

Husky Connections

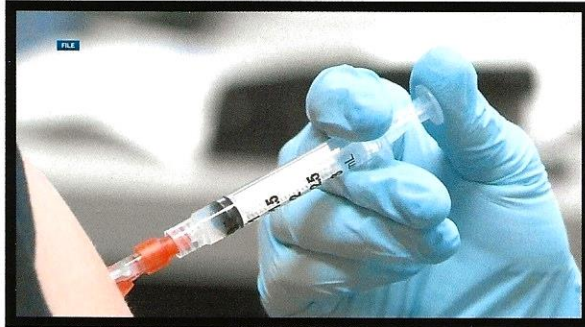


HAPPY SPRING!



April 2021

Fandangle 2021: A Shot in the Arm



It's a matter of "*Cause and Effect*". We believe that a successful summer Fandangle will give our Alumni Association the "**shot in the arm**" we need to move forward during these challenging

times. In order for the annual Fandangle to be successful, we need YOU to be there. In order for you to be there, we need you to get your shot in the arm.

The pandemic scuttled our Fandangle event last year, but we're coming back ever stronger in 2021. The annual mega-reunion for all classes has developed into a most popular event. What's not to like? A twenty dollar bill gives you an opportunity to eat and drink for five hours, and reconnect not only with your own Dieruff classmates, but also with friends from other classes.

The East Side Youth Center is a perfect venue. We've got the air conditioned banquet hall for those who wish to be inside, and we have the huge party tents with tables and chairs outside on the grassy playing fields.

Obviously, your health and safety is of paramount importance. The decision has been made to require all attendees to show proof of vaccination, or a recent negative COVID-19 test. At the event, we certainly will adhere to all CDC protocols.

Food will be provided by "Giovanni's on the Go", and will be specially prepared in individually pre-packaged form. Instead of beer and soda on tap, we will be offering those beverages in cans.

So put July 31 on your calendar. We shall be posting ticket information shortly.

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President's Message: Retire the Zoom, Return to the Room

I have to admit it. We've been "spoiled". For the last ten years that our Alumni Association has been in existence, we have had the good fortune to hold our monthly meetings at the high school, in the Meilinger Media Center. We refer to it as "our room".

Bright and cheerful, with plenty of elbow room, the facility is equipped with a central lectern wired for sound, and cabling to connect a laptop to a pair of projection screens for PowerPoint presentations.

The coronavirus caused us to press the proverbial "pause button" on everyone, and on everything in our idealic existence. The Allentown School District shut down all schools in mid March 2020, and has remained in remote learning ever since. Sadly, we lost our opportunity to meet face-to-face in the Media Center. We have tried to stay connected with "Zoom" Meetings... with limited success.

On March 25th, the school board voted to offer the hybrid model to students in all grades. Teachers returned on April 6th, in preparation for in-person teaching. High school students are scheduled to return April 26th.

So our wait is over. We have been given the "thumbs up" to use the Media Center

once again. It is time to ***"Retire the Zoom and Return to the Room"***. We are confident that gathering there will translate into a renewed passion, a rekindled spirit of Husky Pride. We are ready to unleash this puppy once again.

We invite you to join us. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Come out and help us make a difference. We know you will enjoy the ride.



**Kay Kurtz - President
Dieruff Alumni Association**



Arlotto Campaign: Put Your Name on the Donor Board

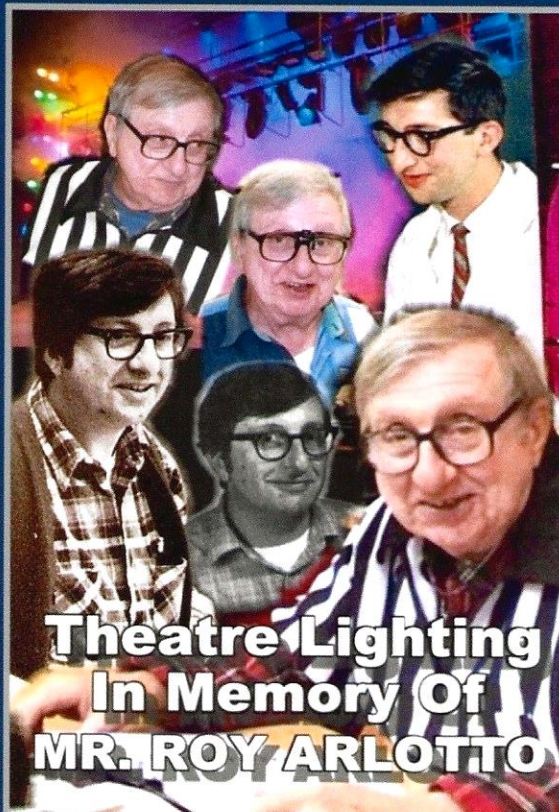


Our campaign to raise funds to purchase state-of-the-art Theatre Lighting, all in the name of Mr. Roy Arlotto, has continued to gain momentum. As of April 8th, we have received over \$33,000 in donations.

