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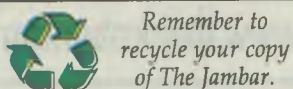
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## UNIVERSITY TAKES NEW STRIDES FOR CAMPUS SAFETY

Chelsea Pflugh  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After two years of planning and comprehensively assessing emergency communication options, Youngstown State University has set new initiatives concerning campus safety.

At the Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday, Dr. Cynthia Anderson and the Student Affairs committee presented and explained the new communication systems that are to be implemented by the fall semester.

The university has purchased a mass text messaging system to ensure direct student and campus community notification during any emergency situation. After looking at many proposals, a committee that

combined individuals from the Student and Academic Affairs, Technology, Communications, and Facilities departments along with YSU police recommended that YSU purchase the Wireless Emergency Notification System.

After the Virginia Tech tragedy, many companies were making text messaging offers to universities, so the committee was formed to determine which company was best suited for YSU and benefited the community, Anderson said.

"The university began looking seriously at campus safety communication systems after the Virginia Tech tragedy," Anderson said. "Realize that we have many safety processes in place, however we believed that we could do better."

With the mass messaging system of WENS, students

can be directly notified via cell phone on campus or en route to campus when necessary. WENS can also track the status of every message, and the system delivers the message every five seconds until it has been marked as sent. This gives administration a way to check and make sure the message was delivered to its intended receiver, regardless of mobile network traffic.

"The WENS system has been implemented at other universities," Anderson said. "It has a good reputation and has relationships with carriers, which is very helpful. WENS is reasonably priced and very reliable."

YSU collects cell phone numbers on admissions applications as well as during the registration process. The phone numbers will then be

added to the emergency contact list, ensuring every enrolled student will be notified.

Dr. Anderson believes the system will help to keep students safe and informed on the state of the university outside of just for emergency purposes.

"It is not meant to serve as the only communication device," she said. "It will serve as one of many ... Students can receive information about the weather, for example, if the university is going to be closed."



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## GRENGA PROPERTY FALLS TO CITY

City demolition crews leveled the Grenga Machine and Welding Co. storage building at 128 W. Rayen Ave. Wednesday as part of the first phase in the construction of the northward extension of Hazel Street. The roadway will be built in concurrence with Youngstown State

University's new \$34.3 million Williamson College of Business Administration. After more than a year of court cases, the city obtained the building by eminent domain in March 2009. Grenga received \$235,000 from the city for the property.



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## YSUPD suits up

Lamar Salter  
REPORTER

In an effort to further protect and serve, the Youngstown State University police department has added equipment to help ensure the safety of its officers in the field.

The new armor, which includes a bullet resistant helmet and vest, was estimated at close to \$1,000, Lt. Mark Adovasio said.

YSUPD will also receive a high caliber body bunker to help during extreme circumstances.

Police Chief Jack Gocala talked about the importance of the new equipment.

"Drawing from instances like Virginia Tech massacre and Columbine, it is important to make sure we have the resources to keep the campus safe," Gocala said, referring to the various school shootings that have happened before.

Adovasio also talked about the need for the equipment to assist the Youngstown Police Department as well.

Adovasio talked about the "hot" calls, which were calls from YPD that usually require the need for a lot of protection based on the seriousness of the call.

"When we get those calls, there is usually a risk of a higher degree of physical harm," Adovasio said. "We now have the protection we need to assist in those calls."

Sgt. Shawn Varso emphasized the difference between the bullet resistant armor and complete bulletproof.

"Technically, we call this bullet resistant. It's not completely bullet proof," he said.

Varso added that regardless, the equipment will be more than enough to handle the campus and community's needs.

Gocala said the new equipment was already in the works and that officers were already receiving the armor. He said each officer would be responsible for the care of the equipment and that hygiene issues were the reason why officers were not using the limited equipment at the time.

Gocala was optimistic about the new equipment and the job that YSUPD was doing for the campus.

"Our job is to make sure this campus is safe first," he said. "From then, we can assist the city, too, in a crisis. We now have the equipment needed to make sure we are safe in the field."

## Youngstown State University offers opportunities in the hottest careers

Jessica Petrinjak  
REPORTER

Youngstown State University provides majors, tracks, certificates and classes for some of the top jobs available to graduates.

According to a study done by the University of California San Diego Extension, there are 10 top careers for college graduates. The university's academic directors based their findings on trends in enrollment and employment statistics.

