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Students enjoy the dirty work
Beyond Shelter volunteers plant, paint for cleanup projects
By Cindy Carcamo and Jenny Ferrari
Mustang Daily

For tine Cal Poly volunteers get up early Saturday morning for a day of painting, planting, and transforming plants, all to participate in the 15th annual Hunger Cleanup.

Members of the Shelter, a branch of Cal Poly Student Community Services, donated their time to the San Luis Obispo community. Volunteers shared funds for the Hunger Cleanup and the Economic Opportunity Commission.

The group worked with Land Conservancy, an environmental organization, to keep the natural environment. Volunteers sorted and for hours, distributing much in order to preserve wild grass, a damaging weed that is destroying the natural vegetation in the Las Osas area.

The original purpose for wild grass was to control cattle, but throughout the year it has grown out of control.

Elizabeth Williams, who helped much, said the day was a great success.

ABOVE: Nutrition sophomore Jana Stone, left and Frank Ricceri, farm manager mark spreading plants for the Land Conservancy on Saturday as Ricceri’s daughter Nina, 2, looks on. BELOW: Math freshman Amber Sirois paints the walls of the EOC Shelter on Orcutt Road on Saturday.

“We were in the sun all day but I had a lot of fun volunteering,” said Williams, a business freshman. “I would like to do this next year.”

Another group of volunteers painted an office at the EOC Homeless Shelter in San Luis Obispo.

Kristen Haier, who helped prime three rooms, said there is a need for volunteers in the community.

“I really enjoyed myself. To make a difference in your community by helping people out is important,” said Haier, an see VOLUNTEERS, page 3

Krebs case prompts subpoenas
Defense attorneys request local media stories on case
By Cindy Carcamo and Rena Siripramong
Mustang Daily

The public defense attorneys for Rex Allan Krebs have issued subpoenas to several local news organizations.

News talk radio station KVEC and Cal Poly radio station KCPR 91 News received subpoenas on Friday.

Amber Winans, news director for KCPR and KVEC, said KVEC will comply with the issued subpoenas; however, KCPR still has to consult with adviser and journalism professor Dwight De with to fulfill the subpoena.

Winans said public defense attorneys James McGuinn and Patricia Ashbaugh have requested a wide range of material related to Krista Smart, Rachel Newhouse, Aundria Crawford and any other sexually related crimes.

“They are looking for documents, tributes, songs, stories, public service announcements, anything.”

Winans said “it’s definitely going to take up a huge amount of time to get things together.”

Winans said the subpoena’s intended target is not just KVEC and KCPR, but also other local media.

“I think if they are trying to seek a change of venue this might be one way of going about it.” — Amber Winans

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GOOD SEATS: A Mustang Daily reporter was one of a few members of the media to attend an advance screening of “Episode I: The Phantom Menace” at Fresno late last week. The new Star Wars film will open at the Frenmont theater at 12:01 a.m.

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‘Star Wars’ strikes again: Menace’s effects entertain
By Steven Geringer
Marshard Daily

The question is: After all the undue hype and 16 years of waiting, is “The Phantom Menace” live up to the expectations? No. But could a movie so nostalgic to past viewers live up to the hypothesis? With that aside, “Episode I: The Phantom Menace” brings a mix of electrifying action and блухи making special effects part of previous Hollywood movies to shame

Brilliant special effects and the name of “Star Wars”, coupled with the strengths of the first “Star Wars” trilogy, won’t its special effects. It was the trilogy’s storytelling that captured the flame of viewers’ hearts.

The story had many adults and young kids innerted by the tale.

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Chicago officials to question host about show’s violence

CHICAGO (AP) — Fist fights, chair throwing and hair pulling are staples of Jerry Springer’s talk show. But is it real? That’s the question Springer will have to answer June 4 at a Chicago city council committee hearing.

Alderman Edward Burke, a former policeman and chairman of the council’s finance committee, says if the violence is genuine, Chicago police should enforce the law, call the guest and have them off to jail.

If it’s staged, Burke has suggested “The Jerry Springer Show” should be required to obtain a city entertainment license.

