



## Class of 2011 Dives into Senior Projects

By Hannah – Mollie West

The senior class of 2011 is hard at work on their senior projects. This year a committee of staff and administrators implemented a more structured framework of requirements for senior project than in the past, featuring more check-in steps with the advisors. Students must fully document both their research and product work with mentors during the process. Seniors in the "Big Picture" program will be doing projects along with the rest of their graduating class.

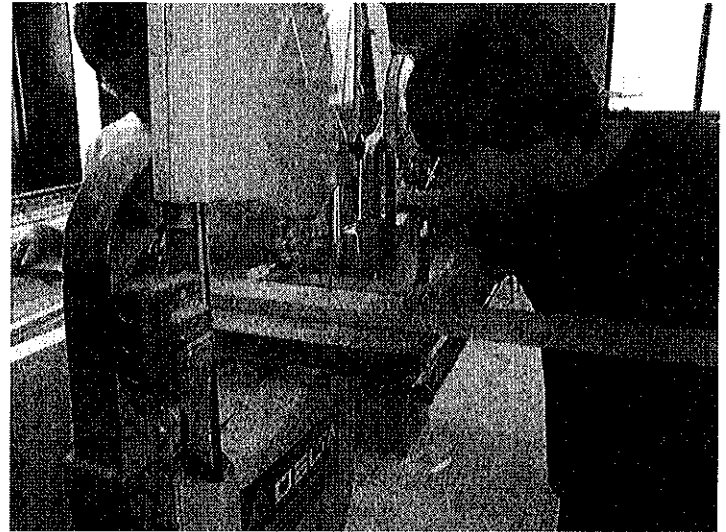
Proposal letters were completed and approved in the fall, so the seniors have all started the research paper process and are preparing their final drafts, which are due on January 21<sup>st</sup>. The students who have not already started on their products will be doing so soon. One of the new requirements mandates that seniors must record and reflect upon their work in a journal (which used to be optional). As usual, the process will conclude with the presentations on Senior Project Night, which will be sometime in May.

**Anthony Andrews** will be building a custom-made guitar from scratch. He is going to design the guitar to fit his playing ability and style. This will be his "signature" guitar that he plans to record and perform music with. Amp's mentor is Jemo Seeger who owns his own business making dulcimers, which is a similar type of musical instrument.

**Cody Bowen** will be building a dirt bike track in his dirt pit. To complete his project Cody will be learning a lot about grading and slope stability. Just the right grades and slopes are necessary to build the jumps and landers correctly. In doing this project Cody hopes to gain operating skills that he will be able to use throughout his life. His mentor will be Steve Weeks Jr. who has been running equipment for 12 years.

**Montana Bowman** has been designing his own t-shirts since he was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but he has never actually screen-printed the shirts himself. For his project Montana will be designing and screen printing a series of four shirts using different colors. His mentor is Helen Dillon who is a screen printing artist from Granville. Montana's paper was on the development of the graffiti art movement, particularly in New York City.

**Cody Brouillard** has been sugaring for many years, so he has decided to build a sugarhouse for a senior



Senior Ethan White in the shop detailing the mold for the skis that he has designed.

project. He will be building this sugarhouse at the home of Paul Feeney, his mentor who lives in Bethel.

**Riley Brown** will be learning the braking systems of cars. He attended a Ford brakes class in Boston in November where he learned about the operation, components, and repair of the brakes. His mentor is R.G. Gadway, who works at Ted Green Ford in Stockbridge where Riley has been interning for Big Picture Academy.

**Daley Crowley** will be making a documentary film detailing daily challenges faced by a veterinarian. Daley is shadowing Dr. Roy Hadden of the Moss Glen Veterinary Clinic in Granville. She is researching how being a veterinarian is both very rewarding and difficult.

**Hannah Domas** is doing photography for her senior project. She will learn about her new SLR digital camera and the different techniques involved in taking certain types of photos. Her mentor is Mary Claire Carol, a professional commercial and portrait photographer from Richmond, VT.

**Graham Leathers** is going to be designing and building a hydroelectric project at his house. He is very excited about the possibilities because his house currently runs on solar and wind energy, and Graham wants to add hydro to the list. He will be interning at an alternative energy company, and will use the mentor for his internship as his senior project mentor as well.

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## New Teachers at Rochester School

By Shania Jacques & Casey Holtz

Mr. Greenfield is the new "Big Picture" teacher in Rochester. He went to high school in Rutland, where he still lives today, and then he graduated from St. Joseph College. Last year Mr. Greenfield worked at Otter Valley teaching history, and before that he worked in a music store. Mr. Greenfield wanted to join the Big Picture program to give students an alternative to regular classes. He said that he loves teaching and monitoring students in this program.

