University hires second Nirschel

By DEE DEQUATRO

Roger Williams University's full hiring of President Roy Nirschel's son, Chris Nirschel, 26, for the position of regional major gifts officer was not a case of nepotism, President Nirschel said this week.

"I had no role in the hiring," President Nirschel said. "I made no recommendations, I didn't interview, I didn't evaluate."

Because of Chris' relationship to President Nirschel, the hire had to be approved by both the Office of the General Counsel and the Board of Trustees.

President Nirschel said that fund-raising positions are of growing importance to the university and they have been notoriously hard to fill.

"There have been vacancies in development forever," President Nirschel said. When Chris applied, "there were no other candidates and there were a lot of vacancies in the area."

The position was initially posted online last fall and Chris was the first applicant hired.

According to Lynn Fawthrop, Vice President for Enrollment and Advancement, major gifts officers are important because they "cultivate relationships and solicit donations" with incoming and outgoing students. The position is similar to an admissions officer in that "they are ambassadors to the university," Fawthrop said.

Fawthrop stressed the importance of building relationships with potential students in order to attract them to the university and to retain them as students.

Fawthrop explained that "it is not a glamorous job." The position requires visiting four high schools a day as well as attendance at college fairs and regular contact with students and their families.

President Nirschel agreed, citing the economy as another factor that makes the job challenging. "These are not easy jobs, to knock on doors and ask for donations ... It's a tough time out there."

Chris' position is unique to the university. Although there are two other gift officers, Chris is the first to do the work of both an admissions officer and a gifts officer.

Fawthrop explained that his job includes attracting students to RWU as well as soliciting donations and/or resources

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM ROGER

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Turn to www.hawksherald.com next week for developments.

By THEODORE APPLEBAUM

Risky Business

3 arrested, 5 transported to hospital during first Chameleon Club since fall semester

By ALLISON COLLINS

Two RWU students were arrested for disorderly conduct and failure to comply and five students were transported to area hospitals due to excessive alcohol consumption last Friday during Chameleon Club, according to John King, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Nicholas McKee, 21, an RWU junior, was arrested Saturday at 12:04 a.m. and charged with disorderly conduct. According to the police report, McKee refused to leave the entrance to the Recreation Center, and after police escorted him away, he "openend the door and tried to come back inside the main entrance, according to a report filed by Sgt. Scott McDonald."

David Cronin, 20, an RWU sophomore, was arrested at 12:57 a.m. Saturday and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Cronin allegedly drove his shoulder into Bristol police officer Paul Modere's chest, nearly knocking him over, according to the police report.

A registered guest was also arrested for possession of marijuana, according to King. Jason Suied, of Somerville, Mass., will be charged with possession of marijuana, first offense, according to the police report.

Students also tried to get guests into Chameleon Club using student ID cards that were not their own, according to King.

"As a result, there was a lot of friction that occurred over that and the student workers at the event didn't deserve to go through that," King said.

Entering students were using foul language and being rude to the students working at the event, according to Tamara Von George, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Programs and Leadership.

Friday's Chameleon Club was the first since the one held last September, when 11 students were transported to area hospitals. The Halloween Chameleon Club was cancelled.

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Managing Editor

With the economy continuously slipping, causing businesses across the United States to downsize and layoff hundreds of thousands across the country, the thought of going away for Spring Break this year may seem like a dream for many college students. With jobs more difficult to obtain, many college students are forced to stay closer to home during their week off.

See BROKE p. 4
ARRESTS: Two RWU students charged with disorderly conduct

assessed three students at the event, but they were not rushed to the hospital.

“Chameleon Club was back because many people have fought long and hard for this event. We’re not going to give up on it. We’re going to make sure it happens, and we’re going to make sure it’s successful,” King said.

President Nirschel was arrested by the regulations of the University’s police department for disorderly conduct.

“Chameleon Club was a classy black and white affair. The event went very well. Over all, people loved the theme and the venue. We had over 1,400 people, which is a record for a February event,” Chapanell, one of the Chameleon Club chairs said.

