

Husky Connections



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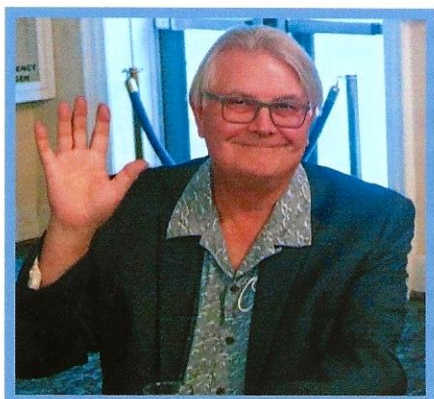
The Man Behind the Letters



DIERUFF Those king-size, three-dimensional letters seem to be to be everywhere! We have seen them at class reunions. They have appeared at the Kiska Award Banquet. They were even part of the street decorations at the "drive by" graduation event last year.

If you have been around Husky High during the last five years, you have probably seen them. They are pretty hard to miss. Normally positioned at the rear of the school auditorium, the huge letters are crafted from cardboard boxes, are light enough for easy mobility, and offer a novel design element for a variety of events. Our Alumni Association plans to include those letters at our upcoming Alumni Wall of Distinction Ceremony slated for October 22, 2021 at the Palace Center.

So where did they come from? The man behind the letters is Terry Pundiak, Class of 1966, He is a retired physician living in Easton, and he fabricated the letters five years ago to be put on display at his 50th Class Reunion. Using his garage as a workshop, he assembled,



taped, and painted each letter. Transporting them to the reunion site was a challenge, but the result was well-worth the effort. He earned sincere accolades from his classmates.

At the recent 55th reunion for the Class of 1966 (see the photos on page 7), he asked if his prized letter project was still around. We assured him that it was, and that those letters not only spell "DIERUFF", they spell HUSKY PRIDE... in all capital letters.

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President's Message: Stevens Won't Toot His Own Horn

We know John Stevens, Class of 1963, to be a modest man. As the expression goes, he is not about to "toot his own horn". So, pardon me, I would like to toot it for him.

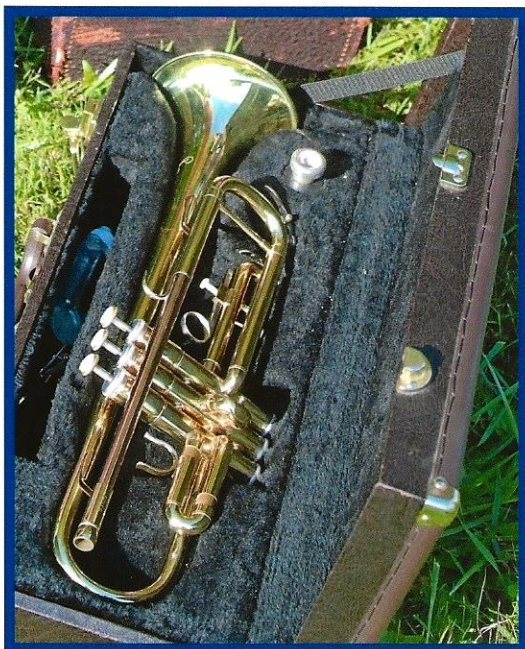
Recently, John dug out a pair of trumpets that he had played back at 'ole Dieruff High. Realizing that the Dieruff Marching Band does not have a whole lot of horns to toot, John contacted band director Larry Flynn, and arranged to donate the two valuable instruments. He even generously invested in having one of the trumpets professionally reconditioned.

As expected, Larry Flynn was overwhelmed with gratitude, and carefully selected two of his students, who were thrilled to adopt the brass horns. It is easy to read the appreciation on their smiling faces.

We commend John for his thoughtful gifts, and we also encourage all of our alumni who have musical instruments tucked away in attics or hallway closets to consider giving them "new life" by donating them to the Huskies. Just contact us, and we can arrange for your donations.

