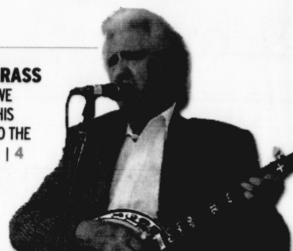


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Have ghost? Will travel

International ghost chaser, Patti Starr travels the area in search for spirits and other paranormal activity.

## Ghost hunter teaches, explores spirit world

By Moira Bagley  
STAFF WRITER

Within five minutes of entering the 113 year-old bed and breakfast, Patti Starr was in midst of a bona fide ghost hunt.

The George Clarke House, on Woodland Avenue is supposedly filled with ghosts and spirits and for Starr was the perfect place for a paranormal investigation.

Starr and her husband Chuck, sporting embroidered fishing vests reading "Ghost Chaser" unloaded their gear from their car.

She set up a wide array of equipment, including digital and film cameras, audio recording devices and a video recorder, all aiding her hunt for ghosts.

Upon entering the parlor, Starr announced the presence of a spirit and proceeded to speak to it.

"We are not here to harm you, we just want to prove to people that you exist," she said to the invisible presence.

Electromagnetic field (EMF) meters are the best way to detect the presence of a ghost, Starr said. They detect the electromagnetic currents that are emitted by spirits. Starr also said that these are undetectable by any other means.

For Starr, who has been practicing professional ghost

hunting since her certification in 1999, interest in ghosts and paranormal activity began in early childhood.

"My first encounter was when I was three or four years old," she said, "and I've been interested in the spirit world ever since."

Ghost Chasers International, Inc., which Starr began six years ago, is based in Lexington. She leads a team of certified ghost hunters on

various excursions throughout the country.

"Our main goal is to prove to people that life exists after death," Starr said. Starr offers two adult education courses at Lexington Community College: Introduction to Ghost Hunting and Advanced Ghost Hunting.

In the introductory course, her students learn about the various equipment and techniques involved in ghost hunting.

The advanced course gives the students a chance

to go on a ghost hunt with Starr and earn their ghost hunting certification.

For the benefits of the Kernel, Starr was lenient on the prerequisites and allowed an inside look at one of her ghost hunting excursions. At the George Clarke House, Starr explained the ins and outs of her collection of ghost hunting tools. Aside from the EMF meters, one important tool she used was



the dowsing rod.

Dowsing rods look like two metal coat hangers stretched out and bent into the shape of a tall letter "L." Farmers seeking water for their fields have used dowsing rods for ages, as have miners.

According to Starr, the act of dowsing relies on one's ability to seek answers and interpret them correctly.

Before Starr could use her dowsing rods in the house, she insisted on a circle of prayer. The intention of the prayer was to ward off

any malevolent spirits that might harm the observers and to further open everyone's minds to fully appreciate the dowsing that would be taking place, Starr said.

After the prayer, Starr pulled out her dowsing rods and began asking yes and no questions to the spirits in the house. As she quizzed the spirits, the rods vibrated as if they were being yanked on the other end ... guiding Starr toward the master bedroom.

Starr continued her questioning, each time immediately receiving an answer from the spirit in the form of motion from her dowsing rod, an up and down movement of the rod meaning "yes" and a side to side movement of the rod for "no."

Kathryn Bux, proprietress of the George Clarke House, suggested queries pertaining to activities and previous occurrences in the house, of which she had no prior knowledge. Starr relayed them herself.

During the dowsing, Starr became very dizzy and attributed her light-headedness to being overcome by a spirit. She said it is not an infrequent occurrence for her to be overwhelmed with certain scents. Starr doesn't consider herself psychic, but refers to her ghost hunting

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FRESH FACES

## New police chief seeks accreditation

Recognition: National commission approval, student and public interaction sought

By Brittany Griffin  
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The University of Kentucky Police Department will get a new Chief of Police on July 1. Fred H. Otto III will replace Chief Rebecca Langston, who is now the Public Safety Commissioner for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

"I'm a native Kentuckian and have always been a really avid UK supporter," Otto said. "It's home I guess is the best way to put it."

Otto plans to get to know people working in the department and to open dialogue with people in the community. He wants to talk to officers, members of Student Government and members of the community to find any problems.

