



Students make soy lip balm

■ The lip balm could potentially be put on the market.

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Someday soon, people could be wearing soybeans on their lips – or a part of soybeans, anyway.

A new soybean-based lip balm developed by a pair of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will allow some soy to be slipped on the lips.

Kelly Jo Anthony, a junior agricultural engineering major, and Ginger Wingate, a junior biological systems and communications studies major, developed a soybean-based lip balm last spring as part of their Agricultural Engineering 225 course.

Their product won the 1999 Nebraska Innovative Soybean Contest, sponsored by the Nebraska Soybean Board.

The students, in conjunction with the Nebraska Soybean Board, will conduct a consumer acceptance study this week. Samples of the lip balm and surveys will go out to students in various classes Monday and Tuesday, Anthony said. The students will retrieve the surveys Thursday and Friday.

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co-creator of the lip balm

If the results are positive, the students hope to get the product into stores.

But it may be a while before consumers have a chance to purchase the new lip balm, Wingate said.

The product could take as long as five years to put on the market.

“In order to sell it, we’d have to get it FD- approved.”

The students said they hoped their work would benefit the agricultural communities.

“We both come from farming families or communities,” Wingate said, “and the farming industry is not doing very well.”

“Everything we use is from the earth in some way.”

Anthony said the lip balm is a product that could help expand the market for agricultural goods.

“Our intention is to help out Nebraska growers dispersing their surplus of soybeans and soybean oils,” Anthony said.

She said the new product was particularly effective for expanding

the agricultural market because lip balm is something people already use.

Doing a soybean-related project was an option for the students’ course.

“It was basically just an off-the-wall idea that Ginger had, and we just decided to run with it,” Anthony said.

“It was good to see a product go from being an idea, to being on paper, to being an actual product.”

The students said discovering how to make lip balm involved a lot of time doing background research.

Wingate said they had to consult books on cosmetics from around the 1950s because modern cosmetics producers guard their methods closely.

The students split the \$1,000 prize awarded to them by the Nebraska Soybean Board.

Anthony said the project was worth the effort.

“We’d encourage people to get involved with the contest this year,” she said.

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Police catch teen-agers in robbery attempt

Two people were caught trying to break into three garages at a storage facility Thursday.

After a witness reported seeing two people jumping over a fence into the storage facility at about 5 a.m., officers found that two people broke into TVB Movers and Storage, 1440 S. Second St., Lincoln Police Ofc. Katherine Finnell said.

A 16-year-old boy and 18-year-old Nathan Stacsh, 130 A St., were arrested for three counts of attempted robbery and possession of burglary tools, Finnell said.

Police are still contacting the victims to see if anything was taken from the garages, Finnell said.

Men allegedly run nude through Woody's Pub

Two men were arrested Wednesday for celebrating – in the buff – that the Lincoln Stars won their game.

Matthew Tyler, 25, of Elmwood, and Scott Groshans, 24, 2431 S. Canterbury Lane, allegedly ran through Woody's Pub, 101 N. 14th St., at about 10:29 p.m. with nothing on but their shoes, Finnell said. They were holding their clothes.

Both were arrested for public indecency and were taken into custody, Finnell said.

More sex offender names released on Web site

The Nebraska State Patrol released more names to the sex offender registry Thursday.

The list is available through a link on the State Patrol's Web site, <http://www.nebraska-state-patrol.org>.

Six more names of Level III offenders, considered the highest risk for re-offending, were added to the site.

None of the offenders live in Lancaster County.

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