Burke called for Springer’s appearance before the council’s Police and Fire Committee to determine whether authorities should be taking action to stop the beats, a trademark of the popular syndicated TV show. Security on the show is provided by off-duty Chicago police officers.

If the fighting is accepted by those officers, Burke says those officers are required by state statute to make arrests if they see violations of the law.

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Poly looks to increase bicycle parking safety
By Sara Henrikson
Mustang Daily

Commuter Services is looking into new ways to keep bikes safe on campus. One option is a “Bike U.” now on display in the University Union East. Jacques Paulsen, commuter services coordinator for Public Safety, welcomes feedback on this as a possibility for future residence hall use.

During Bike Week, May 17 to 21, residents of San Luis Obispo are encouraged to pledge to ride to work at least once during the week.

Other options available for students who ride to campus include bike lockers and racks. The first block of bike lockers was installed on campus fall quarter, and two more blocks of lockers were installed recently. According to Paulsen, the 32 lockers have encouraged more people to ride their bikes to school. Paulsen said most of the people who register for lockers tell her they didn’t ride to campus until the lockers were installed.

Lockers are located near Ethan Agriculture and near the Air Conditioning building. Lockers near engineering building 13 are used by mechanical engineering students working on an electric bike. Lockers can be rented at Public Safety.

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A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... and is set a generation prior to "Star Wars." The story concerns the merciless Trade Federation invading the peaceful planet of Naboo in hopes to dominate the galaxy. Naboo is ruled by a beautiful teenage queen, Anakara (Natalie Portman) who stands up to the Federation. The famed Jedi Council sends Qui-Gon-Jinn (Liam Neeson) and his younger apprentice, Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), to save the planet and Portman’s life. Attempting to rescue Portman, the Jedi warriors find themselves stranded on Tatooine (previously seen in "Star Wars") and meet a 10-year-old Anakin Skywalker. Qui-Gon believes Skywalker is the chosen one who will bring balance to the universe and the Force.

The film takes off during the Tatooine scenes where we see, like in the trilogy, spacecrafts flying through desert canyons and narrow spaces. The Jedi Knights and Queen Amidala return to Naboo and lead the people against the evil Federation.

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LIFTOFF: Commuter services coordinator Jacqueline Paulsen demonstrates the BikeU, a new way to store bicycles out of sight. Look for more on Bike Week in Tuesday’s Mustang Daily.

Services for $10 per quarter.

Paulsen said approximately 2,000 bike rack spaces exist all over campus. She wants student feedback about where to put more racks.

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The third group of volunteers helps Growing Grounds Farm by tracking its garden. Growing Grounds Farm is an organization that provides an outlet for the mentally ill through gardening work. Growing Grounds Farm also sells plants to local businesses at a wholesale price.

Paula Towne, a volunteer who led the Growing Grounds Farm team, urges other people to get involved and experience the same feeling he gets when he volunteers.

“I was a volunteer last year. It kind of grew on me,” said Towne, a mechanical engineering sophomore. “I get a warm fuzzy feeling knowing I’m helping people out. It’s all about what you get back from you, the handshake, the hug, the real simple things.”

After volunteers finished their morning work they met at Grandma Park to enjoy a barbecue lunch and reflect on the day’s efforts.

Acknowledging the help of all the volunteers, Towne thanked them.

“It’s been amazing all year,” said Towne. “It’s been a lot of fun working with all of you.”

The Mustang Daily appreciates the feedback of all its readers. Comments may be submitted to Mustang Daily, 1110 Oak St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93407; email: msd@mustangdaily.com; fax: 567-5123; phone: 567-3222.

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Not all college grads want jobs after graduation

It seems every time I tell someone I'm graduating, they feel the need to ask me if I have a job yet. I always answer no and see the concern on their face. It's not like I have no plans; they just don't involve being employed. When I tell them this, it makes them feel better, but I can't help to take their first reaction to heart.

