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UNL Wildlife Club and Natural Resources Law Society members clean up an indiscriminate dump in the Cardwell Branch of Salt Creek Saturday near Yankee Hill Lake.

Wildlife club preserves resources

By Pattie Greene Staff Reporter

Some students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln take their majors out of the classroom and into the real world on the weekends.

UNL Wildlife Club members get out in the open on weekends to help preserve wildlife with conservation or social activities.

Club President Erik Wagner said members help keep Nebraska's streams clean and practice wildlife management techniques.

An annual activity for the club is a stream clean-up in Lancaster County, he said.

Wagner said the public relations committee selects a polluted stream and decides what type of tools will be acre plot, Wagner said. needed to clean it.

ner said. With the department's help and money, the group has been able to use buildozers and other tools.

The streams aren't just polluted with bottles and cans, he said.

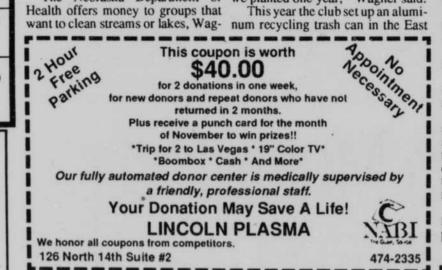
Members have cleaned up a stream that had been used as an industrial dump by farmers, in which they had dumped concrete, he said.

Members also manage a 17-acre plot of land near Mead owned by the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District.

The plot gives members a chance to practice wildlife management techniques, Wagner said. They have planted cattails on the shore to control soil erosion, he said.

Members have a chance to practice land relations with the farmer who farms the area around the 17-

He plowed up some of the grass The Nebraska Department of we planted one year," Wagner said.



Union, Wagner said.

"(But) most people think it's a normal trash can," he said.

Club members teach outdoor education to elementary and junior high school students with slide shows, animal hides, bones and skulls. Wagner said the club has taught up to 4,000 students in one year.

Members also have taught hunter safety classes at the fairgrounds and Antelope Park, Wagner said.

Working with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the club has electroshocked area lakes to determine fish species and population size.

The club's concerns committee is active in Nebraska Natural Resources District legislative hearings testifying on environmental bills. For example, Wagner said, members have testified at the Two Forks Dam hear-

ings. "It gives you a good chance to practice your public speaking skills," he said.

In addition to all these activities, members find time to have fun.

Wagner said they have fall and summer campouts, trap shoots, hog roasts and other social activities.

The club's awards banquet attracts about 200 professionals every spring, Wagner said. At the banquet, the Howard L. Wiegers outstanding conservation award is presented to the most outstanding conservationist in Nebraska.

The club meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the East Union.



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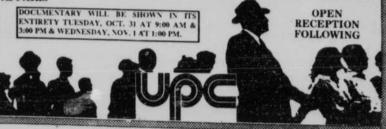
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Panel discussion set for Saturday

From Staff Reports

Jerzy Kosinski, author of the book "Being There," will discuss freedom of speech at Doane College Saturday in the wake of efforts by some Ne-braska parents to ban his book. Kosinski will debate the

censorship issue in a panel dis-cussion titled "Reading, Teaching and the First Amend-ment." He will speak at Heckman Auditorium on the Doane campus in Crete at 10 a.m.

The panel is sponsored by the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union and the Academic Freedom Coalition of Nebraska.

A group of parents who objected to descriptions of sexual acts in the novel requested last February that the book be removed from the Crete high school curriculum. The school board did not ban the book, but did support guidelines for closer scrutiny of the required reading lists.