“A lot of time, effort and work went into planning a large-scale event like this. It’s the most attended event on campus and we would hate to see something that takes months of time to prepare be wasted because people are not responsible,” Chapanell said.

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University donates $75 K to local library

By AUSTIN REGO
Herald Staff writer

Rogers Free Library, Bristol's only public library, was originally built in 1877 and has gone through several changes since then. Following the most recent change, occurring last September, the library reopened its doors after completing a major construction project. Although the library received $8.8 million in funding that provided it some of its multi-million dollar fundraising and capital project campaign, the largest gift the project has received as part of the contributions was a $75,000 gift donated by Irene Gyier, a longtime Bristol resident. She has been going to the library for more than 30 years and said that she could not be happier with the recent expansion.

The library has had a long-lasting effect on one of her nephews, Kevin Andrade, a Roger Williams sophomore. Gyier said it played a pivotal role in developing Kevin's intellectual nature and his attending Roger Williams.

RWU last year agreed to not only donate $75,000 to the new expansion but also to give $150,000 annually to the town in the form of a package of other donations for civic groups totaling $25,000 as part of an agreement reached between the school and the town of Bristol.

Because of the importance we place on libraries and being in a good neighborhood, we're pleased to make this commitment to Bristol's free public library," Roger Williams University president Roy J. Nirschel said in a statement to the Bristol Phoenix last year. Although the library received $8.8 million in funding that provided it with a much-needed makeover, it maintained the historic feel of the neighborhood.

This expansive renovation expanded the library from 6,000 square feet to 26,000 square feet, more than quadrupling the size of the public facility. Roger Williams University donated $75,000 to the expansion, the largest gift the project has received as part of its multi-million dollar fundraising and capital project campaign. "I just love the new addition," said Irene Gyier, 68, a longtime Bristol resident. She has been going to the library for more than 30 years and said that she could not be happier with the recent expansion.

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Town Council voted to keep large businesses away from the historic district of downtown. This made it so that no private business larger than 2,500 square feet or totaling 65 feet of street frontage can locate in that part of Bristol. Rogers Free Library rests squarely in the center of the historic area so it was very important to keep that historic feel. The building has managed to maintain a classic appearance on the outside while providing the interior with a very modernized charm. "We have already seen a dramatic increase in the number of visitors the library has and as more tourism comes to the town in the summer, we hope to continue to progress our customer base even further," Prescott said.

"I am excited for what the future holds with this great establishment and we look forward to many successful years of spreading knowledge in this beautiful community," Rogers Free Library, 505 Hope St., is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A library patron reads a newspaper in one of the quiet spaces inside Rogers Free Library Thursday.

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A ‘rewarding’ experience

Senior devotes spring breaks to helping others build homes

BY KELLEIGH WILCH
Managing Editor

While students prepare to pack their bags and catch the next plane to an exciting (and hopefully warm) location, senior Brian Fontaine will be breaking to Clarksdale, Miss. to participate in his fourth year of Alternative Spring Break.

Fontaine has been an active member of ASB since his freshman year, and instead of spending money to go on vacation, he volunteers to help build homes for the less fortunate.

I think people get so caught up in going through a Cancun experience and getting drunk. I know my spring break is not superficial and is rewarding. Through ASB, I’ve been able to learn about myself and other people while I help them," Fontaine said.

My first year (ASB), I had the best experience. I ended up meeting people who became some of my closest friends, and knowing you are doing something to help people just goes so excited to do it.”

According to Fontaine, Roger Williams’ ASB participates in a “Collegiate Challenge,” where colleges will rotate building a house, depending on some week of their break. The ultimate goal is complete the house by the end of the break.

The tasks for each incoming group change, Fontaine said. One year, he focused on building one house, while another year his group was assigned to work on three separate houses. Their daily tasks also vary, from working on the frame of the house to installing kitchen cabinets.

A typical workday is 8 to 4 with a break for lunch. After that, we are usually invited to dinner at a church or cook dinner at the place we’re staying at,” Fontaine said.

Among all the benefits of working ASB, Fontaine says one his favorite aspects is the people and their appreciation for what the group is doing.

