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. Dingledine’s A Madison College: The First Fifty Years, 1908-1958]

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]