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By SPENCER JENKINS
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Friends and family of Western mathe- 
matics professor Martha “Brima” Rich- 
mond are offering a monetary reward for 
any information on her murder.

Up to $10,000 is available for information 
leading to the arrest and indictment of the 
person or persons responsible for her murder, according 
to a Western press release.

Police found Rich- 
mond’s black Honda CRV, which was parked in the Bowling Green 
Police and Recreation parking lot, on Nov. 22. Autopsy results revealed Richmond died from multiple stab wounds.

Richmond’s Western ID, which police 
had thought was in her purse and black 
sport-thon bag, was found in a mailbox in the 1000 block of Crescent Drive.

By LINDA KIRK
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This Saturday was the first time Nora 
Yue Han, a graduate student from 
Dalian, China, has attended the Chinese New Year 
celebration in Bowling Green.

The first time, I came to the church 
with my friends to see how it was,” Han 
said. “This is the fifth year that Living Hope 
Baptist Church at 1805 Western Ave. has 
hosted the Chinese New Year event.

This year marks the Year of the Tiger, or 
Gong Year by its formal name. It is the 
year 5770 in the Chinese calendar, accord-
ing to www.chinapage.com.

Ryan Lu, a graduate student 
from Dalian, China, has attended the service 
before and said he hoped his experience 
would be the same.

A few years ago, they showed us what 
it was like in China during the new year,” 
he said. “That was my favorite part of the 
service.”

The ceremony began at 4 p.m., with 
children performing traditional Chinese 
songs for the audience. After the chil-
dren’s performance, a group of women 
performed the “Tao” in Chinese. 
Headphones were available for those who 
needed translation.

The choir group added songs and 
performed “Come, Thou Fount of 
Every Blessing” in Chinese. Then, with 
assistance from members of the audience, 
the group performed the same song in 
English.

After the choir songs, the group of 
performers presented the music with 
their testimonies about becoming Christians.

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Professor’s family, friends offer reward

University parking could change gears

By BYSSA ORR

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Exercise your mind and body with these five hot yoga positions:

■ Eagle—Place one arm under the other arm. Then, place one leg over the other and straighten your legs.

■ Standing bow—Bring your arm out into a 90-degree angle. Bend your body forward and gaze the leg opposite from the outstretched arm, stretching it as high to the ceiling as possible.

■ Pigeon—Sit down on the floor with your head down and one leg bent while the other leg is straightened.

■ Triangle—Start out in a wide leg stance. Make a 90-degree angle with your outer foot. Drop down low. Point one foot to the sky and hold for a few

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It all started with a late-night trip to the local pet store. “We were obsessed. We would go to the pet store like every night,” said Michelle Epley. “And that is where we fell in love with ferrets.”

Michelle and Stephen Epley, a young animal-loving couple, would spend their nights wandering through pet stores, cruising the aisles looking at the dogs, cats and fish. But the one animal that really caught their attention was a ferret.

“They are hilarious. They are cute, sweet and funny. They don’t really interact that much, but they just crack you up,” Stephen said, laughing.

Before the couple knew it, their pair of ferrets grew to five. Through the years, the number has continually grown.

The Epleys foresee the numbers continuing to grow because they’re starting their own ferret rescue effort, Little Hearts Ferret Rescue, Stephen said.

The couple and their children have 18 ferrets and a number of other animals that live with them. Eight of the ferrets are family pets, and 10 are rescue pets that they hope people will adopt.

“Taking a ferret in a bad situation, and making its life better is what this is all about,” Michelle said. “It’s about unconditional love.”

The couple hopes to see their rescue move into a full-time organization in the future.

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Richmond Reward

BY JENNINGS "All right, this is it. Let's do it."

Everyone in the room knew exactly what was about to happen. Setting aside their Saturday plans, they all felt the same mix of anticipation and nervousness. They were about to launch Richmond Reward.

This new and innovative approach to student safety and community awareness was being presented to the Bow. Green community. Hundreds of people gathered in the Richey Center Ballroom to hear the leaders of Richmond Reward explain the new ways they would be working to make local people aware of the money reward.

"We're doing this," said Steven Siewers. "We're using what we have to make a difference."

In 2006, local student was kidnapped and killed. His family and friends wanted to make sure that this crime was not in vain. So they decided to implement a reward program that would give people an incentive to come forward with information.

