



The Flaget Museum

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St. Xavier High School Campus



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The champs friend from Flaget

With the recent death of Muhammed Ali it seems fitting to speak of his connection to the Flaget community which was made thru Paul Hornung. Paul not only knew Muhammed but they were actually very good friends. Paul tells the story of Muhammed calling him up and traveling thru the west end of Louisville in a truck where they would stop and sign autographs for the neighborhood kids. He further relates about taking Muhammed to places, specifically a hotel restaurant where blacks were not served and threatening to take the place apart if they were not fed. Needless to say, they had lunch! There is also a story of Paul buying Muhammed his first suit at a Louisville mens store as well as other stories of the pair stopping traffic in the middle of Walnut Street. Paul has a keepsake plaque given to him by Muhammed Ali which is dated 1986 and engraved "WE ARE THE BEST". Paul also has a pair of boxing gloves hanging in his office autographed by the champ. Neither Muhammed Ali nor Paul Hornung has forgotten their west end roots. Both have been extremely generous with both the community and those who started them on their chosen career paths. In fact Paul states that he is now going to sell his treasured boxing gloves and give the proceeds to charity. Louisville can indeed be proud of both of these fine men and Flaget of course has always expressed a deep appreciation of Paul Hornung.

The museum wishes to thank those who have recently made such generous donations of memorabilia. Even more than that, a big thankyou to all those who have taken their time to stop by and view the items on display. I hope you have enjoyed your visit and further hope that you will tell your classmates to stop and take a few minutes to go back in history.

As always the museum is accepting donations of vintage memorabilia. Sports programs, especially those from the 1970s are needed to round out our collection. Landmark newspapers and any other vintage items associated with Flaget are solicited. Simply bring the item to any luncheon, drop it off at St. X, or call me if you need the item to be picked up.