



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



Under the auspices of the Flaget Alumni Association

1942-1974

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE FLAGET MUSEUM

Resolution No. 1 for this year should be to visit the museum

The fine article which appeared in the last copy of Smoke Signals should have made it plain to you that there is a lot at the museum to view and bring back those good high school memories. Bring someone with you to share the memories and look around the house before you leave to see if there are any vintage Flaget items that you might wish to donate to the museum.

I have been writing these blurbs for the luncheons for five years now. I want to repeat one of my favorites.

THE GIRLS OF FLAGET

Most everyone knows that during the 1973-74 school year Flaget became a coeducational institution. Some will even know that there were eighteen women who graduated in the 1974 final year class. Few however know much about the other women who attended Flaget during the final year of operation. When Loretto closed and Flaget allowed female students to enroll they did so for all the grades, not just for the senior class. It is somewhat difficult to document how many women enrolled for that 1973-74 class. It should be quite simple to look at the 1974 year book and determine the number of young ladies who were in the under classes, but it is not. Three reasons account for this undetermined count of the undergraduate female population. First, there are fourteen missing photos in the yearbook class picture. A lot of students must have been absent on the day when the photos were taken. Secondly, the students last name and first initial only was included in the yearbook, so it is impossible to know if "D" stands for David or maybe Debra. You say, well can't you look at the photo and tell? This brings us to the third reason. The 70s was the era of long hair! And for some reason the Flaget administration allowed not only the girls, but also any of the boys who were so inclined to wear their hair long. In many of the photos it is impossible to tell if you are looking at a cute boy, or an unattractive girl. After staring at the yearbook photos my best guess is. There were thirteen girls in the junior class, twenty-three girls in the sophomore class and thirty in the freshman class. So after doing the math, at least sixty-six girls can claim they attended Flaget High School. In addition, this school year marked the end of the experiment of Flaget Junior High in which forty-seven girls were enrolled. The female senior graduates not only excelled during the school year, being named both valedictorian and salutatorian but many have distinguished themselves in their careers after Flaget.