Mr. Greenfield has a nine year old daughter and two cats, Bella and Erkel. Mr. Greenfield added that he likes the Celtics, his favorite color is Celtic green, and his blood is not red, it's green. Mr. Greenfield plays in a band with his father-in-law, called "Resolution".

Jennifer Turk is the new high school/middle school English teacher, replacing Mr. Goupee, who retired last year. Ms. Turk used to be an English and Life Skills teacher in Randolph. Before she started teaching, she got her bachelor's degree at UVM, and her master's degree at the University of Phoenix.

Ms. Turk's favorite colors are blue, green, and purple. Her idols are her mom, "because of everything she's done for me," and Janis Joplin because of her incredible music ability and social influence.

Ms. Turk lives in Bethel with her dog Buster. She has two brothers. In her free time Ms. Turk likes to write, hang out with friends, jam out to killer music, play with Buster, and cook.

Gene Heinrich is our high school Administrative Assistant, replacing Meg Allen who is now working at the WNWSU Office. Mr. Heinrich moved to Vermont from New York, but was raised in Peoria,

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Big Picture teacher, Brian Greenfield



Jennifer Turk, new middle / high school English teacher in Rochester.



Gene Heinrich, new high school Administrative Assistant.

## New Block Scheduling: Students Speak Out

By Shania Jacques

It seems that every year there is a new schedule for the Rochester Middle / High School. This year is no exception, as we have switched to block scheduling, and most of the students aren't big fans of it. They think that the hour and a half classes are too long. I have no trouble agreeing with them. We have all of our classes on Mondays, each class forty-five minutes long. Then at the end of each Monday there are class meetings or student council meetings for a half hour. For the rest of the week we have four classes a day, each for an hour and a half. For our last class on Wednesdays and Fridays we go to an activity period. For forty-five minutes we have an activity class that we get to choose, then for the other forty-five minutes we have a study hall. We get to change and choose a different activity class at the end of every marking period.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have classes one through four. Then, on Wednesdays and Fridays we go to our five through eight classes, with two in the morning, and then two in the afternoon.

After three months of school, the students themselves seem split on the new schedule. Freshman Jessica Chase says, "It makes the day seem longer." 8<sup>th</sup> grader Casey Holtz commented and said, "I like it because it gives us more time to do things." And, 8<sup>th</sup> grader Thomas Veilleux added, "I like it besides Mondays." I would agree with Jessica. But, who knows what will happen next year!



## More Senior Project Reports (continued from page 1)

**Tyler McIntyre** will be putting on a musical performance for his project. Tyler is planning on writing a few original songs, and he will also cover some other numbers. His performance will be on Senior Project night in the auditorium. His mentor will be Tom Steventon.

**PJ Parrish** is learning how to make Italian cuisine from different regions in Italy. PJ will research the cultural and familial influences on Italian-style serving, and then cook a variety of dishes. His mentor is Susan Bushnell, former Family and Consumer Science teacher at Rochester High School.

**Dominic Smith** is writing a book of short stories for his senior project. He plans to write six stories, each of which will be about 10-20 pages long. Dom is challenging himself to experiment with altering his writing style to suit several different genres of writing. His mentor is Gene Heinrich.

**Christian Thompson's** project will focus on the role of weight lifting in physical fitness. He will be training freshman Jay Benson from Rochester over the next few months, and documenting Jay's growth throughout his project. Christian's mentor is former Castleton State athlete Ted Mills.

**Shannon Twitchell** is researching the importance of early childhood education. She has taken all of the child development courses that our school offers, and wants to further her knowledge in this area. Shannon's mentor is Amy Braun, the kindergarten teacher at Rochester Elementary school. Shannon will be working with Ms. Braun's class as part of her project.

**Ryan Veilleux** is going to learn how engines work and make a model engine. He is going to research what it takes to make engines work and how they have changed over the years. His mentor is Rob Deering.

**Hannah-Mollie West** has already hosted a "Localvore" dinner for her senior project. She prepared a community meal using entirely local ingredients that were donated to her project. Her mentor is Willy Walker, who runs his own catering company and has hosted the Bethel Localvore dinner in the past.

Finally, **Ethan White** will be designing and building a pair of skis. Harrison Goldberg, the owner of HG Skis, is Ethan's mentor and will be taking him through the many steps involved in the process. Ethan will be researching the history of skis for his paper.



Corey Robicheau in midstride against Proctor in the boys' quarter-final loss.

