



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES

It takes money to support a sports program, and at Flaget it was no different. Uniforms, equipment, travel, it all takes money. Although most did not know it, but those who attended Flaget in the 50s would have been classified as poor by today's standards. The money to support Flaget's growing sports programs came from a group of volunteers known as the Flageteers. They sponsored dances and other functions and did their best to raise the money needed for the sports programs. Their main fundraiser was a yearly raffle, usually for a new car. The Flaget students would sell chances on this car and thereby raise much needed revenue for the organization. Now with anybody, incentive is everything. In order to get students to sell as many chances as possible prizes were offered for those selling a certain number of chance books. Underclassmen rings, pens, and other Flaget items could be obtained depending on how many of these chances a student sold. Usually as an added incentive; the top sellers were awarded extra prizes for selling the most chances of anyone at the school. In 1956 after a three-week drive to sell chances the Chevrolet sedan which was the grand prize was awarded to Mrs. Jones on Ashland Avenue. The top five student chance sellers, each selling over 165 books of chances were awarded a three-day tour of New York City. Other prizes awarded were typewriters, radios, prom tickets, satin Flaget jackets and trips to Cincinnati. Bernie Holsclaw, one of the big prizewinners recalled his first subway ride, seeing the Statue of Liberty, and many other great sites. Then came the 1957 athletic drive, again a success, but the top winners this year received a \$10 award and the top classes received their choice of a rosary, scapular medal, or a St. Christopher medal. Now not that these prizes awarded in 1957 were not valued by the winners, but in retrospect, I doubt that a student in their teens didn't feel a little let down after thinking about the 1956 prizes.

The month of April was one of the worst months for attendance at the Flaget Museum. I would encourage all of the Flaget community to take a few minutes and visit the museum in the near future. The only way of knowing how many visit the museum is for those stopping by to sign the register, I encourage all to do this so it can be shown that the museum is valued by the Flaget family. This shows the decision makers at St. X that the donated space is serving a good purpose and just not a room collecting dust.

As always, the museum is accepting vintage Flaget memorabilia for display. Bring your donations to any Flaget luncheon or drop it by the museum. The museum is open most every school day and summer vacation day from about 8am to about 4pm.