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Trump starts fortifying the southern border

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President Donald J. Trump signed an executive order Wednesday to begin construction of the controversial United States and Mexico border wall.

National security and healthcare reform were the pillars of Trump's contentious campaign, and the change coming on the horizon has left some experts with a feeling of uneasiness.

"The language he uses to justify his policies marks a dangerous turn," said Antonio de Velasco, communication professor at the University of Memphis and expert in media and politics. "Such rhetoric works by demonizing entire groups of people on the basis of their country of origin and their religion. It also emboldens terrorists and vigilantes who have, since his campaign began, upped their verbal and physical attacks on minorities of all types."

Wednesday's proceedings should not come as a surprise to anyone who has followed Trump along the campaign trail, and the new President has exhibited an "everyone is out to get us" mentality, said de Valsco.

Others are skeptical that a wall can even be built. Trump plans to construct the wall using federal funds while seeking reimbursement from Mexico, who has rejected the proposal.

The estimated cost of building a wall would be about \$15 billion, according to Bernstein, a research group. Trump claimed it would cost about \$8 to \$10 billion.



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President Trump's latest executive order looks to fulfill one of his campaign promises to build a wall separating the United States from Mexico. He lobbied for increased national security during the 2016 presidential election. Southern California (left) and Northern Mexico (right) may soon be divided if Trump's plan comes into fruition.

At a time when there are pressing infrastructure issues and less immigration into the United States, the wall "is a remarkably dumb idea," said Steven J. Mulroy, law professor at the U of M and political expert.

"If it's ever actually built, it'll be extremely expensive, won't actually keep most immigrants out and won't be paid for by Mexico as Trump promised," Mulroy said. "It will serve only to alienate Mexico and enrich hand-picked contractors."

The United States would not be where it is today without the contributions of immigrants, said Maria Elena Delavega, a social work professor at the U of M who was born in Mexico.

"Immigrants have long

been a fundamental part of the fabric of American society," Delavega said. "Some of the most important strengths of this country are its diversity in people and culture and its acceptance and integration of all people and different points of view. It is important, now more than ever, that we continue to protect and promote this diversity and inclusion."

While many share Delavega's opinion, there are others who feel that the wall is a good idea.

"I am in favor of Donald Trump's illegal immigration policy, and I do think that foreigners should apply to enter a country legally," junior Saedah Badru said.

Other countries, such as

South Africa, require immigrants to be employed before admittance as a full-time citizen is granted. If an immigrant is not employed, he or she must apply for a temporary visa, which allows residency for 90 days maximum. Badru, who was born in Saudi Arabia, said the U.S. should implement a similar system. However, not all students are willing to give Trump's policies a chance.

"I don't think this is what we signed up for; this is supposed to be a free country," 19-year-old Ismael Rodriguez said. "My grandfather emigrated here because he bought into the American dream. With Trump in office, what is our dream now?"

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Dow Jones industrial average hits all-time high because of a "Trump bump"

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The Dow Jones industrial average, a largely watched American stock index across the world, went above 20,000 for the first time on Wednesday morning.

This milestone event comes five days after the inauguration of Donald J. Trump.

"For the most part, it's kind of a Trump bump," said Lew Alvarado, a research associate for the Sparks Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Memphis. "All the optimism indexes have jumped up, and the stock market is reflecting the

optimism."

The stock market rise is because of American's general optimism in Trump's "America first" way of thinking, said William Kratzke, a professor at the U of M's Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. However, it could eventually hurt our economy.

"He quite clearly intends to hurt Mexico," Kratzke said. "I think he's going to find that Mexico contributes a lot to the U.S. economy, and if he cuts them off, he's going to end up hurting the people he thinks he's going to help."

The Dow hit an all-time low during the first few weeks after

former President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009, but went up 140 percent over the course of his presidency, and since its lowest point in 2009, it has gone up 210 percent. When Obama left office earlier this year, the Dow was just above 19,000 and hit over 20,000 just five days after Trump's inauguration.

Kratzke does not believe the stock market will continue to go up.

"I think there is some euphoria, and then we'll come down to earth," Kratzke said. "I don't know when that will happen. It may even be after he's gone."

Tigers fall to Temple



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Coach Tubby Smith will go back to the drawing board after falling to .500 in conference road games. The Tigers next play at home against East Carolina on Saturday.

By Abigail Warren
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The University of Memphis lost to Temple University 77-66 Wednesday in Philadelphia, giving Temple (11-10, 2-6 AAC) their second win in the American Athletic Conference.