The people in the south are always so thankful and accommodating and hospitable. Knowing that people appreciate keeps me coming back,” he said. “One time, an elementary school wrote us notes and invited us for lunch and sang to us.”

Before leaving, the ASB club spends most of its fall and spring semesters fundraising for its trip, along with participating in local volunteer events. Among these volunteer events, ASB participates in the annual Turkey Basket Drive, and have built homes in Providence.

The group is also responsible to research the site, such as the history of and activities in the area," Fontaine said.

After working during the day, ASB volunteers get to do activities at night, such as bowling or mini golf.

“We have a tradition to travel each night to Sonic,” Fontaine said, laughing “Before we even go to our site, we research where the nearest Sonic is so we can get there easily.”

Fontaine says that ASB is always rewarding, and he does not feel like he is missing out on the ‘generic’ spring break.

“My freshman year I met some great people who got me involved in other clubs and orientation,” he said. “ASB was my first step to becoming a student leader, and it opened so many doors for me.”

“I do not surprise me that Brian chose to work with ASB for each spring break of his college career,” senior and member of ASB, Ellie Evans said. “This exemplifies his passion for helping others and trying to make a difference in the world.”

I know that he will take his experiences with Habitat for Humanity with him in the future and apply his knowledge to further endeavors.”

But with all the benefits, Fontaine still says meeting the people is his favorite part.

“I was not aware how many people live in such poor conditions, especially in the United States,” he said. “It is a very eye-opening experiences.”

“Not only does he work very hard on the site, but he is a great role model for others on the trip. His one of a kind personality allows the group to become close and he makes everyone experience more enjoyable,” Evans said.

BROKE: Break on budget

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For sophomore Rich Goldsmith, his plans for Spring Break are centered around his wallet.

“We have the hard economic times I decided to work at home and make a little money over break,” Goldsmith said.

This year, I can have money for the second half of my semester.”

However, with a lack of funding for break, students are not discouraged about missing out on a big trip. Spring break does not always have to mean spending a week in a some warm climate, although it would be nice.

There are plenty of ways that students can enjoy their break without breaking the bank. For example, junior Ashley Lago plans to spend her time taking advantage of free events in her area.

“I live near New Haven, which is really big on art stuff, so I’ll probably visit some free galleries and concerts. I also live on the beach, so I could go there too,” Lago said.

For some students, spending time at home means spending quality time with family. Junior Diana Hatoum spent last semester studying abroad in Italy, so family time is important.

Freshman Chris Lendemans also plans to spend quality time with family and friends, along with practicing playing music with his band. “My friends and family are very important to me. I want to be able to spend time with them,” he said.

“Students still want to get away, but can’t afford a week in an exotic location, there is always the option of day trips. To travel from Providence to Boston, it costs approximately $10 to travel by train, and you can manage walking around the city from there.”

And if you really don’t have any money, there is always the option of staying in and catching up on your work.

So, if you don’t have plans for your spring break, do not be discouraged. Plenty of students are in the same position, and have plenty to do to keep themselves entertained.

As Jendraszek said, “Who doesn’t want to stay here and freeze, instead of go somewhere warm like Cancun?”

Senate “Did You Know?” of the Week

On Monday, March 9, the Student Senate will meet in the Mary Tefft White Cultural Center in the library at 6:30 p.m.

Check us out at: http://studentsenate.rwu.edu or IM us at SenateRWU
WQRI: Allen, U2 release new CDs

BY TIM HOLLAN
WQRI Music Director

After spending four years cursing the cold weather of Rhode Island, I have come up with two solutions for the problem. The first one would be a huge fire risk and health hazard and possibly illegal, so I won’t try to tell you about that one. My next one involves building a biodome in which we can control the temperature.

Sure, the cost of building such a monstrosity may be unknown to most calculators with only a 10-digit display, and the electrical cost of running such a thing would be tremendous - and don’t forget the research, noise, and bird cleanup crews. However, at the very least, I will never have to worry about the fact that I can’t feel three of my four limbs. Which leads me to ask why my right leg never goes numb. Seriously, that appendage just holds onto all feeling. Anyway, here’s a look at what I’m digging this week.