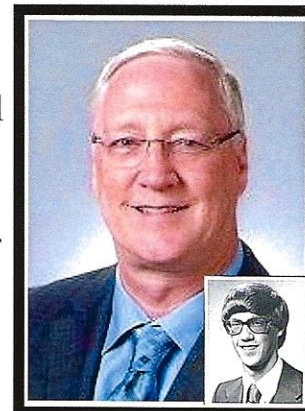


**Kay Kurtz - President
Dieruff Alumni Association**



Wall of Distinction Honoree: Mark S. Smyth, PhD '80

Our introduction to the final distinguished alumnus for 2021 takes us to the majestic beauty of Northern California where this 1980 graduate resides with his family. The Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Association is very honored to recognize Mark S. Smyth, PhD, a nationally-acclaimed scientist whose path to a successful career in Chemistry had set its course from Mr. Roy Arlotto's classroom.



Following his graduation from Husky High, Mark continued his studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and at the State University of New York (SUNY) in Buffalo. He went on to excel in the field of Medicinal Chemistry while authoring numerous publications and being granted multiple patents.

Today, as the Executive Director of Process/Development/Manufacturing of Pharmacyclics, a subsidiary of AbbVie, Mark oversees the necessary data to support the IND (Investigational New Drug) applications which show that a drug is worthy of validation. From years of research and analysis, this information is then submitted to gain FDA approval. A recent anti-cancer drug with which he was involved is ibrutinib (Imbruvica) which is used in the treatment of leukemia and some lymphomas.

So proud was our beloved Mr. Arlotto that, in 2020, he had this to say of his former stand-out student : ***"Mark really is the real thing. Buried in his resume is a reference to an award that his company, Pharmacyclics, received in 2019 : The American Chemical Society 'Heroes of Chemistry' Award. This is a BIG thing ! Mark and his team were selected from among ALL of the drug and chemical companies !"***

Mark responded with these heartfelt words about his favorite teacher and his days at Dieruff : ***"I have always spoken very highly of Mr. Arlotto. Without his presence in my time at LED (in AP Chemistry and three years with the Stage Crew), I would not be who I am and achieved what I have in my career and outside of it. His style of teaching and his being a decent human being taught me, and so many others, by example, not just words. Between the sports, friendships, National Honor Society, and Choir, it was an amazing time. I have always been proud to say I am a Husky, through and through. Always will be, too."***

That says it all. From a high school Chemistry classroom to award-winning pharmaceutical advancement in Silicon Valley, this is how one Dieruff educator influenced the life of a grateful, gifted Husky whose hard work and dedication led to the development of a drug to fight cancer.

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

Handmade Husky Quilt Raffle

What a fabulous gift idea! Or keep it for yourself. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 and give yourself a chance to win this beautiful 54"x54" handmade Husky Quilt. Better yet, buy 20 tickets and improve your odds of winning.

This stunning quilt was crafted by Vicky Thomas, Dieruff Class of 1976, and donated to the Alumni Association for this raffle. We applaud her skills and her generosity.

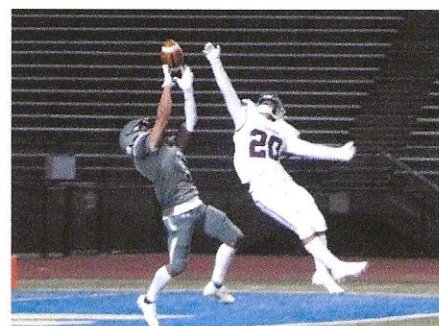
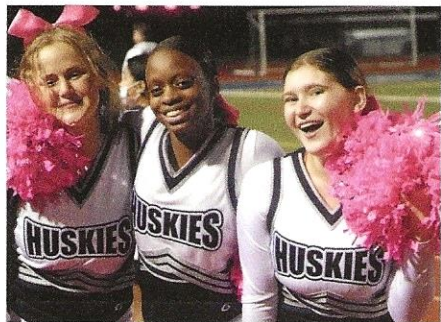
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Please send ____ Raffle Tickets @ \$5 each.			
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Husky Happenings



