NEW YORK, N.Y. – Cortland provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships in two relays at the NYU Last Chance Meet, held at the NYC Armory.

The Red Dragons won the distance medley relay as the combination of freshman Katrina Dewitt (Elmira/Southside), freshman Bree Zogaria (Depew), senior Annessa Melnick (Accord/Rondout Valley) and sophomore Brianne Capasso (Corinth) posted an NCAA provisional qualifying time of 12:17.19. Cortland also reached NCAA standards in the 4x400-meter relay as senior Stephanie Bailey (Victor), freshman Kathy Steenburgh (Fairport), junior Jackie Ferrentino (Buffalo/West Seneca East) and senior Kerri Gannon (Sparkill/Tappan Zee) finished fifth in 3:55.86. Their time is among the top 10 in the event nationally in Division II this season.

Cortland also took top honors in the 4x800-meter relay with an ECAC-qualifying time of 9:30.97 from Capasso, Dewitt, Zogaria and Melnick.

Sophomore Megan Kelley (Newburgh/Wallkill) finished second in the pole vault with an ECAC-qualifying 10’ 4” and sophomore Amanda Failing (Pearl River) was fourth at 9’ 10.25”. Freshman Jessie Ellis (Springville/Springville Griffith Institute) and freshman Melina Buck (Amherst) were both ECAC qualifiers in the 500 meters. Ellis placed 15th (1:23.24) and Buck 16th (1:23.39).

Ellis also was fourth in the high jump (5’ 0.25”) and freshman Rachel Sweet (Rochester/Greece Athena) qualified for the ECAC’s in the 1,000 meters with an 11th-place time of 3:05.26.

Cortland will compete at the ECAC Division III Championships on Friday-Saturday, March 5-6, at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine.

**Cortland Highlights at NYU Last Chance Meet; Feb. 27, 2004**

**Distance Medley Relay**
Katrina Dewitt, Bree Zogaria, Annessa Melnick, Brianne Capasso  
1st, 12:17.19 (NCAA provisional qualifier) (ECAC qualifier)

**4x400-meter relay**
Stephanie Bailey, Kathy Steenburgh, Jackie Ferrentino, Kerri Gannon  
5th, 3:55.86 (NCAA provisional qualifier) (ECAC qualifier)

**4x800-meter relay**
Brianne Capasso, Katrina Dewitt, Bree Zogaria, Annessa Melnick  
1st, 9:30.97 (ECAC qualifier)

**High Jump**
Jessie Ellis, 4th, 1.53m (5’ 0.25”)

**60-meter hurdles**
Andrea Gentile, 9th, 9.61

**500 meters**
Jessie Ellis, 15th, 1:23.24 (ECAC qualifier)  
Melina Buck, 16th, 1:23.39 (ECAC qualifier)

**1,000 meters**
Rachel Sweet, 11th, 3:05.26 (ECAC qualifier)

**Pole Vault**
Megan Kelley, 2nd, 3.15m (10’ 4”) (ECAC qualifier)  
Amanda Failing, 4th, 3.00m (9’ 10.25”)