



The VH Warrior



Upcoming Events

- *Worship every Thursday evening at 8pm*
- *House elections: Feb. 28- March 7*
- *House Expansion Project! (see pg. 3)*
- *Finals: March 14-18*

A New Beginning Starts Here--VH Alumni Coordinator Matthew Busse

Welcome Varsity House Alumni and thank you for joining us as we embark on a new chapter in VH history.

Over the past months our house executive team has been discussing and planning ways to reconnect with our alumni. It is our vision to improve these relations so that we may gain your wisdom on house issues and to build connections between past and current members. Our hope is to bring strength to this house, and what better way to do than through our Christian brothers who have gone before us. We are pleased to announce that this first addition of The VH Warrior is one of many steps we are taking to make this happen. As we begin to rebuild friendships we want to keep you informed on what is happening around the house. Once a term we will be sending out a newsletter with an update on how the house is doing. Through our stories we offer encouragement to you on the direction the house is heading and ask for prayer on the issues we face.

Beyond the immediate topics of this newsletter, we also have goals for the future of our Varsity House Alumni

Association. With the start of our new website we created an alumni page to encourage you and past members of the house to help us get our records up-to-date. As you are letting us know when you were in the house, how we can contact you, and whatever else you would like to share, we hope that you are thinking of other alumni that can be invited to share in this experience with us. This will give us the opportunity for future to renew relations and ask questions on house issues.

Our executive team also would like to invite you to come and visit Varsity House this coming spring. We are hoping to hold an alumni reunion when the weather clears next term. From the responses through our website many of you have indicated that there has been some previous thought over a reunion and are very pleased to hear that there will be one in the near future. When we have more definite plans for this event we will let you know.

Once again we want to welcome you back to the Varsity House journey. We look forward to getting to know you better and working together to bring strength to a house of blessing.

*"...as for me and my house we will serve the Lord."
Joshua 24:15*





The Varsity House chapel

What You've Missed

Whether it has been five or fifty years since you've lived in Varsity House there have been some changes. So here's what you might have missed.

Through the years we've lost some things to time. The ping pong table or arcade games were among a few of the things to go. We also no longer have Mystery Date Nights or "tuck-ins" with Oxford.

Most of these things were temporary anyways; built by man and replaceable. But unfortunately we have lost some things that are irreplaceable. The beloved "House Mom" Maxine McDowell who selflessly served this house for 13 years ('82-'95) passed away in 2006. The chapel, which was moved to the room on the left as you come in the

front door, was dedicated in her honor. Geraldine Johnson took over in the fall of '95 and retired in 2003. She was replaced by our current "House Mom" Alexandra Roderick who continuously watches over the 50 guys in the house today.

Among other changes and traditions; our new president gets thrown into the library fountain every year. Those with birthdays or new girlfriends get 'hosed.' And if you get engaged, we take them to the river for a swim.

While some things have changed others will always remain the same. There are still root beer muggers every term that bring in close to 300 students. And we have to admit it, but we still throw things off of third floor. An old printer was our most recent victim.

The Things We Do

Every term Varsity House enjoys a break from the busy life of a student to hang with friends, grow in unity, and simply have fun.

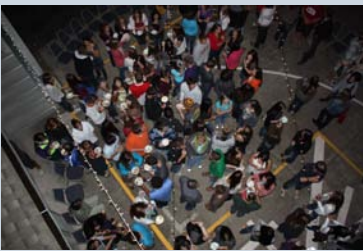
In the fall we retreat to Cold Rock just as a house to get to know one another better. We take the weekend to join in worship and spiritual growth amongst the sound of the ocean waves. During the day we take to the beach in a game of football, the older guys verses the new. The evenings are filled with laughter and the sound of a bonfire on the sand. This weekend is highly treasured by the members of the house as we rarely get to fellowship with just the guys from the house.

Winter brings snow and so we take advantage to MLK weekend to head to Sunriver with friends from the other Christian co-ops at OSU. We hit the slopes of Mt. Bachelor in skis and snowboards all day long. You'd think that would tire some people out but not this group. They come back to one of the three houses we rent to play games like Settlers of Catan and share in stories that leave us all laughing. This weekend gives us time to catch up with our Christian brothers and sisters. We encourage and pray for one another in our missions of being God's light on the OSU and LBCC campuses. It's a great reminder that we are not alone in Christ, that we always have someone to lean on.



Shasta trip 2010

Our final trip takes us down to Lake Shasta where we bring enough friends to fit on three house boats. Since we take good care of the boats and don't drink, the companies give us the best boats every year. Our days are spent jumping into the cool water, spinning around on jet skis, and laying out on inflatables. When the sun dips behind the hills, the instruments come out and we have worship every night. The food is amazing; we feast on kabobs, burgers, and enough sugar to get us running down the nearby trails. There is nothing like waking up to a sunrise over the calm lake or going to bed to the sound of worship. We count the day till Shasta every year.



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Praising, Serving, Living for Him

As a Christian house it is our mission "to provide adequate opportunities of outreach, service and constant testimony of Christ, in the community of which we live."

Every Thursday evening Varsity House hosts worship at 8pm. The weekly time of worship and message has developed over the past ten years into something amazing. According to what has been passed down, our worship nights started out with around ten people attending. To say the least, it has grown. The first week of winter term 2011 we had about 120 students join us to praise our Father. The usual night of worship starts out with a few songs followed by a short message and then ended with some more songs. On some nights we even take an entire hour to pray in small groups or as a whole. God has truly blessed us with people to minister to and to help us grow in Christ at a deeper level.

In our community we have been given the opportunity to work at The Pillar on Monroe Street once a month. We bring soup and other food to host lunch for international students. While some of us are serving the food others sit with the students to simply have a

Conversation to some it may not seem like much, but these discussions tend to evolve into opportunity to plant seeds in their hearts for Christ.

We pray continuously that our house can be the light on campus that God wants us to be. None of us are perfect, but we all have a story that others can relate to. That maybe we can encourage and help others discover grace and love beyond what this world has.



House Expansion Project

As Oregon State University has increased enrollment by 3,000 students campus has begun to feel the pain and pressures of its decision. Amidst this Varsity House has found opportunity. It is an opportunity to open our doors to more Christian guys and become a stronger house as a whole. In order to do so though, the house needs to create more room.

After months of prayer and heavy discussion we have begun to lay out a plan. For now we have decided that the "little house" is going to be demolished and replaced with a two story house including a basement. It will connect to main house giving us more room on main floor for the addition twelve boys we'd

be welcoming into the house, as well as more space for worship.

We have consulted with Palm Harbor Homes, a few contactors, and banks to help with the project. Floor plans have been drawn and we have had a few meetings with the city. We are looking at having it done before move in day, fall 2011.

Please pray for the decisions that we are still making as we are continuing to make sure that this is all possible before we dive in. If you have any suggestions or can help financially, please feel free to contact us. Your input and wisdom on this legacy project would be greatly appreciated.

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