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## Student recounts alleged sexual assault

By Jeff Zeleny  
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Two weeks after Josh Werger began college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, he claimed he was betrayed by a trusted role model.

The betrayal, which would have permanently scarred some, left Werger with a sense of obligation to not let it happen to anyone else.

Last September, Werger alleged he was sexually assaulted by Clifford Walton, a UNL

associate professor and boxing club advisor. Walton resigned after being arrested on third-degree sexual assault charges.

Walton was first brought to trial on the charges in Lancaster County Court on April 22. The trial was continued on July 7, and is now being held under advisement by Lancaster County Judge Jack Lindner. No decision has been reached in the case.

Werger, a member of the UNL boxing club, told the Daily Nebraskan Tuesday that he was not seeking anything from Walton or the uni-

versity, but only trying to protect future students from enduring what he did.

"I just wanted to be the one to stop it," Werger said in his first interview since the incident. "I don't want any money out of him or the university — that's not my goal. I'm not after publicity."

Werger, a sophomore psychology major, joined the club to further develop an interest in boxing, and said he was encouraged by Walton.

"He said 'I was doing a good job'. He was telling me that he would take me as far as I

wanted to go. He said 'I had the potential to be any kind of boxer I wanted to be,'" Werger said. "Now, I think he was interested in getting me to come over to his house."

Werger went to Walton's house last Sept. 5 for a private lesson to further develop his boxing skills.

"At his house, that's when the weird stuff happened," Werger said.

Walton declined to be interviewed.

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## Costs delay smokers' group

By Kristin Armstrong  
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John Snelling is leading what seems to be a one-man crusade for smokers' rights.

In working towards a fair policy for both smokers and non-smokers, members of Smokers Against the No Smoking policy have faced several setbacks, including increased mailing costs and problems gaining attention for their cause, Snelling said at a Wednesday meeting.

The group met to discuss the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's new "Clean Air Policy," which is scheduled to go into effect on Sunday.

Problems with increased mailing costs have plagued the group since early July, he said. Snelling was then going to send out the first of many mailings encouraging others to participate in the committee.

Snelling said he originally thought mailings would cost the group 1 cent each. Later, the university's printing department told him that a new policy had gone into effect, stating that since his committee was the same as a student organization, and he would have to pay 6 cents per mailing. To mail 4,800 copies to university employees would now cost his committee over \$350 for just one mailing, he said.

"You know as well as I do that campus mail is free," he said. "Every time I turn around, they

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Damon Lee/DN

### Peek-A-Boo

Carly Knapple, 7, peers at her father Steve through a kaleidoscope created by Dwight Vadnais (center) at July Jamm on Sunday. Vadnais, a native of Billings, Mont., was one of many artists selling their works in the Jamm's fine arts area. For more on last weekend's events, see Page 3.

## Nebraska heads food alliance

The universities of the Midwest Advanced Food Manufacturing Alliance include:



Source: Office of Sen. Bob Kerrey

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## Kerrey sponsors food center bill

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If Sen. Bob Kerrey has his way, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will be admired by its fellow midwestern universities for more than just a good football team.

An amendment made by Kerrey, which was adopted by the Senate Appropriations Committee last week, would make UNL's Food Processing Center the "coordinating center" for the Midwest.

The amendment is expected to be considered by the entire Senate soon.

The Midwest Advanced Food Manufacturing Alliance, which is made up of 12 universities including

UNL, was formed recently to expedite the development of new manufacturing and processing technologies for food and related products that are derived from U.S. produced crops and livestock.

Kerrey said from his office in Washington on Tuesday that having the coordinating center in Lincoln is a tribute to UNL.

"It's a statement that the rest of the participating universities see UNL as a leader and as the best in this area," the Nebraskan democrat said.

Kerrey said that the alliance would bring together university and private researchers in microbiology, nutrition, food engineering, computer sciences and food operations. He also said it would meet future competitive demands in the processing, packaging, storage and transportation of food

products.

"If we continue to invest in it, it means we'll make practical discoveries that will add to the economic value of the region," he said.

The legislation that designated UNL as the coordinating center for the alliance includes \$500,000 as allotted by the appropriations committee.

Kerrey said that while government spending was tight and great care must be taken when deciding which projects to fund, he supported this project because of the benefits it promises.

"It's essential to me, because it has support from public institutions as well as from the private sector, which helps with the job market," Kerrey

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