Otto will leave his job as Chief of Police at the University of Missouri, where he worked to get the police department nationally accredited. Accreditation depends on meeting sets of standards, which are set down by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., or CALEA.

Otto says one of his main tasks will be bringing UKPD up to these standards. He says he plans to evaluate UKPD programs, work with staff on equip-



Otto

See CHIEF on 6

## Graduate School names Blackwell fourth Dean

By Derek Poore  
SUMMER EDITOR

German department professor Jeannine Blackwell has been named the new Dean of the UK Graduate School, Provost Michael T. Nietzel announced last week.

Blackwell will start July 1 pending approval by the Board of Trustees. She has been the Senior Associate Dean for the Graduate School since January 2002.

She is The Graduate School's fourth dean, replacing Douglass Kalika, who has been acting dean since 2001 and will be returning to a faculty position in the College of Engineering.

Blackwell has been at UK since 1985 and has served as acting director of Women's Studies and associate dean at the College of Arts and Sciences.



Blackwell

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## Siemer to replace Blanton as UK vice president of finance

By Valery Powell  
STAFF WRITER

Richard P. Siemer has left his post as vice president of finance at Ohio University to take a similar job at the University of Kentucky. Pending a Board of Trustees approval, Siemer will be named executive vice president for finance and take office by August 1. Siemer will replace the retiring Jack Blanton.

President Lee Todd had extensive accolades for Siemer, emphasizing the tough job that comes with the position.

"In this important position, Dick Siemer's even-tempered leadership style and his extensive organizational and management skills are precisely the qualities necessary to help take UK to the next level of achievement," Todd said in a press release. "This job requires



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# Bluegrass festival is in session

**Banjoes anyone?** Bluegrass legend J.D. Crowe leads a list of bluegrass musicians that will play the Festival of the Bluegrass

By Crystal Little  
STAFF WRITER

Grab your best blue jeans and polish those cowboy boots.

Forget about the countless country wannabe bands that serve as a poor imitation of genuine bluegrass legends and their music.

The time has come for Kentuckians to get back to their country roots with hundreds of other fans at the Festival of the Bluegrass.

The 30th annual Festival of the Bluegrass kicks off on Thursday afternoon at the Kentucky Horse Park and runs through Sunday.

Featured acts include the Lonesome River Band, III<sup>rd</sup> Tyme Out, J.D. Crowe, Mountain Heart, Billie Renee and Cumberland Gap, the Lewis Family, Valerie Smith and Liberty Pike, Ernie Thacker and many more.

The Festival of the Bluegrass is a wonderful opportunity to get reacquainted with friends and to educate others about the magic of bluegrass music, according to Festival Coordinator Jean Cornett.

"It's nice to see the same faces come back year after year," Cornett said.

The Cornett family has been involved with the Festival of the Blue-

grass since it began in 1974, when the first festival stage was a farm wagon with a tarp for shelter. The first festival was held at Walnut Hall Farm, which is now the Kentucky Horse Park.

Cornett's many contributions to preparing for the festival range from exhausting to the expected.

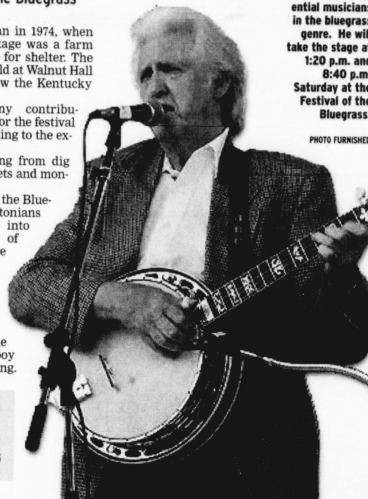
"I do everything from dig ditches to take tickets and money," Cornett said.

The Festival of the Bluegrass offers Lexingtonians the chance to dip into the rich history of Kentucky's native music.

Even the most devout heavy metal fan may find something surprisingly enjoyable at the festival, blue jeans and cowboy boots notwithstanding.

Festival of the Bluegrass

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J.D. Crowe is one of the most influential musicians in the bluegrass genre. He will take the stage at 1:20 p.m. and 8:40 p.m. Saturday at the Festival of the Bluegrass.