Artist: Lily Allen
"It’s Not Me, It’s You"
Pop
Grade: A-

Listen to: “The Fear,” “It’s Not Fair”

Although she won’t admit it, Lily Allen is one of a mold: self-deprecating, self-destructive foul-mouthed sassy British female singer who isn’t afraid to "tell it like it is." Of course, following in the "troubled female pop singer" mode, she HAS to have a song about being a media circus, but since the British tabloids actually work for the British tabloids, they have absolutely nothing to say. Which kills the record.

Unlike Britney, she actually can sing decently. Sure, she may be derivative as hell in the mold, but it’s the spice that makes this one memorable. "The only mustard is the overly cute "F*ck You," in which a chorus of sped-up Lily’s replace being crude with being clever, and "Him," a song that tries to be both Joan Osborne’s (What If God Was) "One of Us" and XTC’s "Dear God" and fails because she trips herself up over on the message but never really says anything about the subject.

Artist: U2
"No Line on the Horizon"
Rock
Grade: C-

Listen to: "Get Your Boots On"

The problem with going for a really atmospheric record is that sometimes you really get the atmospheres down really well, but you forget the tunes. And you’re left with a record that fails to make an impact on you in any way, shape or form. This is U2 we’re talking about. They are known for their rousing anthems, songs with crescendos that make you stand up and take notice. They are known for saving the world. And on their latest record, you could have mosquitoes in it, that’s how tepid it is. The worst part about this album is at the end of it all, you don’t really remember one song. None of them have that punch that made U2 such greats. For a band that’s been about the message for so long, they have absolutely nothing to say. Which kills the record.

Artist: Bell X1
"Blue Lights on the Runway"
Grade: B+

Listen to: "Great Defector," "One String Harp"

Now, this is how you do atmospheres. Let’s get this out of the way. "The Great Defector" is one of the best songs I’ve heard in a while. It is pure perfection, and it pulls off that 80’s pop Talking Heads style that no one has successfully tried in so long. The rest of the album doesn’t live up to those heights, and honestly, it’s better that they don’t try to. Bell X1 provides decent low key pop that stays with you after the album is gone.

Call for Proposals!

The RWU Alcohol and Other Drug Task Force, a committee of students, faculty and staff, is working to transform the alcohol culture on campus.

As part of our work we need a fresh and positive alcohol message and YOU can be the one to help craft it! Submissions are now being accepted for an innovative and catchy messaging campaign that positively describes the alcohol culture among RWU students. The student who is selected will receive recognition from the RWU community but will also receive a $200 Barnes and Noble Bookstore gift card. This is also something you can add to your portfolio/resume.

A strong alcohol message would include elements of the following:

RWU students:
Engage in responsible drinking, if they choose to drink
Use common sense
Don’t drink to excess (no binge drinking)
Are respectful
Show care for each other and peer behavior; look out for their friends
Realize that everyone in the community is part of the solution
Know that there are many opportunities to have a rich social life without alcohol and where alcohol does not play a prominent role

Live and learn in an environment that is healthy and safe

An example of a message would be "Here at RWU students know where to draw the line" and then there would be numerous forms of “draw the line” in all of our publications, talks, etc.

Submissions are due to Kathleen McMahon, Dean of Students, kmcmahon@rwu.edu by 5 pm on March 23.
Make good decisions about alcohol

By KELCIE SWENNY

Opinion Editor

It nearly happened. Roger Williams University had a snow day. Some students might remember a time last year when the last day of fall semester, finals were cancelled because of the snow. But a snow day in its truest sense has not occurred here in recent memory. It was a huge surprise to many students to see that classes had been cancelled. Many-eyed students woke to the sounds of text messages and phone calls informing them of the cancellation.

Students spent the day differently. Some slept well into the afternoon, others decided to celebrate, others caught up on work and some recognized the day by doing nothing. Still others used the snow day to do some fun things such as sledding, slipping, sliding, snowball fights and just general playing in the snow. College students seem to have taken a break from being students and adults and instead played like kids.