The top jobs are casual game development, oncology studies, data mining,

embedded engineering, geriatric healthcare, occupational health and safety, specialized Spanish/English translation, business greening practices, teaching adult learners and teaching English as a foreign language.

YSU may not provide majors in all of these careers but it does provide the classes necessary to obtain jobs in these fields.

One of the most popular jobs right now is teaching English as a foreign language. Dr. Gary Salvner, chair of the English department, agrees with this finding.

"It makes sense that there are many possibilities within this field both here and abroad.

It is an international world," Salvner said.

YSU also offers programs in linguistic studies, which Salvner recommends for anyone interested in teaching English as a second language. A graduate certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages is also offered at the university.

The TESOL program is a four-course program for students to become better rounded in language acquisition and pedagogy. The certificate will help those who want to further their careers in second language teaching.

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## News Briefs

### Two YSU graduate students receive Ohio Public Health Association awards

The Ohio Public Health Association has given awards to two Youngstown State University graduates students, Homer "Tad" L. Skinner and Thomas J. Albani. Skinner was awarded the Ohio Public Health Association's Graduate Student Award of Merit. Skinner, who is a physician in Columbiana, was given the award because he demonstrated great achievements in scholarship, leadership, service and research. Albani was acknowledged for his first place research project titled "Healthcare and Ohio's Public Schools: Trends in Personnel Service Delivery Systems." Both men are graduate students in the YSU Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health program.

### Asteroid named after YSU alumnus Richard Pirko

The late Richard Pirko, former show producer and technician of Ward Beecher Planetarium, recently had an asteroid named after him. The asteroid, which the International Astronomical Union officially named Asteroid Pirko, is part of a main belt between Mars and Jupiter. Pirko worked at the planetarium for over 30 years and designed shows for classes and the general public.

### Local artists and musicians merge for a good cause

Area artists and musicians will come together this weekend for the first Artists of the Rust Belt Festival. It will take place this weekend at the B&O Station on Mahoning Avenue. The proceeds will be donated to Youngstown State University's SMARTS program. Over 25 artists will display and sell their work while local bands provide entertainment. The festival will run from noon until 9 p.m. on Saturday and noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

## Police Briefs

On Sunday, Officer Cox of YSUPD responded to a report by Officer Bokesh of The YPD. Bokesh discovered an unknown white male passed out in the Parking Lot of Great New Beginning Outreach Ministries on Wick Avenue. The person, who was reported as extremely intoxicated, was sent to St. Elizabeth's hospital for treatment.

On May 28, a report was made for a stolen textbook from Moser Hall at around 5 p.m. The victim said that while attending a class exercise at the mineral museum, her "Exploring Geography" book was missing from the area where her book bag was located. No known suspects have been identified yet.

On May 27, a report was made for a stolen wallet and digital camera at the Beeghly Center Pool at around 5 p.m. The purple Coach wallet, which contained the victim's YSU ID, driver's license card, a debit card and 14 dollars in cash was taken. Also missing was the victim's purple Nikon digital camera. No known suspects have been identified yet.

## Proposed railway system connects Ohio universities

Kelli Phillips  
WEB EDITOR

Youngstown State University students may eventually have the opportunity to travel throughout Ohio for an entire year for roughly the cost of a textbook if the projected passenger rail system stays on track.

Jerry Wicks, professor emeritus of sociology at Bowling Green State University, proposed to the Ohio Faculty Council and Chancellor Eric Fingerhut a plan known as the Ohio Higher Education Rail Network, which would connect Ohio's public and private universities by a passenger rail system.

"The basic idea that motivated this thinking is the need for greater collaboration and sharing of research and resources in higher education," Wicks said. "There comes a time when you need to move [out of] the classroom to visit a museum or a research lab. Right now it is not easy or cost effective [to do so]."

With federal stimulus funding creating the recent movement on the state and federal levels to increase passenger railways, Wicks said the involvement of higher education "will strengthen and elaborate the rail network."

As long as every university participates, students and faculty from all 150 universities would have access to the rail system to use as often as they would like to travel anywhere in the state.

Using the "O-Train" in Ottawa as a model, Wicks be-

lieves that the approximately 6,000 miles of rail in Ohio can now be utilized for public transportation. The "O-Train," which is a rail system that transports students from Carleton University to other parts of the city, uses diesel-electric trains that run on freight rail, travel either direction on the track, and are widely used in Europe. While there are only three "O-Trains," Wicks estimates that Ohio would need roughly 50 train sets to service the entire state.

