



# The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall  
St. Xavier High School Campus



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## MUSEUM QUESTIONS?

Hardly a week goes by that I don't get a phone call or an email requesting a photo or an answer to a Flaget question. I think that's great. It shows there is still a healthy interest in Flaget even if it does not always carry over to visits to the museum. Just a couple recent questions: "Were the original colors of Flaget really maroon and gold?" You decide, I could find nothing from the original time period which confirms this.

From the Smoke Signals of Winter '93, pg. 5:

"The original colors of Flaget High School were maroon and gold. Flaget's first principal, Brother Clarence, thought that Flaget would be well represented by maroon and gold, the colors of Boston College which he had attended. Unfortunately, no funds were available for the maroon and gold uniforms. However, thanks to Ed Roby, president of the Flageteers, Flaget's players didn't have to play without any uniforms. Ed owned Edentide, the major Falls City basketball team. At this time, World War II was in progress, so team play was discontinued and the uniforms were given to Flaget. Flaget's basketball team of 1943 was the first to wear Edentide's uniforms, and display the blue and white of which we are still proud today."

From the Courier Journal of December 1, 1943, pg. 19:

"Brother Clarence preferred the colors of blue and gray - the colors of Keith Academy of Lowell, Mass., where he at one time was director of athletics - for the school, but to show his gratitude for the generosity of Edwin Roby he decided to adopt blue and white as the school's colors. Those are the colors of the uniforms Roby donated to the school when his Edentide Club team perennial Kentuckiana A.A.U. champions disbanded for the duration.

From the book "Burning Desire" pg. 10:

"Another problem was that the outfits were blue and white and the students had voted for the school's colors to be maroon and gold ...."

From the Courier Journal of March 31, 1971, pg. 8:

"Brother Clarence had set his heart on blue and gray--the colors of Keith Academy.....The students favored maroon and white...."

As you can see, the answers are not always clear. Another question was received after a recent obituary mentioned that a certain person scored the first touchdown ever at Flaget. This one was easy. The obituary was wrong. Both the Courier and the Landmark clearly stated that Mr. Kleinholter scored the first touchdown during the JV year, and Mr. Hodapp scored the first touchdown during the first varsity year.