I don't blame them. When I first came to college all I wanted was to be able to get a high-paying job so I could buy an awesome car and a huge house. Don't most people go to college to get a better job? Therefore, a better lifestyle? That's what I used to think, but something happened in the last few years.

I have learned that money is not everything. In fact, it is nothing if you are not happy with what you're doing. That is when I changed my major. I don't mind doing a non-grad internship over the summer, I'll probably have to get another job for money, and I don't mind if it's not what most people would consider to be a "good" job.

I like knowing I have the freedom to do whatever I like. I can even do some traveling to exotic locations (thanks to my mother's generous gift) and I also plan to serve my community in America next October.

There is a lot of great things college graduates do that don't involve getting a job right away. Some people go to graduate school to further their education. Some go to military officer-training programs. Some people perform service work in the Peace Corps and others Teach for America in urban neighborhoods. All these people will eventually get jobs, but to them money isn't as important as what is important. These people deserve as much admiration as those who work MEAN jobs do.

Don't get me wrong. I would still love to have a nice house and a Mercedes CLK convertible, but I know in the long run I want to look back on my life and know it's something I can be proud of. I've realized there are certain jobs I would not do, no matter how much money was offered to me. I've learned to appreciate what I want. I want the "American Dream," I can't betray my beliefs.

The point is: Having a job is not everything. Next time you ask a senior if they have a job lined up after graduation, don't look so worried if they say no. They may have very productive plans. A job does not define the worth of graduating from college. Every individual will fulfill their purpose through different means. Whether one gets a job right after graduation or sometime later does not matter. What matters is you are doing something you like and can be proud of.

Tonye Baize is a political science junior.

Why won't they tell us what's going on?

There is a dilemma facing our campus. No, it's not the price of textbooks or the low voter turnout. It's all of the stupid fliers and the marketing idiots behind them.

About a month ago, I was walking through campus and I saw a flyer that read "148." I had no clue what it meant. I asked everyone I knew if they knew what it meant, and they had no idea. The flier slipped my mind and then a few days later I looked at the freshmen "148" and it read "148." That weekend I found out it was a party at 348 Hawthorne. I'm not a marketing major, but I was told to throw a party. I would at least put the right memo on my flyer. I heard it was a big party, but I guess I saw "out of the loop" to attend.

A few short days later I saw another flyer that read "DUSK." Since Cal Poly was preparing for ASI elections, I figured it was still in for a candidate for president. When I voted, I truthfully wrote the name "DUSK" as my candidate. Little did I know I would find out "DUSK" is actually a band, and they had a few good plans. Now, call me crazy, but I saw the marketing genius (cuz) for this band. I would let the days go by planning to play or even just mention somewhere on the flyer that you are a band and save me some grief.

Last week, I read a new flyer. This one read, "Exciting, anything, and swell weights." I put the flyer into my memory and walked by the same area the next day. There was a new flyer (obviously from the same people) that read, "Advanced STAR WARS tickets." I thought to myself, "Maybe they'll give us the details tomorrow.

Editor:

In response to the recent distractions many of us have seen posted in our classrooms, I feel motivated to remind Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United members that explicit sexual declarations are not part of the curriculum at Cal Poly. First of all, they are not as effective in communications as BLOC hanging pictures of dead enemy soldiers everywhere. The growing response and emotional discharge is due to the fliers' shock value and racy innuendo that inspire people to fantasize about sex. The posters are merely extracting sexual preference comparisons rather than any "diversity acceptance" messages they may seek to inspire. If anything, the graphic depictions contained on the fliers are a diversification Blockade. They simply remind us of the differences that a same-sex oriented relationship entails.

If homosexual do not wish to be discriminated or labeled for their differences during lovemaking, then perhaps they shouldn't try so hard to remind us of them. Let alone while taking a business law student. Even club has a right to express such purpose on a flyer, but for exactly is the purpose of the GUS at Cal Poly. Ridiculously exposing! Exposing sexual relationship? Or should it be celebrating diversity and numbering prejudices.