The rail system will cost approximately \$100 million annually; however, the revenue would come from ticket sales. Students and faculty at higher education institutions would likely pay \$105 per year for a ticket while transit riders and commuters would pay \$315 per year.

Wicks hopes to "build interest and awareness" and have an "annual conference to help plan and talk about ways that the rail system can be incorporated into classes." Before the rail system covers the entire state, though, a minimum two-year pilot system linking Toledo to Bowling Green and Toledo to Columbus will allow researchers and project developers to evaluate the potential of the system, providing opportunities to explore student interest and possible problems, Wicks said.

"The more people we can get on board, from students and faculty to local and federal politicians, the more we can see if [the rail system] can be done and how higher education and the state can work together," he said.

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Along with WENS, the university is going to focus on the Simplex System. According to the Safety Update for the Board of Trustees, "Simplex is an integrated communications systems which connects all university buildings allowing for mass, as well as individual campus messages." The Simplex System allows messages to be sent only to certain zones of various buildings, allowing for lockdowns in certain areas. The university has been testing the system, and it will also be active in the Courtyard Apartments.

The Simplex System is meant to secure any part of

building or area that may be encountering an emergency situation. Locking down that part of campus will hinder the situation from spreading across campus and allow police to focus on just one area. The system can go as far to lockdown even one floor of a residence hall or campus building.

"The Simplex System will assist us on campus to keep the students, faculty and staff safe. We have the Simplex System, loudspeakers, the university Web site and text messaging. All of these are meant to serve as communication channels for our university community," Anderson said.

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Linguistics professor Dr. Steven Brown is part of the TESOL program and agrees that teaching English as a foreign language is a big industry.

He said there are many jobs in Ohio and worldwide because English is important in education, with increasing numbers of students whose first language is not English.

"Worldwide, English is the language of business and technology," Brown said.

One possible avenue for anyone interested in this career is to seek out government programs such as the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program. As part of the JET program the Japanese government pays employees to teach English as a second language and trains them before entering the classroom.

Salvner said that programs abroad are a terrific way for someone to establish themselves in the English field.

"I believe that doing work abroad is very beneficial," Salvner said.

To obtain a job in this field Brown suggests that students enroll in Sociolinguistics, Language Acquisition, TESOL Methods and English Grammar. The graduate versions of those four classes comprise the graduate TESOL Certificate.

Another rapidly expanding career is data mining. This field is important for businesses to manage revenues and expenses. Dr. G. Jay Kerns, associate professor of mathematics and statistics, agrees with the increasing job opportunities in this field.

Kerns described data mining as a science of understanding patterns of information inside a huge set of data. He said that companies have extreme amounts of information coming in and they need ways to process it all. Kerns gave the example of Giant Eagle and the advantage card.

"Each time a card is swiped that information is recorded and needs analyzed," Kerns said.

Customer spending patterns are just one way data mining is used. According to the UCSD study it is also fundamental to scientific discovery, national security, medicine and product development.

He recommends students interested in this career major in computer science with a statistics track.

"Anyone interested in statistics and computer science would be great candidates for this field," Kerns said.

Kerns said there are several job opportunities close to the area that graduates can seek out. These include the Youngstown Business Incubator, Google offices in Pittsburgh, and Progressive Auto Insurance in Cleveland.

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### OUR SIDE EDITORIAL

## Campus safety speaks up

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After The Virginia Tech shooting in April of 2007, universities nationwide began to review safety procedures in an effort to prevent similar tragedies from happening on their campuses.

Now two years later, Youngstown State University has announced plans to implement a new emergency communication system. The Wireless Emergency Notification System will directly notify students via text message during an emergency situation or if the university has been closed due to weather conditions. They are also installing the Simplex System, which will connect buildings on campus and allow for mass and zoned emergency lockdowns.

Despite a long two-year planning process the new upgrades are an important and necessary step for the university to take in improving communication with students when emergencies and closings arise.

Communication is key during emergency situations and any improvement to the current system on campus will be positive one.

No matter what strides are taken now and in the future, there will still never be a full guarantee for safety, but with the patience of faculty, staff and students along with upgraded communication tools, the university is on the right path to creating a safer campus environment.

We hope to never have to use the system beyond receiving a text informing us of an unexpected snow day, but campus should feel safer with it in place.

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### COMMENTARY

## Tiananmen Square remembered 20 years later

Violet Law  
MCT

I remember the crackdown at Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, like it was yesterday, though it's now been 20 years since the Chinese government crushed the student pro-democracy movement.

