



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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This month the traveling Flaget Museum recalls the **FANTASTIC FOUR**. No, not the comic book by the same title, but Flaget's fantastic four which made up the 1961 Kentucky state championship track team.

Gene Sartini took over as track coach in 1959. He achieved moderate success with the team but when the 1961 season rolled around things changed. During the season the team had a good record. They finished second to St. X in the regional and for the first time in school history they qualified athletes for the state track meet. Four of Flaget's team entered the meet, with Sonny Alexander qualifying in the 100 and 220 dashes, the broad jump and as part of the 880-relay team with classmates Joe Schuler, Bill Bouchard, and Joe Washington. The team had a great performance with Alexander winning both of the dashes in which he was entered, and finishing tied for second in the broad jump, thus accumulating eighteen points on his own. When combined with the first place finish achieved by the 880-relay team Flaget ended up with a total of 27 points, the second lowest total ever to win the state title. Now this was in the time before the class system came into being for track, so many more schools competed for the title. The points split just right for Flaget, which enabled them to win with such a low total score, finishing just ahead of Trinity and Campbellsville. Trinity qualified first in their region with their mile relay team. The mile relay was the last contest of the state meet and if Trinity won it, they would be the state champs. But another west end school, Shawnee, which finished second to Saint X in the regional for the mile run, ran the fastest mile relay in state history and won the event, thus giving the championship to Flaget. This would be the greatest success of the Flaget track program.



The trophy won by the 1961 team can be seen in the front of the room. This trophy as well as many others and other memorabilia from Flaget history can be viewed at the Flaget Museum. All are welcome. Museum hours are most any weekday from about 8:30am to 4:30pm.

THE MUSEUM IS ALWAYS ACCEPTING HISTORICAL ITEMS FOR DISPLAY. ATHLETIC PROGRAMS, TROPHIES, PAPER ITEMS, SCHOOL RINGS AND JEWELRY AS WELL AS MOST ANYTHING ELSE THAT MIGHT BE DISPLAYED ARE SOUGHT. PICKUP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE, OR BRING THE ITEMS TO A LUNCHEON.