Is it not interesting that something that can cause so much trouble in the world also causes great amounts of happiness? This week shortened by the snow day should allow us that much closer to spring break, which many students wait eagerly for with baited breath. While some students dream of leaving this dreary weather behind and enjoying a warm sandy beach, others are just simply going home, in many cases, thanks to the economy, to more snow-covered areas.

And as we wait for a break that many people badly need, one cannot help but note that the days are starting to melt away, getting closer and closer to the end of the year and for some the end of their college years. Many seniors cannot wait for the year to end and join the real world, but many are thinking about leaving with mixed emotions and feelings.

While we fondly wish away these last few weeks of the year, the first of February is just around the corner, the start of next semester. As we make our way through next winter, let us not forget that when time passes by unnoticed, it is impossible to get it back and enjoy it. Life is too short to wait for the better times, time spent in the moment is time well spent so go spend a moment or two in this winter wonderland of a campus and enjoy now.

The WTF of the Week is a lighthearted look at the things on campus that make you scratch your head and shrug your shoulders. If you have a WTF in mind, send a photo and caption to opinion@hawksherald.com and you might just see it in print.

SUBMITTED BY ALLISON COLLINS, '10

COMMENTARY
On snow days, relax and appreciate life

Don’t blame Chameleon Club for alcohol abuse problems

By COURTNEY NUGENT

Features Editor

In response to "Campus drinking problem? Crisis' seems ridiculous," I would like to counter the ideas brought forth by DeQuattro. Those students who believe that the RWU campus does not have a collective drinking problem are not in attendance at the Feb. 27 Chameleon Club event, an amazing event that CEN has established, but rather a display of actions that take place around our campus on a nightly basis.

Now pay close attention, this is where it gets good. If you had been in attendance, you would have seen the student workers from Student Programs and Leadership being shoved, yelled at and disrespected from not only enough students who, in a desire to start raging, barged through the entrance. This disrespect happens every night on campus.

If you had been in attendance, you would have seen the women falling, you would have seen the women leaning on their friends for support because they just could not take 5 extra steps to make it to the bathroom. This debauchery happens every night on campus.

If you had been in attendance, you would have seen the men yelling and pushing the coat check attendants for not moving fast enough when looking for their black Northface coat. You also would have heard a fellow RWU student shout, "I need to get laid" as he pushed one of the attendants down to the ground in an attempt to grasp his coat and get out of the event faster. This ignorance occurs every night on campus.

If you had been in attendance, you would have seen men, women, student leaders and athletes alike putting their lives in danger, an every-night occurrence at RWU.

While I do agree with DeQuattro when she said that it is expected for "18 through 22 year olds [to be] out partying, experimenting with alcohol," I firmly believe that what most students at RWU lack is accountability, thus leading to our collective drinking problem. We do not take care of each other. We do not do our part. We do not hold each other responsible for our actions and we make excuses for what happens on this campus.

Stop blaming Chameleon Club and, instead, focus on the true problem at hand: our students acting irresponsibly in an environment that is supposed to be preparing us for real life.

For those students that do not think we have a drinking problem, open your eyes.

POLL RESULTS
In the Feb. 27 issue, we asked the question, "Is the swastika inscription that was etched in shaving cream on a Bayside dorm a hate crime for which someone should be punished, or just a harmless, yet immature, prank?"

17 of you said it was a harmless, but immature, prank.
16 of you classified the incident as a hate crime.

Log onto hawksherald.com for this week's poll and to view poll results as they come in.

This week's WFT of the Week was "Axe student is not transported." In response to an article written last week about the drinking problem on campus, one student is not transported. Are RA's, Public Safety, and EMT's just "OVERREACTING," after countless hours of training to keep students safe? In response to an article written last week about the drinking problem on campus, a student is not transported. Are RA's, Public Safety, and EMT's the reason that there has not been a death on this campus from alcohol? Should we wait until a student's "experiment" goes too far and we have to notify the parents that they died as a result of alcohol poisoning, or could die if they are not transported?

I think that when it comes to life or death situations, there is no such thing as overreacting. RA's, CORP's, Public Safety, and EMT's are the reason that there has not been a death on this campus from alcohol. Should we wait until a student's "experiment" goes too far and we have to notify the parents that they died as a result of alcohol poisoning, or could die if they are not transported?