## Soccer Wrap-Up (continued from page 4)

The Rochester boys had one of their better seasons in a while, landing in 9<sup>th</sup> place statewide with a 9-5 record. The five games that the boys lost in regular season were all by one goal. There wasn't a team that the boys played this year that they couldn't compete with. The boys had very good games against Sharon, one of which went into overtime. They lost both of them but played hard the whole time never putting their heads down. One of their best wins of the season was on senior night against the Rivendell Raptors. The Rockets avenged an earlier one-goal loss, shutting out the Raptors by a final score of 3-0.

In the first round of the playoffs Rochester traveled to Twinfield to play the 8<sup>th</sup> seeded Trojans. They pulled off the upset with a 2-0 victory. This was the first playoff game won by the Rochester boys in four years.

In the quarter finals the Rockets traveled to Proctor to face the number one seed. Rochester held its own in the beginning, going into the second half scoreless. At the end of the first half it started hailing. It was cold and the field got soggy, and Proctor managed to capitalize to take a final 3-0 decision.

This was coach Brad Leathers' last year, along with six seniors. They will all be missed and the team will have a hard time replacing them next fall.

Overall, it was a good season for both teams. All the players had fun and enjoyed playing the games, and are already looking forward to next year.

## Greenfield, Turk, and Heinrich among new Rochester Staff Members

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Illinois. Before coming to work for us Mr. Heinrich was a cultural Anthropologist. His favorite color is black and his idol is Kurt Vonnegut because Mr. Heinrich believes he is the greatest writer to ever live. In his spare time Mr. Heinrich runs a literary website called <http://www.writingraw.com>.

## 2010-2011 ROCHESTER ROCKETS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

*By Pavin Parish and Tanner Pratt*

The Rochester basketball teams have begun the new season, with both the boys and girls hoping to improve upon their .500 records from last winter.

Last year the Rochester boys ended the season ranked 12<sup>th</sup> in division IV, finishing with a 10-10 record. In the playoffs they made a long trip to Danville, in a snowstorm, ending the season with a loss. The Rockets will have to replace two starting forwards, Matt Brown and Jace Curtis, who were also the leading rebounders on last year's team.

As in previous years the boys will continue to have enough players for both a JV and a Varsity team. This year the Rochester Varsity team will have eleven players while the JV team will have nine. Coaches Earl Kingsbury, Peter Parrish, and Greg White have been working with this group of players for a long time now. They have high hopes and are looking to take this team further than they have in the past few years, perhaps even to the Barre Auditorium. Perhaps the highlight of the boys' schedule this year is the tournament in Proctor.

The Rochester girls ended last season ranked 11<sup>th</sup> with a 10-10 record, just like the boys did. They also ended up losing in the first playoff round to Rivendell. This year the girls will only be replacing one player, Caitlin Cutting, who sat out most of the season with a leg injury. There are only ten girls on the roster, so Rochester will only field a varsity team this winter. No freshman girls came out for the team. However the girls will have a more experienced team, with at least five seniors. Coach Mills will have the girls take turns being team captains. In December the girls participated in the annual MVL-CVL Challenge in South Royalton against Black River and Proctor. They end their CVL season trying to get revenge on Rivendell for ending last year's basketball season.

Both teams have been working hard in the past year and over the summer. The Rochester basketball teams hope to have winning records and get past the first round of the playoffs, and more! The boys and girls both won the yearly Bean Pot game against their rival, the Whitcomb Hornets, in the season opener on December 11<sup>th</sup>. This tradition started in 1974 and has been won by both teams back and forth. With their wins this year, both Rochester teams retired the Bean Pot, which happens if you win the game four consecutive years.

## 2010 Varsity Soccer Wrap-Up

*By Tanner Pratt*

The Rochester girls' soccer team ended their season 4-10, with wins coming against West Rutland and Bethel twice.

The girls' best game that they played this year was against the South Royalton Royals at home. The



Senior Hannah - Mollie West carries the ball up field in playoff game against Arlington.

Rockets worked together very well with their passing and kept their heads up the whole game. Both teams worked very hard. South Royalton scored the winning goal with only five minutes left in the game.

The lady Rockets also played good games against

Chelsea both times and they were also the first team to score on the undefeated Rivendell Raptors.

The girls ended the regular season with the 15<sup>th</sup> seed for the division IV playoffs, and faced the 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded Arlington Eagles. The game was a tough one for the whole team. It started to rain, and the field conditions worsened. This seemed to bother the Rochester girls, and the team as a whole didn't seem to be working together. Arlington's power offense dominated the game with the final score being 6-0. With seven seniors graduating from the team, the girls have some big holes to fill for next year.

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