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UK can't cover SG deficit

By Paul Leightty

UK cannot help Student
Government dig out of a possible \$10,000 budget deficit, a
UK senior administrator said.
UK, grappling with the
possibility of a 9 percent cut
in state funding, is not willing to help \$60 out of its jam,
said Patricia Terrell, vice
president of student affairs.
But Justin Rasner, \$6
chief of staff, said Terrell had
indicated to him last fall that
UK gawe its blessing for \$G\$ to
go ahead with an expensive

concert the group worried it could not afford. SG foresaw the budget shortfall and nearly canceled the Montgomery the said administrators, including Terrell, told him, "if things get really rough,' she said, we will support you financially." That is the reason we went ahead with the event."

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When asked about the pledge of support, Terrell said she never told Rasner UK could offer additional funds if the concert was too expensive.

"I never advised them to go ahead with that event ... I was not aware they did not have the money in their budget occover that," she said.

Rasner had previously said he planned to meet with Terrell to discuss the possibility of receiving assistance from the university, but Terrell said the conversation turned out differently. "Justin just came to reassure me he was not asking for money for SG, "she said.

Rasner, who told senators at a recent meeting he would ask UK for the money, said he

never expected the university to fully rescue the organization from a deficit.

The financial issues began when SG planned for—but didn't get—an increase in the fees students pay each semester that would have contributed to its revenue.

The increase was slated to be addressed and possibly passed this semester or next, Terrell said, and ended up being postponed until this May.

Among the reasons for

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Potholes bust tires, nerves around campus

Caution: Workers are putting in extra time to fill holes; AAA tells drivers to slow speeds and check tire inflation

During this brutal winter weather, craters have sprouted on the streets around campus, making routes like Rose Street and Euclid Avenue look like minefields.

One pothole caused seven flat tires on Saturday, Feb. 15, said Lilla Mason, the director of the Safety Foundation with AAA.

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Experts, students, staff and faculty agree on the severity of the weathered roadways.

"Potholes can damage the front end of the car, rust the tires and cause a flat," said Steve Farmer, an engineer with the Kentucky Department of Highways.

A crew of six from the department are putting in extra hours to get the potholes patched up. Farmer said.

With potholes more common in the winter, roadway crews are kept busy with the three to four inch pits.

"Potholes are a phenomenon of nature," Mason said. According to AAA, potholes occur when snow and ice melt and the water seeps beneath the pavement through cracks. Then when the water freezes, it expands, raising the pavement. Traffic continues to pound the section, and as the ice melts, a small divot is formed under the surface, causing the pavement to break.

Teachers and students are among many dealing with the potholes on campus.

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SG hopefuls speculate effects of resignation

Turnout: Candidates divided on whether Tim Robinson's stepping down will impact the upcoming SG election

By Ben Fain

When Student Government elections are held this April, some believe Tim Robinson's resignation might have an effect on the number of voters at the polls. Others, including a professor who researches voter turnout, don't. "I don't think (this scanda) is going to have that much of an impact on voter turnout," said James Hertog, an associate professor of telecommunications. While Hertog said he has no research to back up that statement, he said that's what traditionally happens. "The mass of students at any university I've been at see their student government as not being long term." he said. The UK campus witnessed how fragile student government terms can be when President Tim Robinson resigned Priday after almost two years in office. He pleaded guilty in Fayette Circuit Court to charges of interfering with voter registration.

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Despite the controversy, most students have more interests outside the university, like full-time jobs and commuting, so SG is not on many of their minds, Hertog said.

However, for those campaigning or SG positions, the

See EFFECTS on 3

Getting instrumental

Psychology junior Krista Rubeling practices with Keyboard Kats, a music ensemble that uses keyboards that replicate all the instru-ments in an orchestra. Keyboard Kats will play at 3 p.m. Saturday at Henderson Music in the Eastland Shopping Center. See page 3

Professors: Affirmative action still needed



"We need to move away from panel discussions and take action.'

Tamara Brown,
 Psychology profess during a panel discussion about diversity in higher education.

Education: Five UK professors discuss university policies involving the achievement gap among races

growing negativity toward affirmative action policies at universities. Some universities, such as the University of Michigan, have considered ending affirmative action programs at their schools.

By April Stevenson CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Americans must work to close the achievement gap between white and black students and support affirmative action, according to a panel of five UK professors who discussed diversity issues in higher education Monday night.