At 16 then, I was only a few years younger than most of the students on the square. While they were protesting, I was busy cramming for exams at a cloistered Catholic high school in colonial Hong Kong. I remember feeling torn between tugging at the bond that bound us all and fleeing from their fate. I must now study even harder, I told myself, and that would be my ticket to the West. I would not take part in marches.

A few years later, I did flee by forging a new life in Chicago as a college student and then a newspaper reporter.

Still, I would mark every June 4 in my private thoughts. And I am by no means alone.

The collective memory of the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown has not faded with time. Tried as they have, Communist China's leaders have so far failed completely to erase from the public consciousness the bloody squashing of the student-led pro-democracy movement.

That's because there is no getting away from history — be it for a government or an individual.

One might be tempted to think that China did get away with mass murder. The brutal repression has yet to be record-

ed in any Chinese-language history textbook, not even in Hong Kong, the only place on Chinese soil where freedom of speech is protected. Most young people in mainland China would draw a blank on this still forbidden topic.

But enough people in China still know about it, and the government remains infamous internationally for having fired on the protesters on June 4, 1989.

For my part, a year and a half ago, I decided to go cover China as a foreign correspondent for American outlets.

Before then, I'd never considered venturing into the land where my grandfather was persecuted during the Cultural Revolution and perished a few months before I was born.

And as I settled into a gleaming glass-facade modern residential tower on Chang'an Street in downtown Beijing, I tried to picture where the tanks once rolled. The square has since been fenced off. My bag was searched when once I got lost and closed in on the periphery.

As a Chinese American, all I want is to use my bilingual and bicultural background to get at some truth in a country so rife with paradoxes and denials, endeavors and ambitions. That is my responsibility as a journalist. And I hold those in power in China responsible for delivering the political truth about the 1989 crackdown.

I hope I'll live to see the day when the student protesters get vindicated. That day will come, sooner or later, because there simply is no way to hide from history.

### COMMENTARY

## Defining oneself shouldn't define court decisions

Glenn Garvin  
MCT

Years ago when I was living in Texas, a small-town police chief whose brains had baked too long in the desert sun got himself into trouble by telling a reporter that blacks and women didn't make good cops because they were variously drunken and promiscuous. When the understandable uproar erupted, the chief protested that his remarks had been taken out of context. "We give up," wondered Texas Monthly magazine. "What was the context?"

That's a good question to put to supporters of Sonia Sotomayor who insist that her remark that Latin women make better judges than white men must be taken in context — or, as President Obama says, in "the entire sweep of the essay that she wrote." The problem for Obama is that the more most people read of the speech his first Supreme Court nominee made in 2001, the less they are going to like it.

Sotomayor's claim that "a wise Latina woman with the richness of her experiences would more often than not reach a better conclusion than a white male who hasn't lived that life" wasn't some blundering parenthetical reference. It was part of a full-scale repudiation of the idea that the law, or the judges who interpret it, should be colorblind. It even questions whether judicial objectivity is a desirable goal.

Sotomayor starts by noting that the number of females and Hispanics in the federal judiciary is growing, but still comparatively low — "grossly below our proportion of the population." Fair enough. But then she moves on to criticize a speech by another federal judge — Miriam Cedarbaum, best known for throwing Martha Stewart in the slammer.

Cedarbaum "believes that judges must transcend their personal sympathies and prejudices and aspire to achieve a greater degree of fairness and integrity based on the reason of law," says Sotomayor. She first expresses her token agreement, then immediately deep-sixes it: "I wonder whether achieving that goal is possible in all or even in most cases."

As astonishing as I find it that a judge — any judge, much less one sitting on the second-highest judicial tier in America — would say that she can't put her "personal sympathies and prejudices" aside while deciding cases, her next statement is even more troubling. "Whether

born from experience or inherent physiological or cultural differences, a possibility I abhor less or discount less than my colleague Judge Cedarbaum," Sotomayor says, "our gender and national origins may and will make a difference in our judging."

So there, with her reference to inherent physiological differences — a refined euphemism for "skin color" — is the context for Sotomayor's next statement, the now infamous line about how wise Latina women reach better conclusions than white men. There is not, as many of her supporters have implied, some economic patina to Sotomayor's argument, nothing about how pulling yourself up by your bootstraps develops character or tolerance. She is saying judicial capacity is linked to race and ethnicity, period. Somewhere, that old Texas cop is smiling in appreciation.

