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Cable troops education

Innovate as future of Columbia in speech

Daniel Reneno

Mayor Bob Coble discussed his vision for a world-class city Thursday night in the annual State of the City Address.

“We are truly living in our golden age,” Coble said.

In a room of dark button-up suit jackets and khaki dress pants, Coble gave his speech designed to inform the crowd of the progress made the previous year and to set the agenda for the new one.

As Coble entered quietly through a corridor, the mayor’s speech was already redolent in the crowd milled around.

Coble’s speech was an attempt to reattact and reengage both the city and the state.

He spoke of his “vision for a world-class city,” that has a strong “knowledge economy.”

Key to the knowledge economy in the mayor’s eyes is Innovista, for which funding will be a top legislative priority this year.

To help achieve his vision for the city, Coble stressed the need for housing to accommodate the growing population of the city, mentioning CenterSouth, the city’s new residential complex.

One of the keys to his plan to fight crime, specifically youth and gang violence, Coble said the Francis Street Youth Violence Prevention Council must implement recommendations the criminal justice department at USC and Benedict College.

Coble said 100 jobs would be brought to Columbia in the coming year through landmark fuel cell initiatives.

“We have established Columbia as a center for fuel cell technology commercialization through the Fuel Cell Collaborative,” Coble said.

He added that this year’s Gorrke Technology was moving to Columbia, an extra big plus as far as employment will go.

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SAE members mentor local elementary schools

Fraternity pairs up with troubled children to help academically, personally

Jerry Sisoe

Members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity are helping young boys at a local elementary school improve their grades and succeed in life.

“It is the first program in the district to establish this type of mentoring program,” said IHttp McKown, the school’s psychologist, with the idea being to mentor students who are paired up with one of the SAE members.

According to McKown, the mentoring program pairs up the SAE members with the students who are paired up with one of the SAE members.

“The students can have role models and feel closer to the SAE members,” McKown said.

“Many of the kids have no real role model and need guidance,” McKown said.

“They get attached to their mentors very quickly,” McKown said.

According to McKown, the students get so attached to the mentors that the mentors feel very close to the students.

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U.S. Attorney Reggie Wilkins cleared his first hurdle Thursday in his effort to become the head of the State Law Enforcement Division. Lloyd, 40, told the commission on his lack of law enforcement experience would not hinder his performance as South Carolina's top cop. Instead, the former circuit judge said his commitment to keeping the state safe will make him a good chief.

"At the end of the day, you're either going to choose your crib or you're not," Lloyd told a panel of five commissioners.

A Senate panel unanimously confirmed Lloyd's nomination by a vote of 9-0, Gov. Mark Sanford. The confirmation now moves to the full Senate Judiciary Committee.

When his nomination was announced in January, Lloyd said he planned to undergo law enforcement training but also said he would have a more hands-off approach than Chief Robert Holden, who was known for weekly command calls and a bulletproof vest worn during manhunts. He retired last year after 20 years leading the agency.

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Ending racism takes year-round diligence

Forty years ago today, three students died in the pursuit of happiness: being able to bowl with their friends.

In 1968, black students at South Carolina State University exercised their civil right to protest, expressing their displeasure with the decision to keep blacks out of a local bowling alley. As night fell, police arrived and tensions rose. In the morning light, three bodies lay on the ground and Cleveland Sellers found himself jailed.

We have come a long way since then.

Race mix in classes, bringing their unique experiences and backgrounds to discussion. Interracial dating is no longer shunned and they can openly hold hands on campus. Jim Clyburn is the majority whip and Barack Obama, a mixed man, is a viable candidate for the presidential nomination.

But we still have so far to go. Racial tensions in the state still run high, even on our own campus. We have the word “nigger” been shouted to passersby.

We can strive to end bigotry and encourage diversity beyond the month of February.

Racism should be a non-issue that has resonated a phenomenon that should occur on every platform in election 2008.

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Fowler's knowledge of classics, passionate attitude for life impress radio listeners

Marin Mueller
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Ben Fowler, a graduate student in the USC School of Music, loves tests. While most of us are hardly able to drag ourselves out of bed the day of an exam, Fowler readily subjects himself to trials of his intellect and triumphs regularly. A graduate of the University of Montana, Fowler studied classical piano performance at a graduate level in USC's School of Music under Professor Marina Lomazov. Most recently, Fowler was a contestant on National Public Radio's music competition "Piano Puzzler," his love of music helped Fowler "take the initiative and go out on a limb for things like this," Lomazov said.

