Down, but Nowhere Near to Being Out
Swimming and diving still looking towards MAAC championships

By Joe Haubrich

With 12 weeks left in the season, the Rider swimming and diving teams are already preparing for the championships. The men’s team, which won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championship last year, has started the season rather slowly. However, the women’s team is on the right track to repeat last season.

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“Our caps have stepped things up as much as ever and are our top [performers],” said McFerin.

The men’s season has followed a pattern just like last season. “So far, we’re doing about the same as last year, but I think we’re much faster,” said junior Julia Dunne. “The quality of our performances is as good, if not better, than last season. We swim six times a week, doubling up on Mondays and Wednesdays. We haven’t altered a thing in practice and it’s paying off.”

The women also have only faced Marist in MAAC competition this season. Health has been a significant issue for the women’s team this semester.

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