*]



22 YEARS AGO

1982 — Maureen Chambers, the first student to earn a nursing degree, receives her nursing pin from JMU President Ronald E. Carrier and nursing department head Marcia A. Dake.

[*Images of James Madison University, 1908-1983: Blue Stone Hill to JMU*]

200 YEARS AGO IN THE LIFE OF JAMES MADISON

1804 — The Madisons were looking forward to spending the summer at Montpelier but foreign policy events continued to plague the new republic and occupy Secretary of State James Madison's time. Dolley wrote to Anna Cutts: "Mr. M is overwhelm'd with business — the British, French & Spanish infringements are all under his pen. ..."

[Phil Bigler ('74), *The James Madison Center*; David Mattern and Holly C. Shulman, *The Selected Letters of Dolley Payne Madison*]