Trump's travel ban raises questions, concerns at UO

By DIANE DIETZ The Register-Guard

EUGENE (AP) — University of Oregon officials tried to clarify for their Muslim international students just what President Trump's executive orders on visas mean to them — even as the meaning grew

Late in the day, acting U.S. Attorney General Sally Yates ordered Justice Department lawyers not to defend Trump's executive orders because she's not sure they're legal. She was subsequently fired.

"We're all carefully watching what's coming from D.C. and we're trying to interpret it," UO Vice Provost for International Affairs Dennis Galvan said. "But we're at a moment when there's a lot of change coming fast.'

The orders Trump issued Friday blocked refugee entry into the United States for 120 days, barred Syrian refugees indefinitely and stopped residents from seven select Muslim-majority countries — Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — from entry for 90 days.

The UO enrolls 39 students from those nations among its 3,200 international students. Oregon State University has 165 students from the targeted countries, of 3,500 total international students.

As many as 17,000 students from the seven named countries study in the United States, according to the Institute of International Education.

But citizens of other Muslim-majority nations such as Turkey, Jordan or Tunisia who are temporarily studying, teaching or researching in the United States — and even Muslim-Americans who live her permanently — say they are shaken by the federal orders.

During a forum Monday, the UO tried to answer student questions from about 350 students and faculty about the ever-shifting federal

"I'm from one of these seven countries, is it safe for me to travel outside the U.S.?" Galvin said. "We can be pretty certain that the answer to that is 'no.'?"

Federal customs agents are unlikely to allow students with visas who leave to return to the United States to resume their studies.

But if a student in the United States is from a Muslim-majority county that's not on the list of seven, is it safe for them to travel abroad?

'On Jan. 30 at (2:34 p.m.) Pacific time, it seems like it doesn't apply to them, but, no, we can't be sure that this set of immigration rulings will not be extended," Galvin said. He even said that faculty or

students with green cards — which

confer permanent resident status in the United States, typically due to marriage or some other family connection — may want to avoid traveling outside the country for

Some green card holders were detained at international airports over the weekend when they tried to return to the United States, according to news reports.

"If somebody has a sick family member (in a foreign country), they may have to weigh being with the loved one with the uncertainty of getting back in (to the United States)," Galvin said.

Closely tracked

Students and scholars here on non-immigrant visas in the United States are closely tracked by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security database called Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, or SEVIS.

Universities and colleges that enroll international students must submit quarterly reports with the students' enrollment status, whether the students withdraw or are suspended, drop from full course loads, take off-campus jobs, change majors, delay completion dates, transfer colleges or graduate.

Faculty who are concerned about their international students and colleagues are calling the

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international office for clarity on the federal policy changes.

Abe Schafermeyer, director of UO International Student and Scholar Services, said his email inbox has filled over the past 72 hours by anxious students.

"Their parents cannot attend their graduation ceremonies. They cannot go to a funeral of a family member back home. This is real."

The long-standing non-immigrant visa system "has worked and kept us safe and brought in excellent colleagues, scholars, students visitors for generations," said Michael Dreiling, president of United Academics and a UO sociology professor.

"Everything is happening so quickly. Our friends and colleagues and family are impacted by this executive order," he said.

Petition effort

Dreiling and 32 other UO faculty members — as well as 13 OSU faculty members — joined 7,000 faculty members nationally on a petition opposing the Trump executive orders on visas and refugees.

The list included 40 Nobel prize laureates and 226 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Arts.

The unethical and discriminatory treatment of law-abiding, hard-working, and well-integrated immigrants fundamentally contravenes the founding principles of the United States," the petition says.

Drew Williams, president of the UO Muslim Student Association, said the executive orders are "very

serious" for many UO students. Haytham Abu Adel, a student member of the group, left his family in Yemen to study in Eugene.

"He's really not able to go home," Williams said. "And if he does go home, he can't come back - but he can't go home because Yemen is a war zone. The city he's from is being bombed by Saudi Arabia right now. There's nowhere he can go.

But the changes coming out of Washington are also troubling to Muslim-Americans, such as Williams. "We all heard the rhetoric on the campaign trail, but to see it in action is hard hitting and very

discomforting," he said.

The hastily organized rally in support of immigrants at the U.S. District Courthouse on Sunday where 1,000 Eugene residents waved signs and pledged their support — meant a lot to international students, Williams said.

"It does help when you see it's not like the whole country hates you. It's not a monolithic we-wantyou-out kind of thing. It makes you feel more comfortable and welcome," he said.

Copper thieves cut phone service in Lakeside

LAKESIDE (AP) — The Coos County Sheriff's Office says copper thieves caused more than 500 residents to lose landlinetelephone service over the weekend.

Lakeside residents with a 759 landline prefix were unable to dial 911 or make long distance phone calls on Saturday, leading the sheriff's office to place a dispatcher at Lakeside Library.