The discussion, "While We Were Sleeping: Toward Diversity in Higher Education" was sponsored by UK*s Commission on Diversity as part of the month-long celebration of black history. Sociology professor Doris Wilkinson, the first black woman to graduate from UK, said closing the achievement gap between white and black students begins with the quality of teachers. Americans must work to

The panelists discussed

he said.
Ending affirmative action at universities while racial inequities still exist sends a mixed message, he

sends a mixed message, he said.

"America is the conflated contradictory society. There is no logic to it." he said.

Along with the University of Michigan, MIT and Princeton have eliminated affirmative action programs, said English professor Volanda Pierce. Princeton and MIT eliminated programs that encourage minorities to find graduate level work, she said.

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"Both of these institutions ended these programs voluntarily, saying these type of race-based programs would not survive a challenge in this legal climate," she said.

Tamara Brown, a psychology professor on the supporters must do move than talk about the issue.

"We need to move away from panel discussions and take action," she said.

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However, each panelist agreed that affirmative action is necessary.

"They (universities) acknowledge racial issues still exist but elliniate affirmative action," said Horace Bartilow, a political science professory action, and the same action policies.

Bartilow said he has a request for President George Bush, who does not support affirmative action policies.

"I would say 'Mr. Bush, I completely agree with you that affirmative action is wrong and we ought to get rid of it. But don't just stop at Michigan ... apply the same standards in recruiting minors from high school in inner cities for the military."

New dean says libraries, people drew her to UK

By Rebecca Neal

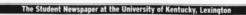
A new administrator said she fell in love with UK when she saw the William T. Young Library lit up at night. "It was absolutely fabulous," said Carol Pitts Diedrichs.

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Young is the most stunning library I've seen in a long time.

Beddrich has been named Uk's new dean of libraries, pending approval by the Board of Trustees. She is currently the assistant director for technology services and office times for Ohio State University of the Checkens of the Chec

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The Low-down



For the first time abortion providers will be required to give women information about the risks."

Mike Fichter, executive direc-tor of Indiana Right to Life, an anti-abortion group, on the Supreme Court's rejection of a case protesting the Indiana law which requires a

Volunteer award seeking applicants
Nominations are being accepted for the
2005 Darrel A. VamMeter Service Award, an
award given to undergraduates active in
volunteerism. The award is named after
VamMeter, a UK sophomore when he died in
1991. VamMeter was known for volunteering
at UK and in his hometown. Forms can be
picked up in the Student Volunteer Center.
All nominations are due March 5.

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This is an outrageous law that leaves many
women without access to abortions, or certainly places a heavy burden, an undue burden, on a woman's right to choose," said
Kate Michelman, president of the pro-abortion rights group NARAL. But Mike Fichter,
executive director of Indiana Right to Life
said, "For the first time abortion providers
in Indiana will be required to give women
information about the risks." The Supreme
5 Court did not comment in rejecting the case.
Nearly every state places some restriction
on the availability of the procedure, including requirements that women wait a day or
so after requesting an abortion and that
they receive certain medical or legal information beforehand. UK, U of L start engineering program

UK and the University of Louisville are joining together to establish the Academy for Community Transportation Innovation, an academy that combines education and research in hopes of enhancing the integration of transportation project development with he community and environment. The \$4.2 million used for this academy came from federal dollars obtained by Louisville and the Compares with a first and the compares and the control occurses a program for identifying the historic context of farms and a project to address problems with highway noise and land use UK's College of Engineering Kentucky Transportation courses, a program for identifying the historic context of farms and a project to address problems with highway noise and land use UK's College of Engineering Kentucky Transportation courses, a program for identifying the historic context of farms and a project to address problems with highway noise and land use UK's College of Engineering Kentucky Transportation courses, a program for identifying the historic context of farms and a project to address problems with highway noise and land use UK's College of Engineering Kentucky Transportation occurses, a program for identifying the historic context of farms and profest Tuesday as part of National Eating Disorders Tuesday as part of National Eating Disorders August and the program is host by UK GARES. Unexpering and Testing Centre Boroto is the UK Otis.

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CRIMEREPORT

Selected reports UK police from Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, 2003

Feb. 17: Criminal mischief reported from 1540 University Drive at 12:05 a.m., windows busted in bus shelter.

Feb. 17: Suspicious circumstances reported from 1435
Nicholasville Road at 11:40 p.m., two male subjects acting suspicious, could be maintenance workers but hesitated and acted weird when asked if they were cutting down branches.

Feb. 17: Suspicious circumstances reported from 1608
University Court at 11:55 p.m., two subjects peering into windows.

oows.
Feb. 18: Attempt to locate reported from 454 Rose St. at 2:01 a.m., two males posing as Kentucky Utilities workers.
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Feb. 18. Alcohol use reported from 300 Alumin Drive at 10:57

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Feb. 19. The street of the street of

Feb. 20: Criminal mischief reported from Farm House fraternity at 90.3 a.m., pool ball thrown into window.