The graphic displayed below reflects the names of those who have made contributions so far. We sincerely appreciate their generosity, and we strongly encourage anyone else who would like to have their

name on this list to write a check today. A permanent donor board will be placed in the auditorium.

Donate whatever you can...\$10, \$100, or \$1,000... to honor Roy Arlotto. Make your check payable to "Dieruff Alumni Association", mark it "Arlotto Campaign", and send it to Dieruff High School, 815 N. Irving Street, Allentown, PA 18103, Attention: Dieruff Alumni Association.



Alphabetical List of Arlotto Campaign Donors

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FLASHBACK: Roy Rules at Husky High

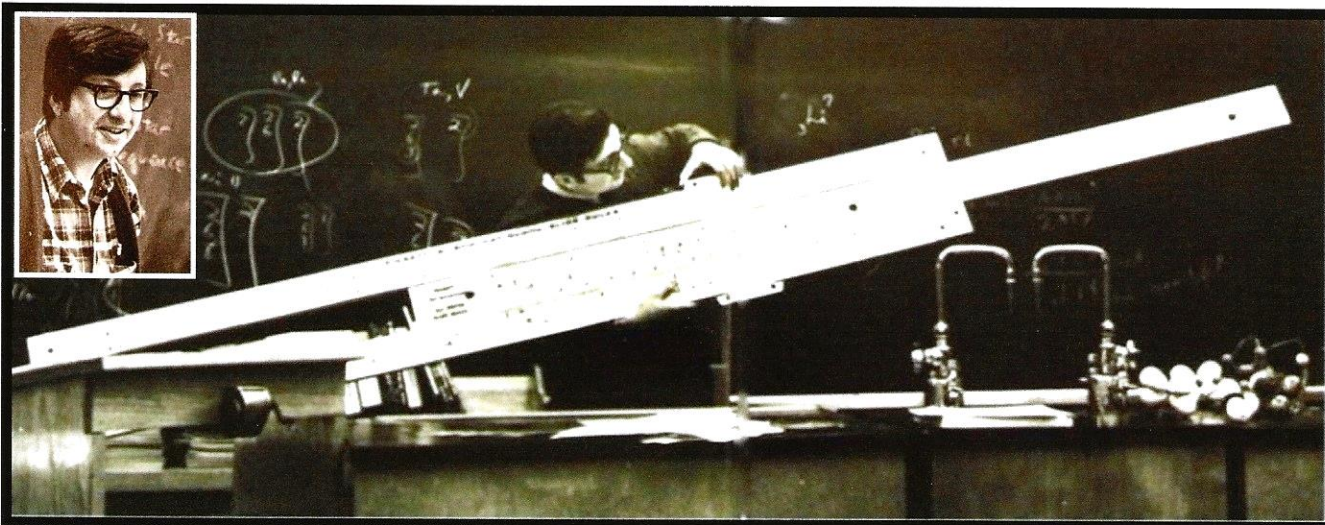
Back in the late 1950's, when Roy Arlotto was an undergraduate at Lehigh University, he faithfully carried a slide rule on his left hip. That was one sure way anybody on campus could identify those engineers and science guys, as opposed to the arts and business majors. In addition, those students of technical persuasion always carried a plastic pocket protector in their shirt pocket, filled with four or five pens. If they wore eye glasses, inevitably they would be those large, black-framed spectacles.

With a wry smile on his face, that is just the way Roy would describe himself. He was never reluctant to add the word “nerd” to his self description.

I strongly believe that is exactly what made Roy Arlotto so popular at Husky High. He was absolutely brilliant, yet so down to earth, with a wonderful sense of humor. He would readily make himself the brunt of the joke. He came to Dieruff as a student teacher in chemistry in 1961, and then secured a permanent position. That was a time before the introduction of the electronic calculator, so the slide rule was the “tool of the trade”. The kids loved him. For many, Mr. “A” inspired them to pursue a career in science. For those who found chemistry difficult, he made it fun.