The only thing Cal Poly students are celebrating at this point is someone was successful in justifying sexy photographs in our classrooms. The posters have done nothing more than distract students and create a liberal rights circus on campus. The poster pose is nothing but a test for the eyes, a sexual innuendo at most, but hardly stimulating an intelligent thought about accepting diversity or suppressing homosexual prejudices.

The GLBU fliers have accomplished to bring gay relationships into the univers good for a few weeks and leading a few to sadly mistake them as liberal speeches. If the GLBU's main concern was to remind us of the existence of homosexuals, then mission accomplished. Now be considerate, take back your fliers, and stop distracting us from our classroom.

Lindsey Lauria is a business administration sophomore.
May 17, 1999

**LETTERS**

**ASI student director thanks Mustang Daily in this impetus of teamwork we ever saw.**

I am writing to commend Cal Poly students for their overwhelming positive response to the Associated Students Inc. letter writing campaign. In an effort to restore $92 million worth of funding to the California State University System, ASI sent more than one thousand letters to California State legislators on behalf of concerned students. It was heartening to see busy students take time out to sign these letters.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the 37 Cal Poly students who traveled to Sacramento on May 3 to meet and discuss the CSU budget with state legislators. These students took the initiative to educate themselves on the issues and were outstanding legislators. These students took the initiative, teamwork, dedication and government play you for a fool. People with confidence and the media really means you. I see the scenes from the news and see myself running in those fields that now are shown with craters and mangled bodies. You probably find yourself saying, how can you support a genocide maniac? Well I reply, how can you support a president who makes war to leave your union? I haven't, I can't believe half the things I hear in the news any more. Watch the news with extreme scrutiny and you'll see what I mean. The media is playing us and doing damage control for Clinton.

Do you think it's a coincidence that when you turn on the TV all you see is the "suffering" of the Serbian Albanians? No, the news is digging, trying to find just cause for Clinton's war. "A Way of the War," except the war is very much real, and the death tolls are growing. It's really hard to even think about the war because I have seen and experienced things I only wish I had a few weeks before, namely the ones trying to turn our society upside down and back to take from the rich give to the poor. Our government has done it. I hope some of you will go home turn on the television and realize just how much of a puppet the media really is. I also hope some of you understand the dangers of "liberations" or other Communism. Look into it, I beg you, don't let the media and government play you for a mindless fool.

I leave you with two questions to ponder about:

- What would the United States do if California tried to secede from the union?
- Where was the United States help for the IRA (Irish Republic Army) when it wanted to secede from Great Britain? Similar situation as this new Kosovo Liberation Army, just another terrorist organization.

Tamas Simon is a mechanical engineering junior and a proud Hungarian.

**Kosovo media coverage**

Editor:

If I am here in total frustration, watching my people die in our little news paper it all happened Yugoslavia started this mess.

Let me give you a little background so you know where I'm coming from. I was born in Budapest, Hungary under a Communist government. At the age of 16 my family and I escaped Hungary and fled to Germany. We weren't too well received there either, and received our Visa and sponsors to come out to this great land, America.

There are really two points to that little brief history. First, I'm Hungarian, of a Slovak culture. Second, I came from a communist government, which I detest. These are the reasons I feel total frustration, I find myself, for the first time, supporting a communist, no not Clinton, but Milosevic. Second, there is the fact that those are my people out there dying, I see the scenes from the news and see myself running in those fields that now are shown with craters and mangled bodies. You probably find yourself saying, how can you support a genocide maniac? Well I reply, how can you support a president who makes war to leave our union? So far just an impecunious president, but the one who "brought down a new genocide". A man who creates war for his own agenda.

I have learned over the years to read between the lines and I know I can't believe half the things I hear in the news any more. Watch the news with extreme scrutiny and you'll see what we meant. The media in play ing us and doing damage control for Clinton.

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**Mustang Daily**
SPORTS

Peshke spoils Senior Day

By Bryce Alderton

The Mustangs were two strikes away from giving the seniors a happy memory in their final home game. Unfortunately for the Cal Poly baseball team, Chad Peshke came to the plate. The UC Santa Barbara second baseman belted a Mike Greenhill pitch over the head of center fielder Tanner Trispe to score three runs. Peshke ended up with a triple and UCSB ended up with a 6-4 win to take the series from Cal Poly.

