



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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FLAGET ENTERS THE COMPUTER AGE

Many things about a high school dance are uncertain and sometimes a little scary, not the least of which is who to ask and will she say yes? So in 1966 when the opportunity presented itself for the students at Flaget to get a date for an upcoming dance without the possibility of being turned down, many jumped at the chance. A computer dating company in Boston offered their services to the boys of Flaget, as well as the girls of Loretto, Angela Merici, and Presentation. Boys and girls all filled out a questionnaire. Many questions on the cards had to do with likes, dislikes, and other preferences for both physical attributes and interests. Several weeks later all those who submitted the question cards received the results which matched them up with one or more partners from one of the girls schools. One of the rules for attending the dance is that you must take the girl that was selected for you by the computer. The dance was held on December 7, The boys in the upper classes picked up their dates at the girls houses, while the members of the younger classes, both boys and girls did not meet until they arrived at the Flaget gym where the dance was to be held. Some five hundred people attended the dance. Many comments from the girls and boys were reported in the Courier-Journal in a story about the dance. For the most part the participants were satisfied with the match the computer had made for them, but there were a few glitches. Some senior girls were matched with freshman boys and some taller girls ended up with very short boys. There were no mistakes however as were made in a similar experiment performed at Seneca where two girls were matched together. Today, in some circles, this may not raise an eyebrow, but in the day it created a number of hushed comments. The consensus was that the computer dance was a success and most said they would not be hesitant to do it again.

Special note for anyone who attended Flaget during 1966. The museum needs the September 1966 copy of the Landmark. This was the first issue for that school year and we do not have a copy in the museum. CAN YOU HELP?

The Flaget Museum is as always accepting vintage Flaget memorabilia for display. Trophies, jewelry, Sports programs, Landmarks, and just about anything else from the days the school was open is sought. Bring your donations to any luncheon; drop them off at the museum, or if you need the item picked up, give me a call. And by all means if you get the opportunity and have not visited the museum in the last couple years please stop by.