Of course, neither Sotomayor nor Estrada is a Honduran immigrant, it turned out there was no "richness" to his Latino life, because he was a conservative. Estrada "has lived a very different life from that of most Latinos, a life isolated from their experience and concerns," said the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund — an organization of which Sotomayor was once a director — in denouncing his appointment.

That's the ugly flip side of identity-group politics like those extolled by Sotomayor: The wrong political allegiance gets you drummed out of your race. How many times have I heard liberal friends sneeringly refer to Clarence Thomas as an Oreo, black on the outside but white on the inside, because he's got the wrong opinion on affirmative action? Rush Limbaugh and Michael Moore can both be white, but to be black, you can't have more than six degrees of political separation from Al Sharpton. Just ask Condoleezza Rice.

President Obama ought to understand this; he's had his own troubles. When he first declared for the presidency, the press was full of speculation about whether a guy who grew up in Hawaii with a white mother could really be black. Time magazine: IS OBAMA BLACK ENOUGH? New York Daily News: WHAT OBAMA ISN'T: BLACK LIKE ME. Replied Obama: "I am rooted in the African-American community, but I'm not defined by it."

Maybe you should have a talk with the judge, Mr. President.



## STUDENTS TAKE ON TRUCK NIGHT



**Danielle Dietz**  
REPORTER

Truck and tractor pulls, monster truck demonstrations, tug-o-war competitions, fireworks and even the Miss Truck Night competition are in the line-up every Friday through Labor Day at Yankee Lake Truck Night in Brookfield. Although truck night is considered a family-oriented event, it is the perfect place for students to have a beer and enjoy the show.

Beginning as early as 3 p.m., admission into truck night is 5 dollars for spectators and 10 for participants entering the pit area. Waivers must be signed if you wish to actively participate in one of the truck night events. Although many Youngstown State University students haven't been seen at truck night so far, many are hoping that will change.

Dustin Ghizzoni, a YSU alumni, has been working the beer tent at truck night every summer for five years. Ghizzoni encourages students to venture out to Yankee Lake for cheap entertainment on a Friday saying Truck Night is "good for broke college students who want to have fun for less than 20 dollars a night."

Mark Cramer, freshman civil engineering major, is one of the few YSU students that come to truck night religiously. Cramer has only missed one truck night during the three years he has been attending. That night just happened to be the May 15th opener, which showed record-breaking attendance with over 6,000 people attending and roughly 1,000 trucks in the lot. Cramer, who has his own truck but rarely participates in events, said he comes to truck night to have a good time and hang out with friends.

"My truck is an expensive invest-

ment," Cramer said. "I haven't done the tug-o-war event, but I easily could."

Cramer's girlfriend, Dana Thomas, a junior art education major at YSU, has also been attending truck night for the past three years. "Most people that come here don't go to school," she said. Thomas said more students should start attending to "bring out the redneck side in YSU students."

Truck night isn't all about trucks. There are a few events that could take on the position of easing a newcomer into truck night. Rock climbing, mechanical bull riding and even a fast pitch challenge are a few of the extra activities that Yankee Lake has to offer. Yankee Lake offers food, spirits and a good time for people of all ages. Truck night is a perfectly inexpensive Friday night outing for college students looking to branch outside of the box.

## Jones Fest to rock out at Nelson Ledges

**Danielle Dietz**  
REPORTER

Jones for Revival, a fantastic and highly popular local band, formed in the summer of 2004 is once again hosting their very own Jones Fest this coming Saturday.

Using their own upbeat and unique sound of music, they have created an entire day's worth of shows and fun for families and fans scoping out new tunes and activities.

Jones Fest, initially established in 2008 and held in downtown Youngstown, was instantly a success, drawing thousands to the area to enjoy the multitude of shows, vendors, and even a mechanical bull.

This year, however, the popular festival has been relocated to Nelson Ledges Quarry Park in Garrettsville.

Jones Fest will be featuring one less band than last year's local 13, including Jazzam, Greenleaf, Rusty Van Band, Groove Prophets, Winslow, Jahman Brahman, Pro Bono, The Young Stonians, 5 Elements, Melva, Acoustic Juggernaut and of course, Jones for Revival.

Along with the exclusive music, there will be a ton of great activities such as a belly dancing troupe, a magician, arts and crafts and swimming.

"The water's very clean and clear," said Evan Kelley, manager of Nelson Ledges.

Kelley also suggests camping for those who plan to make Jones Fest an all day and night event.