"The wind carried the ball, and I didn't make the play," Trispe said. "I feel bad, because we didn't get the win since Jeremy Cunningham pitched like dynamite." Cunningham pitched a gate game before being relieved by Shwamn in the top of the ninth. Cunningham went eight innings striking out 12 while giving up three runs on eight hits.

His biggest moment came in the eighth. The Gauchos could have taken the lead but Cunningham came up with two strikeouts to keep the Gauchos at bay and the Mustangs ahead at the time, 4-3.

Head coach Ritch Price felt confident sticking with Cunningham in the eighth. "He was competing, and I wanted him to get out of the jam. He finished the job right to the occasion. He did a tremendous job," Price said. "This was a great college baseball game. We played the best we could play but it didn't work out for us."

The Mustangs scored three runs in the third inning taking a 3-1 lead. Third baseman Brian Oxlley delivered a key two-run double, scoring Bryan Cont and Drew Feldman. Oxlley later scored on a single by Steve Wood.

The Mustangs added another run in the seventh inning on a lead-off home run to left field by senior right fielder Matt Stead. That appeared to be the game winner until Peshke's triple in the ninth thrust the Mustangs' plan to send the Mustangs senior off with a final home win.

Two other seniors appeared in Sunday's game. Matt Ellis made a short appearance in the eighth. He pitched for first baseman Wood. The other senior, Craig Ritter singled in lead-off of the ninth inning.

The series was hard-fought as the winning runs margin of victory was only two runs in each of the three games. The Gauchos took game one Friday night behind the hitting of Bill Duplase. The catcher went 2 for 3, scored a run and had two RBI. Cal Poly senior starter Mike Ziello pitched his final game at home going seven innings, giving up eight runs (six earned) while striking out four. Ziello needed nine strikeouts in his next start against Stanford to set the record for most strikeouts in a career. Dan Cheeks (1992-93) currently holds the record with 298.

The Mustangs took game two on the heels of second baseman Chris Mariner who went 3 for 4 with three runs scored and two RBI. Josh Morton picked up his second consecutive win for the Mustangs.
Baltimore (AP) — D. Wayne Lukas has trained the winner of 12 Triple Crown races, but never a Triple Crown champion.

"It's one of the things that are not on my resume," said Lukas, whose horses have earned almost $200 million. "It's a thing to have. It changes the course along with history.

On June 5, a shockingly correct name change: Charismatic, who won the 12th Triple Crown champion and first since Affirmed in 1978 by winning the 85th Preakness Stakes. A victory would make Lukas the 18th trainer of a Triple Crown winner.

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The win was the third largest in the race's 125-year history. It was treated by many handicappers and fans as a shock – a good-buck win in a crowded field — and so he went to the post Saturday at Pimlico in an 8-1 shot.

That made him the longest-priced Kentucky Derby winner in the Preakness since Star Sky was 11-1 when he finished sixth in 1953. It's certain Charismatic will be a short price in the Belmont.

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"I think he has the style and strength to get it done," Lukas said of Charismatic, who was racing for the first time in 42 days. It was his third straight win.

Charismatic will go back to Lukas for Churchill Downs on Saturday. He probably will have his final Belmont workout there on June 1, then go to New York from Louisiana the next day.

Jeff Homack added 18 points for the Jazz. Utah blew out the Kings in 32-26, 64-40, and 69-47 periods that put the game away. Karl Malone had 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead Utah, which avoided a first-round playoff exit since 1995 and advanced to the second round for the fourth straight year. Utah will host Portland in the conference semifinals.

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Utah survives royal threat
SPORTS

Final homestand

By Adam Russo
Mustang Daily

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Andy Jepson returns as the team’s leading pass-catcher, completing 29 of 62 passes for 290 yards while throwing four interceptions in his two starts. Freshman Ryan Cantfield (Avondale High School) and El Camino Community College transfer Kevin Cooper will battle Jepson for the starting role.