Jeremiah Martin scored 16 points for the Tigers (15-6, 5-3 AAC). K.J. Lawson, who has put up big numbers for the Tigers recently, scored only four points and had four fouls, which all came in the second half. Detric Lawson scored 13

points, and Markel Crawford, who has provided a much-needed offensive boost in recent games, finished with 15 points.

Guard Shizz Alston, Jr. led the Owls in scoring with 22 points, and Daniel Dingle finished with 16 points. The Owl's Obi Enechionya had four fouls.

Memphis shot 40 percent from the field and shot 26.3 percent from the 3-point line, with Detric going 0-5 from the 3-point zone. Temple shot 37.9 percent from the 3-point line.

The Tigers have

struggled from the free throw line all season. They shot above average this game at 70.8 percent, but the Owls shot a much better 82.4 percent.

Temple grabbed 38 rebounds, 28 of which were defensive rebounds. Memphis only grabbed 29 total rebounds.

Memphis returns to FedExForum for their next game against East Carolina University, who has lost their last seven games, on Jan. 28 at 2:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPNews.

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Tiger tennis teams set high goals for season

By Jeremiah Graham
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The University of Memphis men and women's tennis teams started this season strong.

The men moved to 2-0 following a 6-1 win against Louisiana State University on Sunday, and the women edged the University of Alabama at Birmingham 4-3 Jan. 20.

"We played with great effort," said Hayden Perez, coach of the women's team. "We really showed some promise."

Perez wants his team to win the national championship and make an appearance in the national rankings.

"We would like to just continue to grow and improve as the season goes on," Perez said.

The newcomers to the team, Clara Kuehn and Josephine and Katherine Cao, are not having "freshmen jitters," Perez

said, and he believes they will improve as the season continues.

"Our upperclassman have really taken [the freshmen] under their wing and helped in a big way," Perez said.

The men's team features two highly ranked players: junior Ryan Peniston, who is currently ranked 35 in the country after going 9-4 in singles play in the fall, and junior Andrew Watson, who is currently ranked 111 in the country after going 8-5 in singles. The group plays with high energy and intensity, said men's coach Paul Goebel.

"You're always hoping to come out strong in the beginning of the season," Goebel said. "Teams usually start the season playing against weaker teams, but we had a challenge from the start. Michigan State and LSU are both great teams, so we knew we had our

work cut out for us. I'm pleased with how we've played so far."

Goebel's squad is a young group with no seniors, and they are returning all but one player from last season. Building off an NCAA tournament appearance last year, he feels his team has high confidence going into this season.

"Making the tournament last year really gave them a boost of confidence," Goebel said. "They know what to expect now and believe they can do it again."

Goebel believes his team can make a strong run in the tournament again.

"Our primary goal is to win the conference title and make the tournament," Goebel said. "We feel like we can build off what we accomplished last year and advance further in the tournament this year."



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From top left: Andrew Watson, Hanna Sohn, Marta Morga and Kai Lemke are among the men's and women's tennis team members who hope to return to the NCAA tournament this spring.

Study abroad fair provides info about global learning opportunities

By Maisa Jabi
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The University of Memphis hosted a study abroad fair Wednesday morning to equip students with knowledge about studying abroad.

Booths with instructors eager to answer questions about the 200 different global learning programs the U of M offers lined the Michael D. Rose Theatre.

Journalism professor Roxane Coche led a group of students to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro last summer and said studying abroad is a terrific opportunity to learn about the world.

"Studying abroad allows students to open their minds to other people and other cultures," Coche said. "In some cases, students really come out of their shell abroad because they get to start over in another city where no one knows them, and they can be anyone they want to be."

Students at the fair who have studied abroad before benefitted from their time in another country. Meeting new people and learning about a new culture is one of the most rewarding parts of studying abroad,

said Shauna Jordan, journalism major at the U of M who went to the Olympic Games.

"In Rio we experienced culture and things we are not able to do in America," Jordan said. "I suggest everyone should [study abroad] because it is a good opportunity to experience life in another country for a small period of time."

There is a broad spectrum of programs for students to choose from, like a genome engineering

program in Sweden that biomedical engineering major Diego Pulgarin took part in.

"It's not just the cultural aspect of meeting other people, but it's also the possibility of learning stuff that you can't learn here [in the United States]," Pulgarin said.

The study abroad office offers scholarship and financial aid opportunities for students interested in going to another country. Students who would like to go abroad can get



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Mechanical engineering major Victoria Sawyer, 23, speaks to potential study abroad students during Wednesday's study abroad fair.

more information at the study abroad office in the Pan Hellenic Building room 104. The deadline for students to apply to study abroad in both the summer and fall of 2017 is March 1.

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