I firmly believe that the transport of students is a very important precautionary measure that ensures that all of our students are safe.

Attention to all of you students out there, if you or a friend is transported, it is not just because someone is overreacting. It is because something needed to be done, in order to save you or your friend's life.

So in the end, just make good decisions and take responsibility for your actions.

Jill Zalewski, '10

COMMUNITY
Men’s Lacrosse looking for continued success in 2009 season

By DAN MALKIN
Ass. Sports Editor

Spring is just around the corner and the men’s lacrosse team is busy at work preparing for the upcoming season. After having a strong season last year where the Hawks lost in a devastating semi-final game against Endicott, the team is ready to compete at a very high level.

The team has large aspirations after finishing in fourth place in the final preseason Commonwealth Coast Conference coaches’ poll. Roundout the top three was Gordon College, Western New England, and Endicott College. The Hawks were awarded 74 total ranking points, two shy of Gordon College who finished with 76 total preseason points. Endicott College and Western New England finished with 96 and 94 total points.

The team has recently announced three deserving team members to serve as tri-captains for the season. Joe Healy, Mike Horan, and Sean Benner who are all seniors, have been rewarded with the leadership positions. For Healy and Horan this will be their second straight year serving as team captains.

Horan, a defenseman from Acton, Mass., earned TCCC-Honorable Mention honors during his successful junior season. He was able to do this even after missing a decent amount of games due to a prolonged injury. During his sophomore season he was awarded with a Second Team All-TCCC selection. Horan is healthy and ready to continue his success during his 2009 campaign.

Healy, a midfielder from Port Jefferson Station, N.Y. took home First Team All-TCCC honors during his 2008 season. During the year he scored 19 goals while cashing in on five total assists for a total of 24 season points. He was also able to finish fifth on the team with points even after missing four games due to injury.

Benner, a quick two-way midfielder from Narbert, Penn. is also prepared to do battle this season. Benner performed at a high level last season while attaining 17 goals and nine assists for a total of 26 season points. He is ready to continue his success as a first time captain during his upcoming season.

The Hawks clearly have high hopes for the season and have the right group of players to have a very successful season. As a club they also would like to make a move in the playoffs and outside their semifinal finish during last season’s play.

The Hawks will begin play this Saturday afternoon on the road against LeMoyne College in Newton, Mass. They will follow up that game with yet another road contest against the UMass Dartmouth team.

SWIM: Men’s team finishes third

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Hawks posting yet another strong fourth place finish this time in the 200-yard freestyle relay. Carlucci, Danaher, Walerysiak, and Dubinsky would finish with a time of 3:25.40, good for another school record.

The end was in sight for the Hawks as they geared up for the third and final day of competition. Peter Walerysiak jumpedstart the day finishing third in the 100-yard freestyle and also helping the school record with a time of 48.86. In the 50-yard backstroke, Jule Dubinsky was able to squeeze out a fifth place with a time 25.87.

In the 200-yard butterfly it was Todd Swanson breaking yet another school record with a time of 2:08.36 and an eighth place finish. In the 100 IM Mike Carlucci put another school record under his belt with a time of 55.76 and a fourth place finish. In the men’s three meter diving, Joe Mello gave a huge performance as he finished in second place with a school record of 391.60 points.

Capping off the day was the men’s 400-yard freestyle relay. The Hawks had shined in the relays throughout the meet and this was no exception. The team of Walerysiak, Dubinsky, Faustine, and Carlucci bested the previous school record with a time of 3:15.84 and an excellent third place finish.

The Men’s Swimming & Diving team plans to start next year right where they left off. With a strong freshman class that is rapidly improving and impeccable leadership from the upperclassmen, the possibilities of even more success are moving into focus.

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Meetings Monday nights at 7 p.m. in SE 132
Men’s Swimming & Diving breaks 15 records en route to third place finish at NEISDA championships

By WILLIAM MANLY

Herald Staff Writer

In the final meet of the season, the men’s swimming and diving team proved its worth with a strong third place finish at the New England Intercollegiate Swimming & Diving Association Championships held last weekend.