Fowler's private piano teacher, Lomazov, describes him as a student who "puts a lot of heart into everything he performs." Fowler's work ethic and positive attitude have brought him significant recognition for his musical ability. In addition to attending the prestigious Brentwood Music Festival for several summers, Fowler has performed with a chamber group that recently advanced to the national level of a performance competition, ranking them among the top seven in the nation.

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Progress continues on the writers strike, and it is starting to look as if the board could vote as soon as Sunday to end the strike. The Writers Guild of America has scheduled informational meetings with members in both Los Angeles and New York on Saturday, and the guild board told members members it will wait for those meetings before any kind of a board vote on the strike. But some board action, including declaring an end to the strike, might come by Sunday or Monday if the membership agrees.

It’s also possible the strike could last longer; the lawyers could boggle over details forever (they do earn a hefty hourly wage). Or the writers board membership could react like that.

But I’m staying optimistic, because I’m hoping a quick settlement means they’ll finish making the full 16-episode season of "Lost," and because I’m really bored with "American Gladiators." And I can divert this rant to "American Gladiators." The games themselves are OK, but just OK, though I will give them this: Their group of brick-faced thugs is something worth watching in the hour. But the four fearlessnesses and the forced trash talk makes you think you’re watching seventh-grade racists--no offense, kids. I know a lot of you talk way better smack than these people.

Serious, you have to wonder why the producers want the contestants to badmouth each other, and you know it’s just producers telling the players over to do it, because you can see the brick-faced thugs laughing.

Typical trash talk sotax: Red guy: "I’m gonna beat you, man." Blue guy: "No, uh, I’m gonna beat you." For something that bills itself as a family show, you would think they get people to act with a little class?

By the way, don’t take in by the hope that “Gladiators” is any kind of a hit, either. Its ratings have dropped every week it’s been on, down from almost 9 million viewers, to the 12 million-plus that watched the premiere.

And why am I getting all American—Gladiators—trivia on American Gladiators? Because I’m impatient. I wanted it to be better, and, frankly, I wanted the gladiators to be cooler. We take our anger out on the things we want to love, or something like that. It’s also possible I’m just worn out by the strike.

So, let’s shift to a softer, and cuter, subject. Animal Planet is reporting that “Puppy Bowl IV” attracted 8 million people who checked out the romping pups during its three hours on Sunday, and it averaged a steady 1.1 million viewers at any one time. Might have been even higher if the dogs talked snark.

And in a little side note, whenever I write about the Puppy Bowl—and you know how I love my Puppy Bowl— or about any show with dogs, I always get a handful of very angry e-mails from people who really, really hate dogs.

Me, I’m a dog guy. The world is a better place when a dog is in the room. Apparently, there are people who think otherwise. So to them I say, you know, they have kittens playing around all the time.

A reminder for fans of “Friday Night Lights”— and I know all of you are dog people, because dog people would love this smart, deep and mesmerizing series. Friday’s is the last new episode before the well runs dry from the writers strike. It could also be the last new episode every NBC entertainment co-chairman Ben Silverman implies to online magazine Radar that maybe he’s not going to stand by the show much longer.

I love it, you love it. Unfortunately, no one watches it. Silverman told a reporter recently, “That’s the thing with shows. People have to watch them.”

Not a good sign: The only upside was that Silverman kept lashing the Radar reporter to watch “50 Rock,” another high-profile NBC show.

In case you’ve missed the late night action, I give you one of the best “blood feuds” in recent times. It involves Conan O’Brien, Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert and, of course, Mike Huckabee.

The three late night hosts have been one-upping each other over who’s most responsible for Huckabee’s presidential campaign. And when brutes like that get into it, you know it’ll eventually lead to bloodshed.
ALEX

A woman who is attracted to the idea of being in a relationship, but not necessarily to the person who is pursuing her.

ARIES

Be careful with your spending. You could get coerced into spending more than you can afford.

Taurus

Build a big safety net. Save money, but where is it going? If it's to pay bills, cut your expenses and pay attention. A person in your life is advising you to gamble. Don't make impulsive decisions.