The Mustangs are still trying to find an adequate replacement for standout ex-quarterback Ali Abrew. Last year, Chad Henry won the starting position from Jepson two games into the season, but failed to play up to Abrew’s standards.

Jepson’s year of experience with the Mustangs could be the determining factor in who plays and who holds the clipboard on the sidelines.

In the backfield, the Mustangs biggest task will be replacing their all-time leading rusher, Antonio Warren. The incumbent, Craig Young, is no stranger to the playing field. Young, who transferred from Pacific in 1996, rushed for 1,280 yards in 1997 and was the top running back last year with 693 yards and five touchdowns. As a group, Cal Poly averaged almost 300 yards rushing per game last season.

Freshman Dominic Washington and sophomore Drew Eckland will battle to split time with Young.

The Mustangs also need to fill the shoes of graduated senior halfback Keith Washington. Bass Havers and redshirt Ed Poe are the likely candidates to back for Young.

The wide receiver position should be improved with the Mustangs returning their second leading receiver, Tye Henry, as well as Adam Herring, who played every game last year.

Henry was second on the team last year with 25 receptions for 414 yards and a team-high of six touchdowns. Herring averaged 23.3 yards per catch for 291 yards as a freshman last year. Kasim Osgood has the speed and the height it took six inches, to make a large impact in the passing game.

With the departures of tight end Keith Harter, Gary Fisher should be ready to step-in after playing behind see OFFENSE, page 7

Mustangs will rely on the run again

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Jepson’s year of experience with the Mustangs could be the determining factor in who plays and who holds the clipboard on the sidelines.

In the backfield, the Mustangs biggest task will be replacing their all-time leading rusher, Antonio Warren. The incumbent, Craig Young, is no stranger to the playing field. Young, who transferred from Pacific in 1996, rushed for 1,280 yards in 1997 and was the top running back last year with 693 yards and five touchdowns. As a group, Cal Poly averaged almost 300 yards rushing per game last season.

Freshman Dominic Washington and sophomore Drew Eckland will battle to split time with Young.

The Mustangs also need to fill the shoes of graduated senior halfback Keith Washington. Bass Havers and redshirt Ed Poe are the likely candidates to back for Young.

The wide receiver position should be improved with the Mustangs returning their second leading receiver, Tye Henry, as well as Adam Herring, who played every game last year.

Henry was second on the team last year with 25 receptions for 414 yards and a team-high of six touchdowns. Herring averaged 23.3 yards per catch for 291 yards as a freshman last year. Kasim Osgood has the speed and the height it took six inches, to make a large impact in the passing game.

With the departures of tight end Keith Harter, Gary Fisher should be ready to step-in after playing behind see OFFENSE, page 7

Eighth-seeded N.Y. extinguish Heat

MIAMI (AP) — The last shot, the last bounce and the last call all went the New York Knicks’ way. So did the last game.

Allan Houston’s running, 14-footer bounded off the front of the rim and then hit the backboard before falling through the hoop with 0.8 seconds left Sunday, and the Knicks eliminated the Miami Heat 78-77 to win their first-round series 4-2.

The Knicks kept possession with 4.5 seconds left when Terry Porter nearly stole the ball from Spoelstra but knocked it out of bounds. The Heat argued in vain that the ball was last touched by Spoelstra.

Porter’s desperation 40-footer at the buzzer was off the backboard, and for the second year in a row, the Heat’s season ended at home against their forecast rivals.

It was the third winner-take-all playoff game in the past three years between the teams. Miami eliminated New York in Game 7 in 1997; the Knicks beat the Heat in the deciding Game 5 last year.

The Knicks became just the second eighth-seeded team in NBA history to defeat a No. 1 seed. They also may have saved the job of coach Jeff Van Gundy, who was expected to be fired if the Knicks lost.

Instead, the Knicks will go into the second round against the winner of the Detroit-Atlanta series.

The loss could prompt coach Pat Riley to demote the Heat. Despite three consecutive Atlantic Division titles, they’re advanced beyond the opening round just once in his four years as coach.