Welcome, Y'all, from TOR-ECHO

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Alfred has once again become a boom town (and I’m not talking about firecrackers). The small town atmosphere has given way to a mass invasion of people prepared for reading, writing and really getting down to business.

Many students are here for the first time, others for a second year, and for third year students—if you remember the phrase, “Gimme Five,” you’ve got ‘em. That is, you’ve got your fifth semester.

Some students seem to have the notion that Alfred is a boring place. It really depends on how you spend your spare time but I was fortunate enough to spend the summer here and my conclusion is: it’s a great place, and far from boring. It couldn’t be too bad the farthest I’ve been outside of Allegany County in seven months is to Hornell.

For returning students, you’ve missed a lot of summer entertainment. Alfred University sponsored a summer theatre and also chamber music concerts. There were Wednesday night Village Band concerts, while on this campus there were dinner theatres. “Saturday Night Live” has also been going on, usually a social activity on the Village Green.

One of the biggest news events of the summer was the floods that hit the area. The first and worst of these happened June 18. More than four inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period.

I can believe it. I live across the street from President Huntington and on that morning I looked out one window and saw two “waterfalls” dropping from a stone wall into his driveway!

The next flood happened on August 13. In both cases, the hardest hit area was the town of Almond.

If you look in the window of the ALFRED SUN office downtown next to Telefoods, you’ll see some photos from the first flood.

The other big news of the summer is the representation of Alfred in the Olympic Games. Alfred’s own John Tuttle ran in the marathon on the last day of the Games.

I’m sure most returning students have noted changes in Alfred already. Such being: the Alfred Pizzeria was remodeled; Telefoods added a deli and new flooring; the Alfred Sports Center has expanded and the Village Store and Shortline Bus Stop moved around the corner to West University Street.

Also, Psi Delta Omega house was demolished to make way for the new Uni-Mart (Psi-D is now across the street).

And, from what I understand, there is going to be a new pizzeria or Italian restaurant opening up between Alfred and Alfred Station, next to the Sound Track.

I don’t know of too many activities going on this fall but one thing I’m certain of—studying. I hope everyone is serious about that. I know I am (and it took awhile to get that way). Anyway, I hope this will be a good semester for everyone here. Alfred welcomes you.

Old Psi-D house before...

Old Psi-D house after...

The new Uni-Mart where Psi-D was...