Roy used a 10-foot slide rule as a humorous prop. Karen Hirst, Dieruff Class of 1969, writes, *“I can still see Mr. Arlotto behind that huge slide rule...”* He challenged all of his students to learn how to use it. Karen kiddingly boasts, *“I was the only girl in the class to use one. Of course, I’ve never used it again in my life, but it was fun then.”*

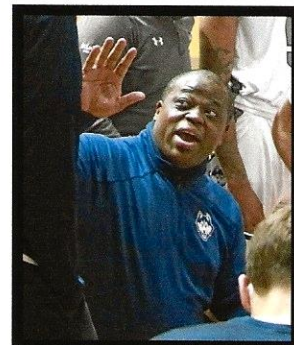
If you’re wondering whatever happened to Roy’s slide rule, it hangs in Cathy Piston’s math classroom. We’re not sure if she’s ever challenged anyone to learn how to use it.



Dieruff Athletics

Spring sports have begun at Dieruff High School, but before the final curtain has closed on the Winter Season, we would like to congratulate Basketball Coach Jai-T Randall on his first year at the helm of the Huskies.

In his inaugural year, he lead the team to their first post season victory in years. They also played their cross-town rivals in a double overtime game, before finally succumbing to the Allen Canaries. Allen then went on to win the District XI Crown.

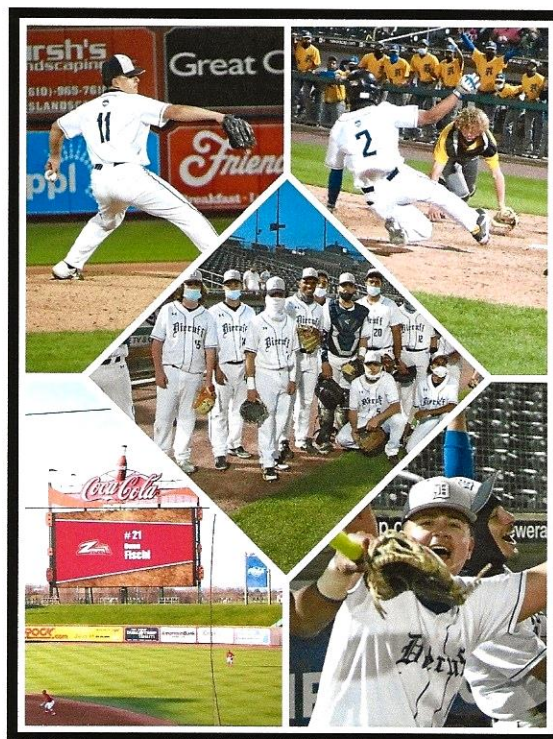


The most significant achievement of the season was their win over Allentown Central Catholic, at Rockne Hall. The Vikings closed out their season as Pennsylvania State Champions. As Coach Randall said right in the beginning, his biggest challenge is to get the kids to believe in themselves. They've got the talent. So now, they've got to believe they can win. For what it's worth, Coach, ***we believe!*** Go Huskies!

The first week in April saw the Huskies enjoy the thrill of victory. The Track & Field Teams (boys and girls) both topped Allentown Central Catholic at the J. Birney Crum Stadium on Wednesday, April 7th.



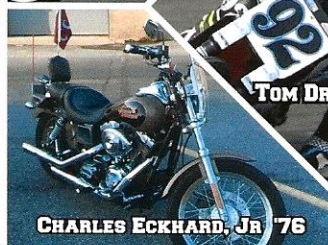
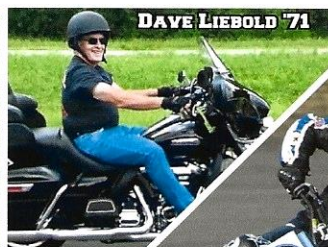
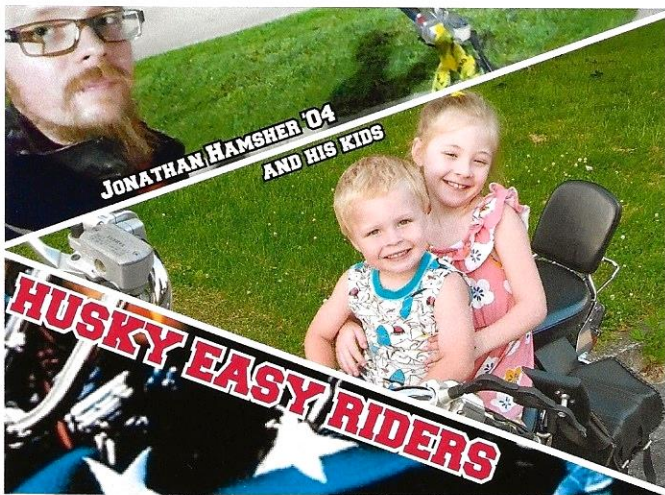
On April 6th, the Boys Baseball Team defeated the Wm. Allen Canaries in an away game, and then came back on April 8th and beat them again, 7-2, in a contest at Coca-Cola Park.