Feb. 20: Theft reported from 413 Pennsylvania Ave. at 1:24 p.m., laptop. DVID. DVIO/RC combo and VRG stolen.

Feb. 21: Subject refusing to leave reported from 1100

Nicholasville Road at 6:41 a.m., subject meets same description of unwanted subject at the Medical Center this date and past.

Feb. 21: Krespassing reported from 759 Woodland Ave. at 10:25 p.m., unwanted subject came into building, when front dess employees tried to stop him he got on elevator.

Feb. 22: Disromer reported from 847 edw. 10:08 a.m., male versus female dispute.

Feb. 22: Criminal mischief reported from 750 Woodland Ave. at 10:25 a.m., four males with water balloons.

1:25 a.m., four males with water balloons.
Feb. 23: Suspicious person reported from 347 Lexington Ave. at 1:37 a.m., someone kicking in door.
Feb. 23: Harassment reported from 1113 Center Parkway at 12:29 p.m., neighboring juveniles harassing students at Saturday school.
Feb. 23: Domestic dispute reported from 401 Hilltop Ave. at 1:53 p.m., blunt trauma to the head.

Source: UK Police Log at www.uky.edu/Police and police reports.

Compiled by assistant news editor Emily Hagedorn.



Cats' late comeback dooms Irish

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postponing, she said, "it was decided that since (the increase proposal) didn't go to the (SG) Student Senate until late October, it would be better to wealt until May be the Go leaders still hope the

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"Potholes are annoying," said Sherry Skaggs, a communication and sociology senior. "The problem with dodging one is that you run the risk of driving into another."

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Others agree.
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To report a pothole

Potholes will be fixed based on the severity and can be reported to the Department of Highways by calling 246-2355.

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Robinson controversy will likely be an issue to voters come April.

"I hope students choose someone responsible." said David Hutchinson, SG presidential candidate and senator-at-large. He said he hopes more students will vote in this election but many are sick of controversy, which may hinder some from voting.
"There are enough good candidates this time around that we'll be able to have a more diverse student government in place." Hutchinson said.
"I would encourage students will be a some diverse student will be a some one they feel will represent them in SG — someone open to new ideas. I hope (the scandal) encourages more students to vote."
"I'm glad Robinson has resigned so that SG can hopefully move on," Falk said.
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When the news broke of
Robinson's guilty plea and
resignation, Rachel Watts,
an ISC sophomore and presidential candidate, said she
had no initial comment.

"I think a lot more students will get out and vote," said Watts, who is also the vice chairman of student senate. She hopes students vote more consciously and are more concerned this time around, she said.

Vice, presidential, can.

she said.
Vice-presidential candidate Brianna Shaffer, a
Spanish and political science sophomore, said the
Robinson case will discourage many students from
voting.
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She said she was too shocked.

However, she would comment on the upcoming election.

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"This is another blow to student government on campus," Shaffer said. SG needs to clean up its reputation and regain the trust of students, she said.

Tim Crowley a political science sophomore, said he will definitely vote in the upcoming SG elections.

"I feel it's a privilege everyone should use," he said.

Crowley said that he would have voted even if the scandal had not occurred.

Jami Wiedmar, an education sophomore said she probably won't vow.

However, she thinks Robinson's plight will push more students to the polls.

"He screwed up and people realize it matters," Wiedmar said.

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and her master's in 11brary science in 1981
from the University of
Texas at Austin.
Diedrich since 1987.
She became a full professor of library science last
year and said the decision
to leave Ohio was based
on career reasons and
UK's atmosphere.
"I was impressed
with the people, how people think of the libraries
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working with," she said.
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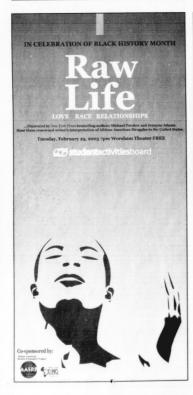
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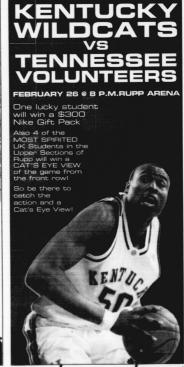
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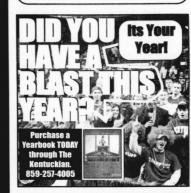


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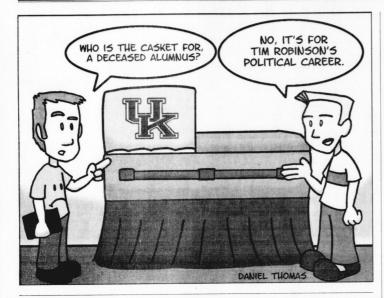
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Explanation should follow resignation

Former Student Government President Tim Robinson pleaded guilty last Friday to a misde-meanor charge of interfering with voter regis-tration and stepped down as leader of UK's stu-dent body. And it's about time he owned up to the very serious mistake that SG made in failing

the very serious mistake that SG made in failing to return almost 750 voter registration cards.