Richmond Reward is a partnership between the Richmond Police Department and the Richmond Reward Foundation. It creates an incentive for people to report information that could help them solve crimes. The reward money is funded by donations from the community.

"This is a way for people to feel like they can help bring justice to others," said Siewers. "It also makes people realize the importance of speaking up and being aware of their surroundings."

The program has been in effect since 2007, and they have already seen success. They have received tips from people who have information about different types of crimes, from minor to major.

"We've received tips ranging from something as simple as a lost wallet to something as serious as a murder," said Siewers. "Every tip is taken seriously, and we do our best to follow up on them."}

Siewers said she wants this reward to first and foremost be a way to bring justice to those who have been wronged. Secondly, she wants it to be a way for people to come together and feel like they can make a difference.

"With this reward, we're giving people the ability to make a difference," said Siewers. "We're giving them the power to make a change."
OUR VIEW: out — but not Western.

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THE ISSUE: It's all about trust Western can help city reach its goals for downtown

THE ISSUE: The Bowling Green City Commission has grown uneasy over the status of plans to redevelop downtown Bowling Green. Most of the development groups who previously showed interest in building in the downtown area have backed out — but not Western.

Our View: Western's planned development are pushing the city closer to raising the required investments in the area — a project that gives the city a tax reimbursement if it can attract $150 million in investment in the district. If the millions aren't invested by 2014, then Bowling Green and the developers could have to pay the development loans themselves, and private investors might not receive the nearly 80 percent tax break promised for building in the district.

With the rough economy, several development groups and major companies who previously showed interest in contributing to the project have pulled out of the plan. One major contributor who has yet to hail in Western, which is why Bowling Green leaders need to be more cooperative with Western officials.

Western plans to build a new building for the Gordon Ring College of Business, non-traditional student housing, an Alumni Association center and administrative offices for the campus police department. Other ideas Western pitched involve a hotel, shopping center and entertainment area. Drawing Western students to the downtown area is the main objective.

Aside from the economy, an issue with development in the area is whether Musselman Road is a realizable project. Western and the Bowling Green City Commission need to put more trust in Western as a developer.

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To that end, they should put more faith in Western's ability to build in and draw people to the area. Working closer with Western could be the key to the TIF's success, since the university has already done so much to help the city reach its goal.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 12-member editorial board.

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Religion faculty member uses casual approach in classroom

By WHITLEY TOBIN

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NEWS BRIEF
Forum to cover minority issues
The Black Student Alliance, a student-run organization, will host Minority Future on the Hill today at 6 p.m. in the Mass Media Auditorium.
The annual event is in open forum to discuss issues facing minorities on campus.
Louisville senior Thomas Harris, the BSA president, said he hopes at least 200 people attend, and he looks forward to the meeting because he wants to make the BSA stronger.
Harris said scholarships and financial aid, minority leadership, tuition and black faculty employment will be the primary topics discussed at the forum.
He also wants to focus on Downing University Center renovations.
Panels include Michael Crowe, director of Judicial Affairs; Howard Bailey, vice president for Student Affairs; Kenneth Johnson, student activities coordinator; Scott Taylor, director of University Centers and Leadership; John Osborne, vice president for Campus Services and Facilities; and President Gary Ransdell.
"It’s always good to hear from students," Ransdell said. "It is always helpful hearing from African-American students — I don’t want to assume the issues and concerns or aspirations."
— Hanna Donovan

PARKING
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The first alternative is called "designated parking" and would guarantee the permit holder a parking spot in select lots and would offer fewer permits than the current system, according to Tongas’s presentation at the forum.
While this system would lead to less traffic and higher customer satisfaction, it would call for increased enforcement.
Tongas said. The price of permits would go up due to increased enforcement costs and less revenue from permit sales, she said.
Kevin Ewert, information technology consultant for Parking and Transportation, justified the cost increase.
"I like the idea that you’re keeping the gated lots as they are," Ewert said.
Tongas said if Parking and Transportation implements a new system, it would most likely not begin until fall 2011.
In addition to parking, the forum also covered plans to expand transit services.
Transit use has doubled since 2006, Tongas said.