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## IN YOUR EAR

# Music reviews

**Blur**  
*Think Tank*

By Jeff Patterson  
SCENE EDITOR

Apparently for Blur, addition by subtraction works. The loss of founding member and guitarist Graham Coxon during the recording of *Think Tank* left many wondering if the band could carry on. Well, *Think Tank* emphatically answers that question.

Damon Albarn, the singer for the Brit-pop group, sings, "I ain't got nothing to be scared of," in the opening track, "Ambulance." While many were afraid that the loss of Cox-

on would end the band, Albarn was not.

Coxon only played on one track, the somber "Battery in Your Leg."

Bassist Alex James steps up and makes the bass guitar the instrument of choice. Many tracks feature bass, including "Jels."

In typical Blur fashion, *Think Tank* encompasses a broad range on the musical spectrum. They jump from the punk song "We've Got a File on You" to the gorgeous "Out of Time."

Perhaps the most impressive feat of *Think Tank* is that Blur takes its listeners on its creative voyage with an uninterrupted flow.

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## No pressure for Holmes in teeing off in U.S. Open

By Jeff Patterson  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

John Holmes may have discovered the perfect summer getaway: the U.S. Open. But the UK golfer is hoping that this will be the first of many trips to the prestigious tournament.

Holmes tees off at 8 a.m. today at the Olympia Fields Country Club in Chicago, where he will be playing against the likes of Tiger Woods and David Duval.

Holmes will pair with Chad Campbell and Brad Elder today and at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Playing against the world's elite doesn't scare Holmes, who will be playing in his first PGA Tour event.

"There's no pressure," Holmes said. "I'm not even supposed to be there. I'm just going up there and have a good time. If I make the cut, great. If not, hey, I still made the U.S. Open."

Holmes earned the honor of playing in the U.S. Open last week in a 36-hole qualifying event in Columbus, Ohio. The Campbellville native made the cut by scoring an eight-under par 138.

"Once I figured out there were 20 spots to be had, I felt like I had a good chance," Holmes said. "I was hitting



DEREK POORE | KERNEL STAFF

UK golfer John Holmes talks with the media last week at the University Club on Leestown Road. He will tee off in the U.S. Open at 8 a.m. EDT today at Olympia Fields Country Club North Course near Chicago.

the ball pretty good and felt real confident going into it."

PGA players Bob Tway and Jesper Parnevick were just a few of the pros Holmes either beat or tied in qualifying.

"It was something I always felt I could do but never had the chance," Holmes said. "It made me feel good and just gave me more confidence."

UK coach Brian Craig hopes that Holmes isn't overwhelmed by all the tourna-

ment hoopla.

"The good thing about the Open is you get to go up there and play two or three practice rounds and get your feet wet," Craig said. "Hopefully when he gets up to the first tee (today), it won't be so new to him and he won't be so overwhelmed."

"He just has to focus on what he does. It's still golf, it's still 18 holes, and it's still the lowest score that wins."

Craig sees this as the next step for Holmes.

"I think this is a natural progression for a guy that has John's ability," said Craig. "He's got the game to play the (PGA) tour and to play it well. Hopefully he'll take it from here and keep getting better and better and we'll see him for many years to come on the tour."

If Holmes does well in Chicago, maybe he'll be able to make the U.S. Open his regular summer getaway.

## Sportsbytes

### Heath Castle drafted by the New York Yankees

UK junior pitcher Heath Castle was drafted by the New York Yankees in 16th round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft on June 3. Castle was the 484th overall pick. He is the 64th Wildcat player to be selected since 1979.

Castle went 6-5 and posted a 3.54 ERA in 86 1/3 innings on the 2003 season.

The senior-to-be can pass on signing with the Yankees and return for one final season at UK.

### UK names Muhammad GymKats head coach

Hajile "Mo" Muhammad has been named the GymKats head coach. Muhammad spent the past six years as former UK head coach Leah Little's top assistant.

Muhammad was named Assistant Coach of the Year at the NCAA Regional Championship in 1999 and in 2002. Muhammad replaces Little, who announced her retirement last month after guiding the GymKats since 1974.

### