



# The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall  
St. Xavier High School Campus



*Under the auspices of the Flaget Alumni Association*

1942-1974

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Later this month, May 31st to be exact, will mark the forty-year anniversary of the last graduation class from Flaget High School. Besides the notoriety of being the last class it also holds the distinction of the only graduation class to have members of the fairer sex included. This month the traveling Flaget Museum looks at:

## THE GIRLS OF FLAGET

Most everyone knows that during the 1973-74 school year Flaget became a coeducational institution. Some will even know that there were eighteen women who graduated in the 1974 final year class. Few however know much about the other women who attended Flaget during the final year of operation. When Loretto closed and Flaget allowed female students to enroll they did so for all the grades, not just for the senior class. It is somewhat difficult to document how many women enrolled for that 1973-74 class. It should be quite simple to look at the 1974 year book and determine the number of young ladies who were in the under classes, but it is not. Three reasons account for this undetermined count of the undergraduate female population. First, there are fourteen missing photos in the yearbook class pictures. A lot of students must have been absent on the day when the photos were taken. Secondly, the students last name and first initial only was included in the yearbook, so it is impossible to know if "D" stands for David or maybe Debra. You say, well can't you look at the photo and tell? This brings us to the third reason. The 70s was the era of long hair! And for some reason the Flaget administration allowed not only the girls, but also any of the boys who were so inclined to wear their hair long. In some of the photos it is impossible to tell if you are looking at a cute boy, or a girl. After staring at the yearbook photos my best guess is. There were thirteen girls in the junior class, twenty-three girls in the sophomore class and thirty in the freshman class. So after doing the math, at least sixty-six girls can claim they attended Flaget High School. In addition, this school year marked the end of the experiment of Flaget Junior High in which forty-seven girls were enrolled. The female senior graduates not only excelled during the school year, being named both valedictorian and salutatorian but several have distinguished themselves in their careers after Flaget.

The Flaget Museum would most appreciate any memorabilia concerning Flaget that you may no longer want to keep. Why not place it in a repository where all interested parties can view the items. Athletic programs and Landmarks are needed to complete our collection. CAN YOU HELP?