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Upcoming parking forums
■ What: Discussion of the future of parking at Western ■ When: Noon and 3 p.m. Wednesday ■ Where: Mass Media Auditorium

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Jones working toward self satisfaction as senior

By M. BLAKE HARRISON

Senior sprinter Ennis Jones ad- ministered that he didn’t win so well last season and said he reminds himself of that often when preparing for races this year.

Even if Jones sees areas he could’ve improved, most people wouldn’t. As a junior, he expanded on Western’s NCAA quali- fying in 400 relay team that even- tually won the Mid-American Region.

“He is really maturing both ment- ally and physically,” Head Coach Erik Jenkins said. “We expect him to do well during the (next) race,” he said.

He was not the only Topper to do well in the meet. Western still hasn’t reached its peak of men’s victories this sea- son, including Saturday at the Grand Valley State Big Meet in Allendale, Mich.

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PLAY CONTINUED FROM SPORTS

The Lady Toppers (36-19, 10-4 Sun Belt) have won 13 of their last 14 games, and Brown is averaging 3.5.0 points and 1.0 rebounds per game.

So it's live.

“I love the game,” Brown said. “I eat and sleep and breathe the game, and when you can do that and actually love this and eat and say, ‘Oh, it's something I love, and it's a job,' that means a lot.” Brown said.

Ask Brown what she enjoys the most on the court, and you'll get a simple answer — rebounding.

She broke her own school record for most rebounds in a game last Wednesday with a 16-point, 24-rebound performance against Arkansas State — a feat that didn't shock ASU Head Coach Brian Bryan.

“I'm getting where I've been in a short amount of time, and I've never sunk a rebound like Arinika Brown,” Bryan said. “I'm talking about all of the teams we've played — the top-20 teams or whatever. She is a phenomenal rebounder — phenomenal.”

Brown's scoring average is down nearly four points from last season, but it's not related to her scoring ability.

“It's me one of those people — I don't have to come in and put up 30 points,” she said. “I kind of feel like my rebounding is going to stand out more than me putting up a lot of points.”

But Head Coach Mary Taylor Cooke admits that more scoring from her senior wouldn't be a bad thing.

That was obvious against the Red Wolves, when Brown totaled eight points and seven rebounds in overtime to push Western to an 83-78 win over ASU.

“Obviously we're better when Arinika's involved, whether it be scoring points, being around the basket, going to the boards — defensively, offensively,” Cooke said. “We're just a whole lot better and a more complete team when we have her as a factor.”

But for now, Brown's going to keep her scoring down.

Her career rebounding average (10.5 per game) stands as a Lady Topper record, and she has a long way to go.

“Those guys can do it,” Brown said. “It's just a great feeling. I'm just very happy to be going out as a senior and to lead the Western to an 83-78 win over ASU.”

—ANNIKA BROWN
Senior forward

BROWN CONTINUED FROM SPORTS

While Western played competitively well last season, Perry said he expects the team to make strides throughout the year.

“I think it will be a group that will continue to improve as the season goes along,” he said. “We've got some youngsters that either have not played a lot or are playing for the first time.”

Perry said those guys can do it. “Just want to see them out and perform.”

Reef will be back this year to lead the Western offensive attack season after averaging 30.5 at the plate and set a Western record with 110 hits throughout the season.

Reef expects big things from the lineup, but he knows it's going to be a long year in the best he has seen while at Western.

Senior pitcher Matt Koyling will return for his senior year to anchor the pitching staff after leading the team in wins the past three years. "Reef is throwing the ball better than I've ever seen him throw it." Perry said. “He's really going to be tough to deal with looking at him practice with opposite hitters.”

A lot of pressure was taken off the pitching staff last year because of the offense, but Carter knows the pitching staff also will get the job done if needed.

Perry said he hopes for further success from his team this year, but he expects a big challenge in replicating last season's success.

“Tough to get to that level, but it's even tougher to get to the next level,” Perry said. “The Toppers begin their season Friday with a three-game home series against Kent State.

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A season after coming within two losses of winning the Ohio Valley and advancing to the National Invitational Tournament, junior center Matt Rici and senior guard Chris Finwood will be disappoint ed if the team doesn’t get back to the NCAA Tournament.

“Our goal of going to the regional and advanc ing to the Super Regionals is there, because our pro gram is at a point where that is possible for us and certainly a goal for us,” Rici said.

The Toppers will have to build on last year’s win season through five players left to play profes sional ball.

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