The World newspaper reports the dispatcher forwarded emergency calls to the Coquille dispatch center until service was

restored the following day. Investigators found that thieves near Lakeside Cemetery put a ladder near a utility pole, then climbed up

and cut the lines. Once the lines were on the ground, the thieves stole 400 feet of wiring in plastic

Lakeside is a small city 15 miles north of Coos Bay.

Trump supporter's car damaged at **Eugene protest**

EUGENE (AP) — A Eugene man says his vehicle was vandalized when he ran into an anti-President Donald Trump rally why flying a Trump flag on his SUV.

Cameron Sparhawk, 23, was headed home on Sunday when he ran into protesters marching the wrong way along the street, The Register-Guard reported. Some members of the group ripped his Trump flag from the vehicle and burned it. The protesters also punctured a tire on his vehicle and pounded on the hood of his car.

Sparhawk said the marchers were walking the wrong way down the street. He said he wasn't going to change his path just for the protesters.

"I was not looking to start anything, and I was not in the wrong," Sparhawk said. Sparhawk said he decided

to fly the Trump flag from his SUV after hearing about planned protests in opposition of Trump's executive order imposing a temporary travel ban on citizens from seven Muslimmajority countries were happening at airports across the country.
"I don't want everyone to

think Eugene is a completely liberal community. I want people to know that some of us are on the other side of the spectrum," he said.

Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns said investigators are reviewing video of the incident in hopes of

identifying people who could face charges for their involvement.

The incident occurred more than two hours after about 1,000 people began gathering outside the U.S. Courthouse in Eugene to rally against Trump's executive order.

Plans for that rally did not include a march, Kerns said. However, about 150 protesters broke off from the main group and started marching through downtown, blocking traffic.

Video captured by witnesses of the incident show marchers surrounding Sparhawk's SUV and appearing to push it backward. Another video shows Sparhawk getting angrily out of his car after protesters punched his windows.

"I said things I shouldn't have in the heat of the moment," he said. "That

doesn't express my views."

Ex-sheriff's office employee gets probation for lying

BEND (AP) — A former Deschutes County Sheriff's Office employee charged with lying to federal agents investigating theft allegations against a former sheriff's captain has been sentenced to three years of probation.

The Bend Bulletin reports 36-year-old Krista Mudrick was sentenced Monday after pleading guilty to making

false statements. She was accused of lying about where the \$200,000 stolen by former Capt. Scott Beard came from.

Beard received a five-year prison sentence in September.

Court documents say he stole the county money between 2014 and 2015 while he oversaw the finances of a regional drug task force.

Mudrick is accused of benefiting from the stolen funds by receiving gifts from Beard, which included a car, cosmetic surgeries and a gym membership.

Corrections

Lavoy Finicum had 11 children. Incorrect information appeared in a story that appeared on Page 1A in Tuesday's edition.

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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yesterday **TEMPERATURE** 31/12 45/27 HIGH LOW 33/18 Longview Yesterday Kennewick Walla Walla 39/22 <u>Normals</u> 25/17 26/16 70° (1995) -15° (1950) Astoria 45/30 **PRECIPITATION** 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Hermiston 38/28 Pendleton 28/15 The Dalles 25/19 1.65' Month to date Normal month to date 1.38' 30/26 Salem La Grande 1.65['] 1.51['] Year to date 29/20 Last year to date 42/30 Normal year to date 1.38' Albany Corvallis 41/27 **HERMISTON** John Day 41/29 through 3 p.m. yesterday 28/16 Ontario (Bend Eugene **TEMPERATURE** 33/22 41/28 24/14 HIGH LOW Burns

Yesterday <u>Normals</u> 69° (1971) -27° (1950) **PRECIPITATION**

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SUN AND MOON Sunrise today Sunset tonight Moonrise today

7:17 a.m. 5:02 p.m. 9:48 a.m. 10:35 p.m. Full Last New Feb 10 Feb 18 Feb 26 Feb 3

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. A passing shower early tonight, then periods of rain. Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today with flurries; however, a bit of snow in the upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny in

central parts today; times of clouds and sun

Medford

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however, some clouds across the south and toward the Cascades.

Klamath Falls

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Cascades: Mostly cloudy and colder today with flurries; breezy across the north

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today;

Northern California: Cloudy today; a little afternoon rain at the coast. Rain becoming more widespread tonight.

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Mexico City	73	48	рс	7	1	46	рс	
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WINDS (in mph) Today **Boardman NNE 4-8** NW 3-6 Pendleton

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8-10, Very High;

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3-5, Moderate

11+. Extreme

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day

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National Summary: Steady snow will diminish over New England, while lake-effect snow and flurries continue around the Great Lakes today. Snow will fall over the interior Northwest, while rain approaches California.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 84° in Cotulla, Texas Low -19° in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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