



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



1942-1974

Under the auspices of the Flaget Alumni Association

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A Man Before His Time?

Video recording tape dates to the 1950s. It was developed by Ampex Corporation in 1956. It was very expensive technology at the time and was used sparingly by only a few entities. From there the industry developed into a wide variety of less expensive and easier to use items such as the VHS tape which was developed in the 1970s and most of us have used on occasion. Today we take for granted all the methods of recording and playing video, most of it digitally and thereby rendering this "tape" recording method obsolete. Vic Guetig, class of 1949 was featured in a Landmark article in December 1948. Vic considered himself at the time as somewhat of an inventor and spoke in the article about his idea of adding moving pictures to a record player in order to enjoy both audio and video at the same time, what we now call a "music video". He did not have all the bugs worked out quite yet, but he thought he would use some type of wire or film to record the video and synchronize it with the playing record. He planned on installing both the record player and the screen for viewing the video in a radio cabinet, which in the day were larger pieces considered as furniture. The article ended with Vic calling it "a million dollar idea". Well Vic never dreamed that his idea would turn out like it did and that that million turned into trillions. Vic is not credited with any invention connected to video recording but he was definitely a man before his time.

During the holidays if you find yourself with a little extra time, why not stop by the Flaget Museum. Christmas always brings back good memories and there are plenty of good memories waiting for you at the museum. The museum will be open all weekdays during the holiday season from about 8:30am to about 4:30pm. If you are not familiar where it is located, it is situated in Xaverian Hall which is where Clarks Lane meets Poplar Level Rd. Convenient parking right at the door.

As always, the museum is accepting vintage Flaget memorabilia for display. Drop it off at the museum, bring it to any Flaget luncheon, or if you need pickup service, call me at the number above.

The museum is in need of one or two waist high display cases, preferably back opening. If you have one or know of one that can be had at a very reasonable price, please contact me.