Swimming, diving finish up pre-conference season

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This weekend, the Scarlet Hawks Swimming and Diving teams competed in their last two regular season meets before Conference and Nationals, both at home. Friday night, the team competed against Lincoln College.

In the Women's 200 yard freestyle, freshman Abby Maze took first place with a 2:08.29, and in the men's sophomore Eric Grunden took third with a 1:51.41.

In the 50 yard freestyle, junior Melanie Koto took second with a 26.35 for the women's team, and freshman Yoni Pruzansky took second for the Men's team with a 23.04.

In the Men's 200 yard IM, freshman Felipe Bergh smoked the competition from lane one to take first with a 2:01.38 by .23 seconds.

In the 100 yard butterfly, freshman Aimee Dewante took first with a 1:03.76 for the Women's team, and junior Keiji Halloway took first for the Men with a time of 53.10 and senior Mark Callan took third with a 57.81.

In the 100 yard freestyle, freshman Jillian Hamada took first with a 57.63 for the Women, and Pruzansky took second for the Men with a 49.60, while senior Tomasz Chojnacki took third with a 52.18, and junior Dylan Maus took fourth with a 53.16. Koto took first in the Women's 100 yard backstroke with a 1:04.42, and sophomore Matthew Rosenfeld took third in the event with a 56.91 for the Men's team, while Bergh took second in the Men's 200 yard breaststroke with a 2:19.97.

On Saturday, the team faced Lake Forest College. Diving started the meet off, with McNair taking first place on both the 1 and 3 meter board, with scores of 287.55 and 337.50 respectively.

The Women's 200 yard medley relay followed with the team of Koto, Curran, Hamada and Maze taking second with a 2:02.19.

The Men's team of Rosenfeld, Grunden, Halloway and Pruzansky took second as well with a time of 1:40.16, followed by the team of Tapak, Bergh, Muchna and Lutgendorf in third with a 1:42.27, and the team of Lao, Grindel, freshman Arya Mohaimani and Maus taking fifth with 1:53.09.

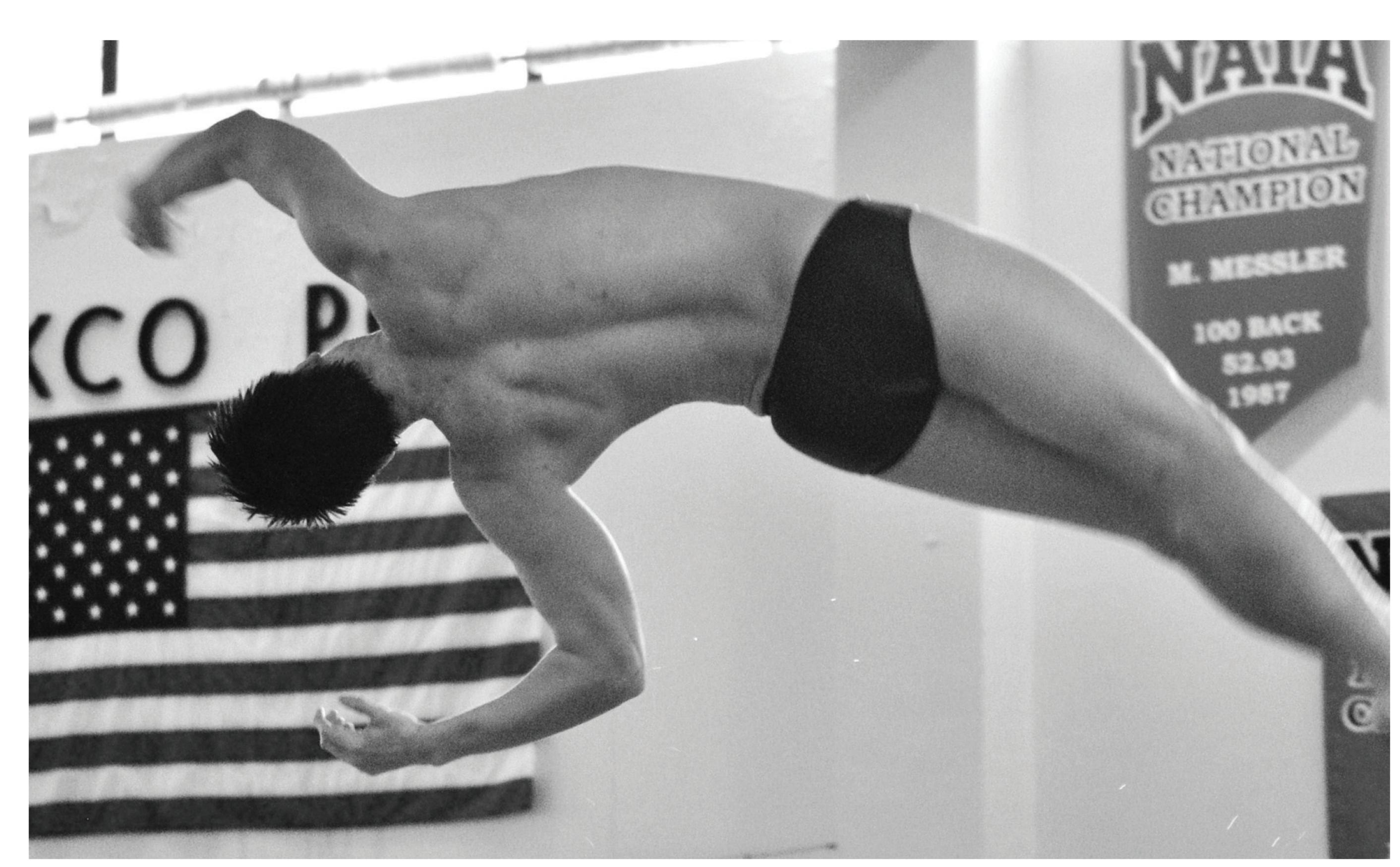
In the Men's 200 yard freestyle, Chojnacki took second (1:53.58), and in the 50 yard freestyle, Callan took second (23.41) as well. In the 400 yard IM, Bergh took first (4:25.43) followed closely by Halloway (4:31.92) and Mohaimani (4:34.03).

In the Women's 100 yard butterfly, Dewante took first with a 1:03.81, and in the Men's Muchna took second with a 55.74. Pruzansky took second in the Men's 100 yard freestyle, while Tapak took fourth (50.08, 55.42), and Hamada took first in the Women's 100 yard backstroke (1:05.84).

In the 200 yard breaststroke, Curran took second with a 2:43.60 for the Women's team, and for the Men's team Grunden took first with a 2:20.17.

In the final event, the 200 yard freestyle relay, the Women's team of Maze, Hamada, Dewante and Koto took second with a 1:48.37, while the Men's team of Callan, Pruzansky, Halloway and Grunden took first with a 1:30.71.

The team will compete in two weeks at the Liberal Arts Conference Meet in Iowa, and two weeks after that at the NAIA National Swimming and Diving meet in St. Petersburg, Mo.







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