

HISTORY



In 1947, Valparaiso University students, acting collectively, agreed that the most needed building for the VU campus was a Union. Subsequently, the students began efforts toward the realization of such a facility. On May 28, 1955, following the dedicated work of students, staff and supporters of the University, the Valparaiso Union was dedicated. Major remodeling to the Valparaiso Union took place in 1975 and again in 1995. Presently the 50,000 square foot facility serves as the community center of Valparaiso University, serving students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests.

A student-centered organization, the Union provides opportunities for student participation, interaction and collaboration on policy establishment, facility operation and activities planning. It develops programs that are responsible to student developmental needs and to the cultural, social, recreational and educational needs of the campus community.

The Valparaiso Union strives to provide quality facilities, services and conveniences needed by members and guests of the University, and to serve those beyond the campus through its role in coordinating educational conferences, camps and workshops.

Finally, the Valparaiso Union provides students the opportunity to explore and develop their leadership potential through participation in student activities. These experiences allow students to explore the dynamics of effective leadership, making the Union an important place where education takes place, as students and others come together on common ground to meet and exchange ideas.

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