The team took advantage of competing in their home pool, maintaining consistency throughout the three day meet and breaking a staggering fifteen team records in the process.

“We just wanted to get out there and swim fast, show people what we’re made of,” sophomore Jim Crowther said. “We knew Bentley and Keene State would be tough, and we knew we’d have to give it our all to have a chance for second or third.”

The Hawks made their presence known early, finishing with a strong third place finish in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke with times of 5:01.62 and 1:58.43, respectively. Danaher would go on to finish tenth in the finals, with Carlucci finishing fourth.

The team also finished strong in the 60-yard freestyle, with Zach Gillespie, Faustine, Crowther, and Mike Napoli all finishing in the top 12, adding 26 points for Roger Williams.

Gillespie’s time of 22.17 in the prelims was good enough for another school record.

Watersyka also joined in on the record breaking, going on to later take yet another school record in the 200-yard Individual Medley (IM) with a time of 2:06.25, good enough for fifth place.

On the second day, the Hawks picked up right where they left off. Starting off the day with the 200-yard Medley Relay, Mike Carlucci, Jeremy Siegel, Dale Dubinsky and Mike Faustine eclipsed the previous school record with an impressive time of 1:37.69, which was just the beginning.

Kevin Danaher and Mike Carlucci both added school records to their belts. Danaher finished the prelims with a school record breaking time of 54.82. Carlucci would go on to finish fifth in the finals.

Kevin Danaher also made more waves with a school record of 4:27.43 in the 400 IM, finishing seventh. Also in the 400 IM was Jordan Amidor, who was able to shed twenty seconds off his personal best with a time of 4:39.47.

The signing of SP Randy Wolf and 2B Orlando Hudson will play key roles during the season. The Dodgers even got rid of plumping OF Andrew Jones.

But the Dodgers take the cake for losers because they created an amazing, drawn-out, Brett Favre-like saga which is constantly receiving news coverage.

However, when the Dodgers do sign Ramirez, they will be the sure favorites to win the AL West.

San Francisco Giants $18.5 million for SS Edgar Renteria! It looks as if the Giants correctly jumped the gun early this off season as they inked the declining shortstop the first week of December. The 33-year-old shortstop is worth no where near that amount, let alone this one. Renteria batted merely .270 with 10 HR and committing 16 errors during the 2008 season with the Detroit Tigers.

The Giants have had a knack of giving out absurd contracts. For instance, disastrous SP Barry Zito signing a seven-year $126 million contract. Rehash said.

The signing of SF Randy Johnson is a nice complement to Cy-Young award winner SP Tim Lincecum and furthers one of the deepest rotations in baseball. A one-year, $8 million is worth the risk in signing the future Hall of Famer.

However, with one of the worst line-ups in baseball, the Giants are heading in the wrong direction and could have significant financial problems in the future.

Seattle Mariners

At least they boosted up attendance by signing OF Ken Griffey Jr., eh?

Toronto Blue Jays

Losing SP AJ Burnett in free agency (New York Yankees) significantly weakened the Blue Jays pitching rotation. The only threat remaining within the rotation is ace Roy Halladay, who is the only one that you would call a true stud in the rotation.

The Blue Jays should have taken a different approach this off season. They should have gotten a head start on the rebuilding process by trading Halladay and OF Vernon Wells, both commanding large contracts. Look for the Blue Jays to enter this mode this summer at the trading deadline as they fall well out of contention in the American League.

Pittsburgh Pirates

When is the last time the Pirates had a winning season? One has to reach all the way back to 1992, when a skinny and un-judiced Barry Bonds was on the team. Do you mean to tell me this organization is really unable to produce a team with the high draft picks they have had? Simply pathetic.

The Pirates should take a page out of the Tampa Bay Rays book of developing players. Since the Rays command a lower budget (Pirates: $48 million, Tampa: $43 million) and made the World Series last year, the Pirates have no excuse to not producing a winning team in the past 17 years.

After an off season like those teams delivered, fans around baseball must be telling themselves they can run a team better than these guys (I certainly am). Congratulations, losers, on a job not well done.