AU ski teams open season at Labrador

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TRUXTON, NY -- The Alfred University men's and women's Alpine ski teams opened their 2010 season over the weekend at Labrador Mountain, in races hosted by Ithaca College. The AU men finished third of six teams while the Alfred women placed second. Senior three-time All-American Lauren Pfeifer (Livonia, NY/Livonia) paced the Alfred women, winning the giant slalom and slalom and finishing first in the individual combined. As a team, AU took second in both the GS (Saturday) and slalom (Sunday). Junior Megan Caggianelli (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa) was ninth in both the GS and slalom; senior Ulana Bihun (Jericho, VT/Mansfield) was 11th in the slalom and 12th in the GS; and freshman Claire Dvorak (Tully, NY/Tully) was 11th in the giant slalom. The Alfred men placed third in the giant slalom and slalom. Pacing the Saxons were senior Joel Buchanan (Almond, NY/Scio), sixth in the GS and 10th in the slalom, and sophomore Harrison Hendricks (Sodus, NY/Sodus), ninth in the slalom and 15th in the giant slalom. Sophomore Steve Barton (Dansville, NY/Dansville) was 12th and 17th, respectively, in the GS and slalom, while sophomore Ryan Nanni (Batavia, NY/Batavia) was 20th in the GS. The Alfred men's and women's teams are in action next on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24, at the AU-hosted races at Swain.