Happy Holidays and Happy New Year, from the Dartmouth Figure Skaters!

COACH’S UPDATE

Reflecting on the endless 8+ hour drive to Ithaca, New York, with 13 skaters packed in two vans is painful, but the ride proved to be well worth it! The Dartmouth skaters were on a mission and did not disappoint. On November 15th, we entered the ice arena, full of spirit, and the girls skated their hearts out, from 6:30 in the morning until almost 6:00 at night. We earned 69 points in 17 events, finishing in second place, and at the end of the very long day, I could not be more proud of my student-athletes—not only for skating their best, but also for the support they showed one another! As we go into 2010, I am hopeful for the continued success of this program. Winter break was good for everyone, as the girls came back well-rested, but highly motivated! It is great to see the skaters skating hard and enjoying the sport that we have all been a part of for so long. We have a little over a month to prepare for our next competition of the season, when we travel to Boston for the final competition of the Eastern Conference, on February 27th–28th, 2010. We are all looking forward to skating our best, having fun, and qualifying for our 11th consecutive U.S. Intercollegiate Championships, which will be held at University of Delaware, April 17th–18th, 2010!

–Jacki Smith

The ’10s talk: Senior Thesis projects

**Natalie Falsgraf**

I am working on my Art History Honor’s thesis entitled “The Four Continents: New Perspectives on Tiepolo’s Wurzburg Treppenhaus.” My research examines the stairhall fresco of the allegories of the known four continents (Africa, Asia, America and Europe) in the palace of the Prince-Bishop of Wurzburg, Germany by Giambattista Tiepolo. I am especially interested in the illusionistic borders of the work as well as the presence of Europeans and artists in each of the scenes. I was excited to be able to travel to southern Germany to see this work (as well as other depictions of the four continents in the area) and I am looking forward to finishing my work in March!

**Vanessa Szalapski**

This term I have begun work on my English Honor’s thesis on Milton, Jane Austen, and marriage. After conducting in depth research on Milton for the past two terms, I’m exploring three of Austen’s works (Mansfield Park, Pride and Prejudice, and Emma) using a Miltonian lens to better understand the many relationships depicted in her writing.

**Tenley Brownwright**

My thesis examines the intersection of cholera and colonial history. Often, public health interventions focus on the short-term, emergency-response efforts, while ignoring the more endemic problems, and my thesis examines these underlying problems, focusing especially on why certain areas or populations are more susceptible to cholera outbreaks. I’ve chosen to focus my work on one outbreak in particular, which occurred from 2000-2001 in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. My research focuses on three main areas: employment and education, income, and governance; I am conducting a geographic analysis for each, in addition to examining the research of various other scholars.

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