AU women s and men s teams continue record-breaking performance at UNYSCSA championships 2/22/13

ITHACA, NY Three more Alfred University women&s swimming and diving records and a men&s school relay mark fell Friday night at the Upper New York Collegiate Swimming Association (UNYSCSA) championship meet at Ithaca College.

Freshman Carly Watson (Hyde Park, NY/FDR) and Chrissy Behr (Manahawkin, NJ/Southern Regional) set new records, respectively, in the 200-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke. Watson finished fifth in 2:11.69 to shatter the school mark of 2:13.86 she set earlier in the day during preliminary heats. Behr placed eighth in 59.27 seconds to eclipse her own record of 59.49 seconds, also set during this morning&s preliminaries.

Behr and Watson were part of another school relay record broken Friday evening, the third women&s school relay mark broken since the UNYSCSA meet began Wednesday. Behr, followed by senior Shelby Remington (Pike, NY/Letchworth), freshman Kelsey McRill (Solon, OH/Solon) and Watson, finished ninth in the 800-yard freestyle relay. Their time of 8:06.82 broke the school record of 8:12.02 set in 2002.

Alfred women&s teams also set new school records in the 200 medley relay (Wednesday) and the 200 freestyle relay (Thursday).

The AU men&s 800-yard freestyle relay also set a new mark record Friday night, erasing what had been the oldest relay standard in the Alfred record books. The team of sophomore **Zac Toth** (**Lockport, NY/Starpoint**), senior **Nate Chapman** (**Hornell, NY/Hornell**), sophomore **David Coombes** (**Dansville, NY/Dansville**) and junior **Pete Sowinski** (**Akron, NY/Akron**) swam to a fourth-place finish in 6:52.72 to break the previous school mark of 6:56.79, set in 1985. The team's time met NCAA provisional "B" cut qualifying standards.

After three days at the four-day championship, which conclude Saturday, the Alfred women&s team is in 10<sup>th</sup> place of 15 teams competing, with 323 points. The Saxon men are in seventh place out of 14 teams competing, with 354 points. Stevens leads both the men&s and women&s team standings.

Junior Cassie Brown (Canisteo, NY/Canisteo-Greenwood) was the only AU women&s team member other than Watson and Behr to compete in an individual event in Friday&s finals. She took 13<sup>th</sup> in women&s 1-meter diving with 345.20 points.

Three members of the AU men&s team scored in individual events during Friday&s finals races. Toth was 12<sup>th</sup> in the 200 fly (1:56.22); freshman **Dustin Whyte (Wrentham, MA/King Philip Regional)** was 23<sup>rd</sup> in the 200 fly (2:03.58); and Coombes was 16<sup>th</sup> in the 100-yard backstroke (54.25).

The championships conclude Saturday with the men&s and women&s 1,650-yard freestyle; men&s and women&s 100-yard freestyle; men&s and women&s 200-yard backstroke; men&s and women&s 200-yard breaststroke; men&s and women&s 400-yard freestyle relays; and men&s 3-meter diving. Live results for all events during the four-day meet, and a daily schedule of events are available on-line.