Cliff diving is also available for the adventurer. Kelly guarantees a safe atmosphere for the daredevil activity, saying that lifeguards are always on duty and nearby.

There are several activities available for children as well. Nelson Ledges features a kids' playground, along with biking and hiking trails and even a separate lake for fishing.

Several local vendors will also be available for Saturday's festivities. The Smokehouse of Warren will be serving sandwiches along with Henry's. They will be serving pulled pork. Disc-o-Pizza will also be offering "some of the best pizza in Ohio," Kelley said.

## Caring for man's best friend on a low budget

**Robyn Musgrove**  
REPORTER

Money is a common worry for all college students, especially when funds are spread amongst more than just the student. Paying bills, rent or car payments all take a toll on the spending money from a paycheck. But when some of the paycheck is also going to maintain the life of a furry friend, it can be a real crunch for the wallet.

Keeping pets healthy isn't always accounted for in a monthly budget. Caring for an animal is an extensive responsibility, but it doesn't necessarily have to be a significant chunk of change. Places like PetSmart and Animal Charity offer services, checkups, vac-

inations and medications at a fraction of the cost of those compared to traditional veterinary clinics.

Dee Lawler, the grooming salon manager at PetSmart in Boardman said budget-friendly services depend on solely on your breed of dog.

"If you have a smaller breed, the prices are going to be more affordable for a college student. But the bigger your dog becomes, the price of your services here grow, too," Lawler said.

"Infections are extremely prominent in dog breeds with ears that flop down. Cleaning your dog's ears on a regular basis will help fight illness. This is a service that needs to be done," said Lawler.

PetSmart also offers services such as de-skunking baths,

conditioners for skin issues, tooth cleaning and flea baths.

"It depends on the issues your pet is going through, but on average our services cost about half of vet clinics," Lawler said.

Amanda Lynch, a student at Youngstown State University and employee of Animal Charity in Youngstown, encourages people to take advantage of their services.

"I think people should definitely come here. Our mission is to provide medical and wellness needs for our clients and their pets all at affordable prices," Lynch said.

Animal Charity has a full service veterinary clinic, education programs about purchasing a new pet, grooming, training, cruelty investigation and wildlife programs.

Lynch said Animal Charity offers vaccinations and surgeries at a fraction of the cost when compared to those at regular veterinary clinics.

"We offer some of the most common vaccines for dogs including rabies, distemper (DHLPP) and Bordatella for about half of those at an ordinary clinic. Rabies shots are 13 dollars, DHLPP is 17 dollars and the Bordatella is 18 dollars," Lynch said. "We also have less expensive shots for cats, the most common being rabies, which is also 13 dollars."

Animal Charity also is well known for spaying and neutering pets also at reduced rates. Lynch said the prices vary depending on the weight of the animal.

Goalie Lucas Radomski, Defenseman Alex Arnold, Forward Bob Walla, and Defenseman David Moore look on as the Penguins skated to victory at the Ice Zone in Boardman.



## Hockey squad looks to remain a powerhouse in the CHMA

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Coming off a season in which they came into their own, the Youngstown State University men's hockey club has signed several new recruits, which include five forwards and four defensemen.

Among the recruits is Ryan Dyer, a native of California, who coach Rocky Russo said is a "big guy".

Dyer is a defenseman standing 6'5 and weighs in at 215 pounds. Coach Russo said he is going to provide an instant presence in front of the net.

"Because he [Dyer] is so big, he will immediately be an impact on both offense and defense. He can stand by the goal to protect and play great defense," Russo said. "We can also use him on offense, we can plant him in the front, and because of his size we can let him cause havoc to anyone standing in the way," he added.

The Penguins are again going to be looking to maintain their powerhouse status in the CHMA

in 2009-2010. Apart from the guys already brought in, Russo also was able to land some seasoned players as well.

Ian Hardenbrook, a defenseman who played with the Chicago Force's Junior A team last season, is ranked as a top defender, and looks to be a great addition to the team.

In addition to the defensive experienced image the team has, the team signed an Ohio native from St. Edwards High School, in Dan Jech. Jech who is going to be a true freshman this season is being looked at to help very quickly.

Coach Russo said, "Jet is a young guy, but we have a good feeling that he will be able to provide an instant impact offensively. Jech is a real legitimate scorer, and shows excellent touch on the ice."

The team will be looking to make a deeper run in next year's playoffs, and will be looking to do so with the help of the recruits along with their returning players.

Coach Russo said the goal is to raise the bar every year and prove that the last season wasn't a fluke.



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