



The Flaget Museum

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Merry Christmas from The Flaget Museum

Very often I write about football or some other athletic activity that I find interesting. I always look for a good contest of some type. Today I write on a contest that happened at Flaget during the 1952-53 school year. It was fought between two entities that were so evenly matched that the contest extended the full first semester of the school year and took extraordinary measures to declare a winner.

Two students entered Flaget and distinguished themselves in ways that most of us could only hope for. Charles Eifler and Joseph Reker both arrived as most freshman do, but it is how they left Flaget that is worth recalling. Both arrived on scholarships and during their years at the school they distinguished themselves by one or both being on the Landmark staff, president of a Junior Achievement company, named best actor in a drama festival, was interlocutor in the Flaget Minstrel Show, being outstanding members of the debate team, and on and on. I could fill the page with their activities. This went on throughout their years at Flaget. When the end of the first semester was approaching during their senior year both waited to see who would be named as valedictorian for graduation. They were scholastically tied, so principal Brother Mark thought that there should be co-valedictorians. The two parties involved however were not happy with that so it was decided that they would be tested to see who should actually hold the coveted title. Three two hour tests were given to answer the question. The problem was, at the end of the six hours of testing there was still no clear winner. Four more hours of testing were arranged and at the end of the ten hours of tests, Joseph Reker had edged Charles Eifler by only a couple points. Joseph Reker was named valedictorian for the class of 1953 and Charles Eifler became Salutatorian. After graduation both went to the University of Louisville on full scholarships. Mention 1953 Flaget graduation to most people and the name Paul Hornung will come up. But let's not forget that all of us are gifted in different ways and the Flaget reputation was not built on sports achievements alone.

If you have time during the Christmas holidays stop by the Flaget Museum and bring back some of those good blue and white memories. As always donations of vintage Flaget memorabilia is being accepted for display at the museum.