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Ideas to change the world

Wesleyan students unveil novel date rape drug detector

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Gwen Plouzek sat in the audience at last year's Network Globally, Act Locally pitch competition and never dreamed she could be one of those entrepreneurs describing how their product could change the world.

"I was terrified to be on stage," said Plouzek, a Nebraska Wesleyan University junior from Lincoln.

On Friday, she and Stacie Skaff beat eight other college teams from Lincoln, South Carolina and Estonia to win \$3,000 toward further development of their startup company, SipSafe.

Unlike flashy solutions that have grabbed headlines — a fingernail polish that changes colors if certain drugs are present in a drink or a coaster that signals the presence of drugs — SipSafe is establishing itself at the nexus of basic science and intuitive design.

Integrated into a stirring stick, SipSafe uses a novel detection method to test for ketamine, Rohypnol and GHB with a whirl through the drink, changing colors if drugs are found.

Plouzek said she came up with the idea talking with her mom about the need for a reliable, discreet test.

On Friday, judges said they felt the business could be successful despite the fact neither Plouzek nor Skaff has experience in making a financing plan or marketing a product.

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Stacie Skaff and Gwen Plouzek (from left) hold up SipSafe, stir sticks that test drinks for date rape drugs.

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Their intuition was right, and earlier this year Plouzek and Skaff filed for a patent on the approach they developed in labs at Wesleyan and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

After winning Wesleyan's Quick Pitch Competition, they entered the Network Globally, Act Locally contest, a partnership between Wesleyan, the College of Charleston in South Carolina and the University of Tartu in Estonia.

Envisioned a decade ago by Wesleyan alumnus and Syracuse native Harry Huge, the intensive

three-week experience puts hopeful student entrepreneurs in contact with startup experts to develop and refine their ideas.

Students spent 10 days in the University of Tartu's Idea Lab before returning to the Silicon Prairie Sunday to create the 4-minute pitches they gave Friday morning to a panel of five judges.

"We've been thrown into the mix, especially the last three weeks, and we've just rolled with the punches, thought on our feet and learned as much as we can," said Skaff, a senior from Norfolk.

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Brexit divides Britain

Vote disparity fuels talk of Scotland, N. Ireland leaving UK

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EDINBURGH, Scotland — The United Kingdom's stunning vote to depart the European Union could end in the breakup of the U.K. itself.

While majorities of voters in England and Wales backed the campaign to leave the 28-nation bloc, the U.K.'s two other regions of Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to stay. Hot on the heels of Friday's results, nationalist leaders in both countries vowed to leave the U.K. if that is the required price to keep their homelands fully connected to Europe.

Scotland, where nationalists already in power narrowly lost a 2014 independence referendum, appears poised to be first out the U.K. door if its English neighbors

don't manage a negotiated U-turn to remain inside the EU. Most analysts dismiss that prospect.

"Scotland faces the prospect of being taken out of the EU against our will. I regard that as democratically unacceptable," said Scotland's leader, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. More than 60 percent of Scots voted to remain in the EU, compared with 48 percent of voters in the U.K. overall, reflecting Scots' belief that EU membership provides a moderating influence on political life in a U.K. traditionally dominated by the vastly more numerous English.

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Two inmates escaped from the Lincoln Correctional Center on June 10.

Reassigned LCC warden announces retirement

Mario Peart was in charge when inmates escaped

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Mario Peart was the warden at Lincoln Correctional Center when two inmates escaped two weeks ago.

On Friday, the Department of Correctional Services announced he'll retire July 1.

In a news release, Corrections

Director Scott Frakes said Peart has been with the department 39 years.

After the June 10 escape of Armon Dixon and Timothy Clausen, both serving time for sexual assault, Peart was reassigned to central administration pending completion of an investigation.

The two men got out of the prison in a laundry truck headed for Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, cut a hole in the roof and got out while it was still in

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HISTORY IN FLIGHT

Dave Claussen and others worked Friday to lift a replica of a 1913 Curtiss Pusher into place at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward. The Nebraska Aviation Corps formed in 1915 with two Curtiss Pushers. The display will be dedicated on July 4. **See more pictures @JournalStar.com.**

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