Gemini

Don't be intimidated by the regular suspects. Stand in agreement. You'll run into arguments from all sides. It's a good day to be patient, and persevere. Be polite by a direct route. Be polite and patient, and persevere.

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Don’t Forget!
Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008
Men’s Basketball
Vs.
Georgia Bulldogs.

and retired jersey number honor John Rockey will r e t u r n to Columbia to be honored as a Gamecock Great.

USC looks for third straight win

First black scholarship football player breaks color barrier for Gamecocks

Michael Aguilar
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

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Carolina hopes to even the score against Vanderbilt as the Commodores create opportunities in the opposition’s defense.

The Commodore offense is led by senior guard Shon Foster, who is averaging 19 points per game so far this season, along with Foster, Vanderbilt is anchored by freshman center A.J. Ogilvy, who is averaging 17 points and six rebounds.

South Carolina needs to extend their winning streak to sustain momentum heading into the first stretch of the season. The Gamecocks are currently seventh in the SEC standings, but they have the opportunity to make a jump with a big win this weekend.

Following the home game on Saturday, Odom and company travel to Athens, Ga., for their second meeting against the Georgia Bulldogs.

Centennial celebration catches fire over next three weeks

Past all-stars return to Columbia to celebrate historic times in program

They’re back. Over the next three weeks, the USC men’s basketball program will be hitting the high notes of its season-long celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Carolina basketball.

ALEX RILEY
Student Assistant Sports Information Director

While the Gamecock men’s basketball program has been inconsistent throughout conference play, even though Vanderbilt has accrued a solid record and a top 25 ranking, they are yet to beat a ranked team this year, and their SEC wins came against Georgia, Auburn, LSU and South Carolina.

In their first meeting this year, the Gamecocks were losing by two points with less than two minutes remaining, but let them take the game slip away. The loss was part of a gradual struggle where South Carolina lost at one point of having double-digit leads. Expect Dewayne to once again be the main contributor this weekend, as he is averaging nearly 20 points per game in his first year as a Gamecock. Zam Fredrick and Arche will doubtless have a considerably impact on the Gamecocks’ offence as well. These three crafty players must use their superior athleticism to create opportunities in the opposition’s defense.

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Graeme Fouste
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

For the first time since conference play began, the men’s basketball team has shown promise with consecutive SEC wins last week. With the whole week to recoup from a grueling game against LSU (6-7), the three OIson’s squad should have ample time to prepare for Saturday’s game.

Last weekend’s sport, in front of an<br>audition Mississippi crowd, Brown in position. Arche drilled a 1-pointer with 99 seconds left to clinch the road victory. Despite Arche’s late-game heroics, the true impact player was Dewayne, who led the team with 25 points, seven assists, six rebounds and five steals.

The Gamecocks (11-10, 3-4) host No. 22 Vanderbilt (14-4, 4-3) in an early evening game on Saturday, tip-off is scheduled for p.m. The Commodores are coming off a win against Georgia and have been inconsistent throughout conference play.

Even though Vanderbilt has accrued a solid record and a top 25 ranking, they are yet to beat a ranked team this year, and their SEC wins came against Georgia, Auburn, LSU and South Carolina.

In their first meeting this year, the Gamecocks were losing by two points with less than two minutes remaining, but let them take the game slip away. The loss was part of a gradual struggle where South Carolina lost at one point of having double-digit leads. Expect Dewayne to once again be the main contributor this weekend, as he is averaging nearly 20 points per game in his first year as a Gamecock. Zam Fredrick and Arche will doubtless have a considerably impact on the Gamecocks’ offence as well. These three crafty players must use their superior athleticism to create opportunities in the opposition’s defense.

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“I’ve given a full 14-time All-Star from the Commodores’ guard Demetress Wallace or Tom Owens, standing at mid-court, developed by the Gamecocks’ score at 33-10. By halftime, the game was well in hand for the Commodores, with the score 37-14 at the break.

Vanderbilt’s Alonza Calloway balanced the dominant first half mainly with one person, keeping them in focus and not checking out,” Balcomb said.

“Somebody asked if he looked good in purple, and he said, ‘Well, you know I was a 30-2 team, and I’m known to do it, you can believe that you can put it, ‘amp up’ what has been a very strong Suns team this season.

The Commodores played through a hip injury, said his personality should, as he put it, “amp up” what has been a very strong Suns team this season.

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