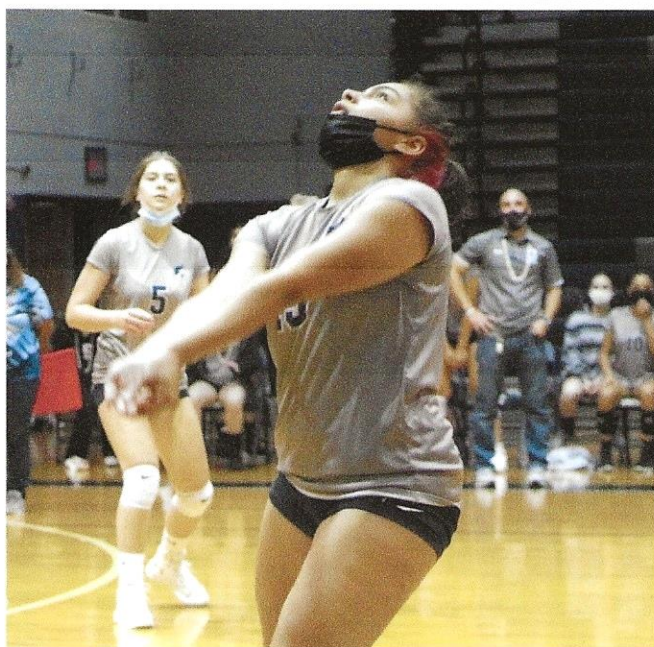
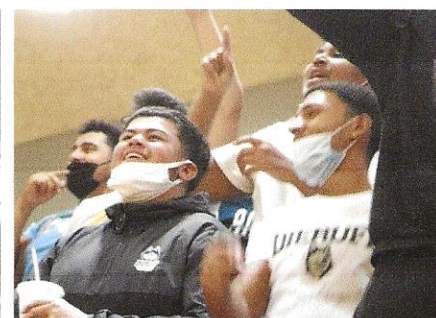
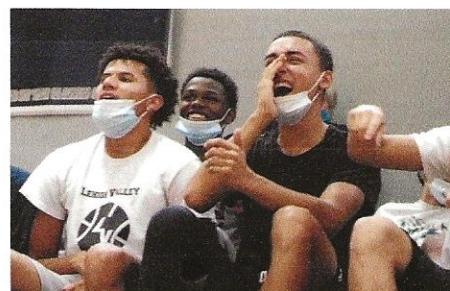
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Now here's a "feel good" story. Recently, the Dieruff Boys Basketball Team finished their team meeting a little early. Rather than leave for home, the basketball players decided to go support the girls volleyball team during their game against Palmerton.

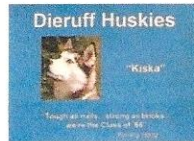
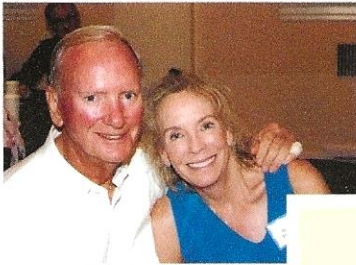
En masse, the young men took to the bleachers, and cheered with a passion seldom seen. The girls responded with each volley of shouts and wild enthusiasm.

Even though the ladies were wearing the obligatory masks due to the mandates, it was difficult for them to mask their appreciation for the thunderous support.

With Husky Pride in their hearts, the Girls Volleyball Team won three straight games. The young men were visibly proud of their contribution.

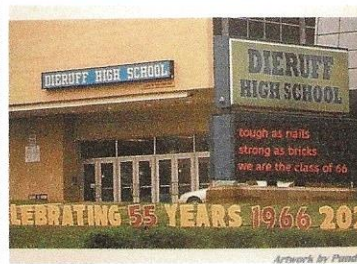
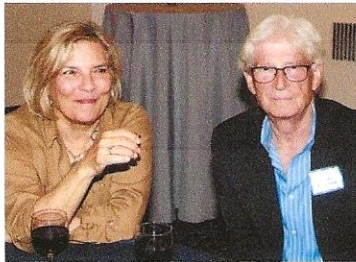
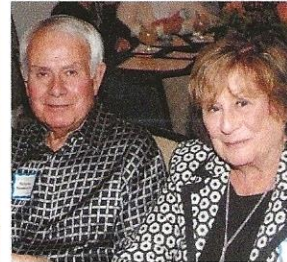


Class of '66 Celebrates 55th Reunion



Dieruff High School Class of 1966 – 55th Reunion
 Fellowship – Friends – Food – Fun
 The Barrister's Club – Allentown, PA
 Saturday, September 18, 2021 (5:00 PM to 9:00 PM)

