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Man shows cougar on campus

By Meg Dedolph Oregon Daily Emerald

Ray Sebring and Tawni. an Oregon cougar, will appear on campus today between 1 and 3 p.m. to generate interest in endangered animals and cougar preservation.

Sebring is the director of **Cougar Preservation Resources**, an organization devoted to rescuing, rehabilitating and providing temporary homes for cougars

Sebring's animals are usually so accustomed to humans they cannot be released back into the wild and eventually become residents at zoos or animal parks.

Tawni, one of nine cats currently at Sebring's Lane County facility, is the only permanent resident of CPR and the only cat not destined for a zoo or park. She and Sebring appear before local schools and community groups, making presentations about cougars and cougar preservation.

Sebring's animals come from various situations. Most were mistreated by people in some way, and one was orphaned when his mother and brother were killed. Another was used in a movie, and some came from private breeders.

Today's presentation was



Ray Sebring, director of Cougar Preservation Resources, presents Tawni, one of nine cougars at the Lane County facility.

organized by Bob Beisser of the University Survival Center, who has worked on wildlife and conservation issues in the community.

"This is just an attempt to educate the University community about wildlife in general," Beisser said. "I like to present wild animals as much as possible so they can plead their own case.'

Sebring hopes not only to educate people passing through the EMU Courtyard this afternoon, but also to gain some long-term support for his organization from University stu-

a 3.5-acre cage designed to imitate a natural cougar habitat. Cougars in this cage will be rehabilitated and taught to fend for themselves in the wild so they can eventually be released.

"I'm encouraging large groups to come out and help," Sebring said. "We had 26 law students from Lewis and Clark come out here to help set poles (for the cage). A lot of large groups are looking for projects, and well, we've got them."

New plates commemorate Oregon Trail

By Anne Moser-Kornfeld

For the Oregon Daily Emerald

Get along, little dogies! It's time to renew your registration. And if your plates aren't about to expire, join the wagon train any-way. A new, flashier set of license plates has just arrived.

Head on out to your nearest **Department of Motor Vehicles** office. The Oregon Trail Commemorative License Plate has hit the streets

The plates have been selling well, with over 5,700 sales statewide a week and a half into sales," said Mary Liedtke, implementation manager for the Salem DMV office.

The Oregon Trail Coordinating Council approached the 1993 state Legislature about producing a commemorative license plate. It wanted to mark the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail. The idea for a new license plate was approved, and the plates became available Nov. 4

The custom plates cost a little more because of a surcharge of



John Driskell, at the West Eugene branch of the DMV, displays the new "Oregon Trail" license plate.

for the 1994 winter, spring and fall terms.

\$2.50 per plate (\$5 per set). The entire fee for the specially designed license plates will be used to build interpretive facilities along the trail.

The plates, in a green background with a covered wagon where the Douglas Fir stands on

the regular series plate, are colorful. The attention-grabbing design has turned the heads of many people passing by.

"We're pleased with the response. People enjoy the design and knowing they're supporting a good cause," Liedtke said.



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