



# The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall  
St. Xavier High School Campus



*Under the auspices of the Flaget Alumni Association*

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This month the traveling Flaget Museum focuses on one of the lesser-known championships that were won by the Braves.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association began a sanctioned bowling championship for the state in 2012. But long before this action bowling was a popular sport in the high schools. Beginning in the early 1950s and gaining popularity throughout the decade bowling held the top spot for participation among high school athletes. With the wide spread use of the automatic pinsetter more and more high schools started intramural leagues, and of course rivalries between schools were inevitable. Flaget was a hot bed for bowling activities. Beginning in 1950 a bowling league was established at the school. In 1952 when Brother Rian organized that year's intramural bowling league there were some twenty teams competing at Flaget. One of these teams "The Four Aces" competed in the city championship sponsored by the Courier-Journal. They not only competed, but they bested all of the entries by the other high schools and came home with the trophy. The team was composed of juniors Bill Willis, and Raymond Senn, with sophomores Bruce Lane, Martin Bearden. Bruce Lane had the overall high series of the tournament. This championship may have been a little overshadowed by the state football championship won in 1952, but to those who participated in bowling, it was just as important. Bowling continued as an important activity at the school until 1963 when interest waned. The trophy won on January 31st 1953 can be viewed in the front of the room along with a period photo of the winners.

**AS ALWAYS, THE MUSEUM IS ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR DISPLAY  
OF SPECIAL INTEREST ARE PERIOD PHOTOS, ATHLETIC  
LETTERS AND TROPHIES  
SPORTS PROGRAMS AND OTHER PAPER ITEMS INCLUDING  
LANDMARK NEWS PAPERS ARE WANTED**