Robinson deserves some credit for finally admitting his error. However, in a letter to the members of SG, Robinson insisted on calling the error an "oversight." What happened with those voter cards was much more than a simple "oversight." He disenfranchised the student voters he was supposed to represent; it was one of the worst mistake Robinson could make as an electworst mistakes Robinson could make as an elect-

ded representative.

Robinson's reason for resignation is also questionable. In the same letter, he said his legal problems had caused him to miss a significant amount of school, and so he withdrew from UK's College of Law. "As a result of withdrawing from school," he wrote, "I will no longer be able to serve as SG president, and I will have to step down from that position immediately, as

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well as my position on the Board of Trustees."
Robinson was right to step down, but he did
it for the wrong reasons. He should have resigned because of the egregious error that happened under his administration, because he had
tarnished the institution of SG and because he
could no longer legitimately represent the studown raise. Beginning hereuse of a technical concould no longer legitimately represent the sur-dent voice. Resigning because of a technicality — because he was no longer a full-time student — was a somewhat cowardly way to leave. But now that Robinson is gone, SG is still not off the hook. The student body has yet to get an

acceptable explanation of why the cards were never returned in the first place. Someone in SG needs to explain exactly how this happened, and just saving it was an accident is not a satisf

actory answer.

This is especially true, given Kernel reports that some students say SG representatives told them during the registration drive they weren't

planning on turning in the cards anyway. SG needs to take steps to re-establish itself as a legitimate student voice. Robinson's resigna-tion is a start, but an explanation should follow.

The right dose of procrastination can lead to productivity



Perpetual procrastination preempts my personal progress. See, just there, I spent five unnecessary minutes making up almost pointiess alliteration to start my column. I mean, how does one be "productive" when time restraints are the only thing powerful enough to motivate any kind of meaningful work?

I toten find myself working to make sure that seven things, which are due tomorrow, get finished. The magnitude of the project, the size of the exam, these things mean nothing to me until about 11 pm. It's not that I forget. It's actually just the opposite. I remember most everything I have to do. I tell myself that I'm going to study at this time, read at that time or do homework when I get home — but it rarely happens.

Homework gets put off until the last minute, reading becomes a near impossibility and suddenly doing laundry and matching my socks becomes more important than the test tomorrow.

After 30 minutes of reading something, I drift off daydreaming and find myself winding out a new 911 turn on the Autobath, only to come to 30 minutes later and realize I'm staring at a crack in my bedroom wall. Even spinning in circles in my computer chair until my semisike a better alternative to getting something done early. It's as if I don't want to sleep on nights before deed.

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I know sometimes my procrastination gets me into
uble, and I truly believe that had I been born 10 years
r. I would probably have been put on Ritalin to stave
my short attention span and tendency to put things

off.

You see, part of me sees this as a problem and part of me sees it as a release. I know people who spend every free hour studying or doing homework, and they are always stressed, rarely have fun and are never able to go out and do things.

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Don't get me vone, I may procrassinate to the very end, but when the pressure is on I become a productivity fiend. If it is not as the pressure is on I become a productivity fiend, If it is not as the line of the thing is not as the fine art. It's just that when I get home from a long day of classes the last thing I want to do is pick up a book. I find that wasting time, as some would call it, is an essential part of college life. If not for the down time I find in simple stupid things the pressures of school, grades, society dodging falling ice chunks and trying to predict the weather would drive me to clinical insanity.

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Each cross knows how they function and the things that make them function best.

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U.S. needs a review of black history

[Thank you Shayla Lawson and Jason Thompson for your help in writing this column.]

Relax everybody Our children will one day celebrate Multicultural Appreciation Month and we will all feel proud.
A Kernel editorial on Feb. 13 reported on the prevalent contempt of Black History Month among students on campus.

campus.
"Why don't we have a white history month?" it reads, apparently describing an attitude felt by a number of students. I would like to supplement that editorial's defense of this history month with my own

defense of this history month with my own thoughts.

