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Western Kentucky offering major in molecular biotechnology

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University says it is adding a new major in its biology department: molecular biotechnology.

A statement from the school says the major is the next step in its genetics program and will be offered beginning this fall.

Biology professor Sigrid Jacobshagen says the addition is in response to growth in the biotechnology industry.

Officials say students in the program can be involved in genomics, personalized medicine and cloning and those skills can be used in developing various medical products, industrial chemicals and energy sources.

Associate biology professor Ajay Srivastava says the major fits with Western's mission to become an applied research institution and the state's goal of developing a workforce trained for high-tech jobs.

Woman, boyfriend sentenced to prison for husband's slaying

HOPKINSVILLE — A woman and her boyfriend have been sentenced to decades in prison in the killing of her husband.

The Kentucky New Era reports Jessie L. Goslyn and Jarred Tabor Long were sentenced Wednesday for the 2012 killing of Fort Campbell soldier Vincent Goslyn Jr. Goslyn was sentenced to 22 1/2 years in prison and Long was sentenced to 30 years.

The newspaper reports that Goslyn is accused of luring her husband to a remote area by having Long pose as a stranded motorist. Vincent Goslyn's body was discovered with multiple gunshot wounds on Feb. 3, 2012. Long has pleaded guilty to first-degree murder as part of a deal. Goslyn has pleaded guilty to complicity to murder.

Kentucky attorney reaches deal on fraud, escape charges

LEXINGTON — A Kentucky attorney who fled the country to avoid prison before being captured has reached a deal with federal prosecutors to resolve his escape and fraud charges.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reports a lawyer for Eric Conn filed a motion Tuesday saying an agreement has been reached on all charges. The motion did not include details.

Conn spent six months on the run last year after pleading guilty to bribing judges and doctors in a \$500 million Social Security fraud scheme. His sentencing went on without him and he was given a 12-year prison term.

Conn was flown back to Kentucky after he was caught in Honduras in December. An 18-count indictment was reinstated after his arrest.

U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves has scheduled a June 4 hearing.

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