Facebook Biker Challenge

Our Alumni Association has a Facebook site that offers a fun opportunity to keep up with events and activities in our Husky Nation. You will find posts regarding fund raisers, alumni activities, school activities, and much more. The site is entitled: **Dieruff HS All-Year Alumni Association** and currently has over 2.3 K members. It is a closed site, limited to Dieruff High School Alumni. Please join us.

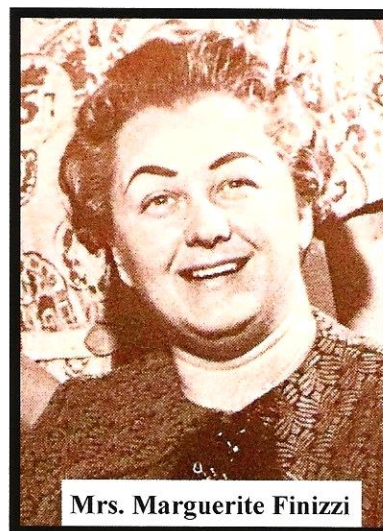
On March 25 we posted the following: *“BIKER CHALLENGE Many of our alumni are bikers. If you are, post a photo of yourself and your ride. Let’s have some fun with this.”* Here are some of the photos we received:



Letters to the Editor

From: Carla S. Eckert Arbogast
Email: ccl418@icloud.com
For Year: 1967

Reading the article about Mrs. Finizzi just made me smile. She was one of the best English teachers I had. She taught me how to appreciate Shakespeare which opened up a whole new world. We were lucky enough to accompany her to Connecticut to see "The Merchant of Venice". I continue to go to the Shakespeare festival at Desales. Automatically my thoughts drift back to my feisty English teacher.



Mrs. Marguerite Finizzi

Save The Date: July 31, 2021



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to John Hughes, 2038 Majestic Overlook Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Upcoming Events

Class Reunion Idea

Combine your class reunion
with the Fandangle July 31st

- o Reserve a few tables or your own separate tent.
- o No minimum to guarantee.
- o 5 hrs. of food, music, etc.
- o Great venue at ESYC.
- o Unbeatable price - \$20



Class of 1976 45th-Year Reunion



Calling all Huskies from the Bicentennial Year!

Plan to celebrate with your fellow '76ers on

Saturday, July 31, 2021

on the open, spacious grounds
of the East Side Youth Center.

Enjoy the summertime afternoon with your classmates at the annual Fandangle which will include a catered, all-you-can-eat buffet, a DJ, and music. Beer, soda, and water will be provided. Total price of the event is only \$20 per person. A designated area, with our own tent(s) and tables, will welcome alumni from the Class of 1976.

So, mark your calendars today, and keep your Husky paws crossed that the pandemic recovery will allow us to make this happen. For further information, or if you have any questions and/or comments, please "message"

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

via the Dieruff Alumni Association Website
www.dieruff-alumni.org or call 610 791-2882.

See you on July 31st

REUNIONS

Class of 1965 55 Year Reunion Saturday, October 30, 2021
Northampton Community Events Center

Class of 1966 55th Class Reunion September 18, 2021
The Barristers Club, 1114 W. Walnut St., Allentown

Class of 1971 50th Class Reunion July 31, 2021
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle

Class of 1976 45th Class Reunion July 31, 2021
Held with Alumni Association Fandangle

Dieruff Alumni Wrestlers Reunion May 5, 2021
Home of Abe Youwakim 484 866-3355



Louis E. Dieruff High School
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Husky Howls & Hugs

Hi Everyone,

I am a happy dog. Feeling so much better. Also got back to work. Went to Husky High to visit with the returning staff. Saw a lot of old friends and made some new ones. Mr. Makhoul gave me a tour of the entire building.

According to the Fit-Bit we walked over three thousand steps. Because I am recovering, and I am on some super antibiotics, the trip wore me out. Slept the rest of the day in my favorite spot on the porch. I am planning on returning when the kids come back at the end of April.

I was a pretty sick pup. After many complex tests, I was diagnosed with a bad bacterial infection in my nose. The swollen nasal passages were making it hard for me to breathe. For two weeks I was eating baby food and pudding. Could not lift my tail or head, and did I sleep! Now all better. Today on my two mile walk I even chased a squirrel up a tree.



A big thank you to the entire staff at Valley Central and especially to my vet, Uncle Ron. Thanks Aunt Cindy for driving, and Mom, you were a decent nurse even with my messes. My friend Kibbee Kat slept by my side for the first week of recovery. Thanks for all the prayers and well wishes. Great to be normal and to smell the spring flowers.

Love,

Kiska V.