First, I hope readers will remember I am only Rickey, not the representative of my race. In fact, I grew up in the suburbs and most of my friends are white.

Perhaps the fact that I feel compelled to begin this defense of Black History Month with a disclaimer best summarizes the importance of this month.

Why do I feel the need to remind readers of my individuality?

It's simple. Most students on our campus rarely hear, read or otherwise encounter the ideas of non-white Americans on a regular

basis. I am therefore afraid that some readers will wrongly assume all African-Americans think like me. A few conversations about the taboo topic of race should cause a discarding of that assumption.

I am grateful for Black History Month because it provides the intellectual space to discuss racial issues muted in public dialogue. The month challenges all of us to honestly address the influence of race on our individuals. I have been always believe they exist as "individuals" outside of group identities. If this is true, then you should feel equally comfortable in a group regardless of whether they are predominately white or non-white. Your speech should remain the same along with your confidence and assertiveness. I doubt anyone fits that criteria. Please e-mail me if you do, and perhaps I will return to this idea in a later column.

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pernaps I will return to this loca in a later column.

In truth, we all have an ascribed membership to social groups that we call "races." We can thank some devilishly ingenious scientists in the days of colonization self-serving researchers used pseudo-science to legitimize the debumanizing treatment of peoples whose skin cells had higher amounts of melanin, which we now know is the substance that gives pigment to skin.

Rather than review this quackery, I invite

readers to celebrate Black History Month and do their own research. Here's what you will discover: the science was crap.

The upshot of this legacy is that skin color today affects individuals' treatment, self-image and worldviews (including perceptions of other races) to degrees that vary with the darkness of one's skin.

We cannot overcome this divisive social hierarchy until we are honest about our history.

Italia in the ware foliates about our inlies in Islas invite you to e-mail me if you have a diverse group of friends because I am curious about your experiences.

I think you represent the future of America. Black History Month provides a great opportunity to discuss how we want race relations to improve in this new millennium.

race relations to improve in this new millennium.

We cannot continue pretending tha endorsing "diversity" in name wil sufficiently help all Americans feel include when there is so much ignorance, prejudice and fear.

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peoples experience "America".

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My mind instead absorbed the battery of scowling black men shown in news mug shots. The images ingrained in me a sense of alienation because America apparently saw people like me as a problem.

Ask around and you will discover that other non-whites have had similar experiences because of media images, or the lack thereof, and popular stereotypes.

Many black women spend \$60 per month to straighten their hair as if their natural hair is unacceptable.

to straighten their hair as it their natural hair is unacceptable. We need Black History Month to continue promoting the positive presentation of African-Americans in hopes that all of our children will learn to love their natural features. I see every individual as primarily a product of his or her developmental environment.

a product of his or her developmental environment.

I long for the day when no one thinks about race, especially as I consider the motives of those who invented this social classification. Yet a simple scan of the cafeteria, or a drive around this city, or a flick of the television channels reminds me that our environment makes skin color a strong contributor to our identities.

Only a review of our past will provide the road map to removing race from our social reality.

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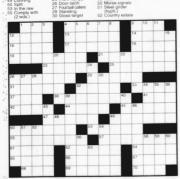
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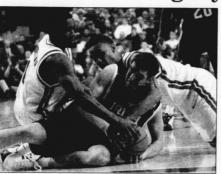
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History test

The last time I sat on press row for a UK men's basketball game and went to the postgame press conference. I heard something from Auburn coach Cliff Ellis that stuck out in my mind.

"Their games might be ugly" Ellis said. "But at least they're good at it." Now, Ias forward one month, eight wins, and month, eight wins, and the said of the s

me.
Take for example Billy Donovan. The I-wish-I-was-Rick-Pitino coach for the Gators would probably agree with me, after his team came into Rupp with a newly minted No. 1

ranking and got manhandled.

I bet even his idol would concede that the Cats are the best team in the land, especially when his own team has lost three-of-four to the middle teams in the powerful (haha!) Conference USA.

In celebrating its 100th year as a program, UK rolled out the blue carpet and introduced 105 former Wildcat greats at the game Sunday, which I was fortunate enough to witness.

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The ceremony made me think.

As the likes of Joe B. Hall and "Wah Wah" Jones walked onto the court about two feet away from me, I realized one thing. This LK basketball team represents what all those old players once represented. The pride is back, the tradition is back, and to the delight of the Wildcat faithful, the winning is back. Give credit to Tubby the deserves it), to Keith (he does, too), and even to Mr. Keight, the Cats' legendary equipment manager, for the new addition of the valor warmup suits (isn't int but in those things, boys?)

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