After a relaxing Thanksgiving break, the Dartmouth Figure Skating Team headed back to Hanover, where they geared up for finals and the end of the Fall term!

**Programming Update**

The team’s first official Programming Chair, Vanessa Szalapski ’10, took the opportunity during the Fall term to welcome the team’s new skaters, build team unity, and have fun, which resulted in many programming highlights! As part of the annual Homecoming tradition, the team got together for pizza before joining the Athletic Department’s Homecoming Parade. Cheered on by students, alumni, and Hanover residents, the team drove around Hanover before listening to speeches by alumni, varsity athletes, and President Kim by the Homecoming bonfire. At a team potluck dinner before the first competition at Cornell, skaters feasted on delicious food while playing “Guess that Skater” to get to know each other, learn about the team's history, and test skating knowledge! The team hosted a *Come Skate with Us* event at Thompson Arena, where they performed a group number and skated with the Skating Club at Dartmouth and Hanover residents. Lastly, the team cheered on Big Green Football and tested their quick math skills while working concessions at Dartmouth’s last home game of the season! The Figure Skating Team had a great Fall term, and looks forward to doing many more fun team activities as the 2009-2010 season progresses!

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**Upcoming 2009-2010 Competition**

- **Eastern Regional Competition**
  Hosted by: Boston University and MIT
  February 27-28th, 2010 – Boston, MA

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**Off-term updates from the ’11s!**

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**Rory Grant**

I am working as a Dickey Center Intern for a non-profit human rights organization. The organization is based upon the idea that education is a basic human right, and educating people prevents the human rights violations of the past. I help organize the workshops, programs and various events, as well as participate in volunteer projects.

**Jenny Friedman**

I am working as an intern for the New Hampshire public defender and am living in Hanover. I had ankle surgery a little while ago and am now in the process of recovering and getting back onto the ice!

**Alexandra Mahler-Haug**

I am on the Government Foreign Study Program, taking classes on International Relations at the London School of Economics. I’m also working as an intern at The Henry Jackson Society, which frequently takes me to events and meetings at Parliament—which is always very exciting!

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Many thanks to all our *Friends of Dartmouth Figure Skating*, who help make our team possible! We use *Friends* donations for coaching fees, competition travel fees, and other necessary team expenses. For more information about how you can make a contribution, visit our team website [www.dartmouth.edu/~skating](http://www.dartmouth.edu/~skating). Your *Friends of Dartmouth Figure Skating* donation is tax-deductible and will be used exclusively for the support of the Dartmouth Figure Skating Team. We appreciate all of your support!