5:00 – 6:00 Cocktail /Social Hour with Tommy Zito (Cash Bar)
 5:50 Welcome (Jeff Arbogast)
 6:00 – 7:00 Dinner Hour (Elizabeth Caters)
 6:50 – 7:00 Announcements/1st Raffle
 7:00 – 9:00 Catch up with Old Friends and Classmates/2nd Raffle



Artwork by Funda

FLASHBACK: 1966 Seniors Make a Fashion Statement

During their 45th Reunion Celebration (featured on the previous page), members of the Class of 1966 scanned the pages of their yearbook. Many of the remarks focused on the hairstyles and the fashions. Here is a sampling of the fashions in 1966.



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Upcoming Events

DIERUFF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961

THEN we were going to.....



and NOW we are going from Noon to 4 PM on Oct. 15th to our.....

60th Class Reunion!!

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Guest _____ \$20.00 Per Person **RSVP by: 10/01/21**

Make your check payable to Dennis Blankowitsch and mail to:

Dennis Blankowitsch
5535 Monocacy Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18017

DIRECTIONS: Take 145N (McArthur Rd) passed the malls to the light at Columbia St. Make a right onto Columbia (Columbia will turn into Ash). Follow to the second stop sign. Maennorchor is on the right at Ash & Ruch St. Ample parking available.

**Wall of Distinction
Induction Ceremony
Friday, October 22, 2021
5:30 - 8:30 PM
The Palace Center**

**Homecoming Football Game
Cheerleaders & Coaches
October 15, 2021 7:00 PM
J. Birney Crum Stadium**

**Dieruff vs. Allen
Football Game
October 30, 2021**

CLASS REUNIONS

**Class of 1961 60th Class Reunion, October 15, 2021
West Coplay Maennorchor**

**Class of 1970 Reunion, October 16, 2021
Fullerton Fire Company**

**Class of 1965 Reunion, October 30, 2021
Northampton Community & Events
Center**

**(For details of the Reunion Events, refer to the Alumni Association
Website: www.dieruff-alumni.org)**



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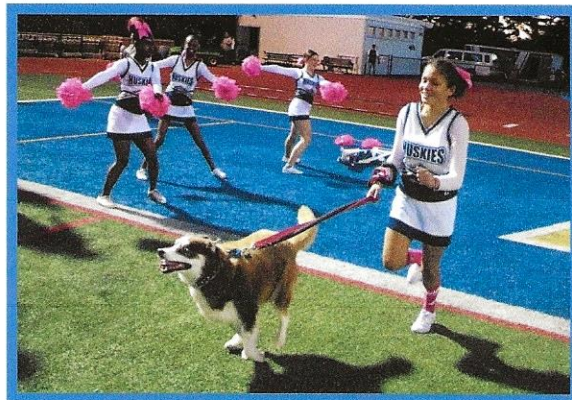
Husky Howls & Hugs

A hearty Husky hello,

Been having trouble with my front legs, arthritis. Have had a series of injections, the stuff they give race horses. It seems to be working. Never thought I could run on the field, but the other night I flew. It was true husky weather, cool and crisp. When I hit the field I ran, spun, did mini zoomies and dragged Mom across the field, It was like being a pup again.

The team was glad to see me. Frankly, everyone was happy to see me. Tons of my favorite belly rubs. Drank my water, need to keep hydrated. Also, had a cup of Gator Ade. I do prefer the cups to the old water bottles. It was a great night for football and it ended with a husky victory. So much fun.

We visited a lot. Being a geriatric cheer pup, we hung with the cheerleaders. Our girls are the sweetest young ladies. Naomi runs me out and takes good care of me. I try to be a good dog and run nicely, but the mush instinct takes over and we race down the field.



At half time we do a Meet and Greet with the visitors. We extend the Paw of Hospitality and Friendship. It is nice that when Mom tells them about the Paw everyone says "Thank you" and now rivals become new friends.

The cheerleaders from Stroudsburg were real dog lovers. The girls swamped me with hugs and kisses. It was a great night to be a husky.

Love, *Kiska V.*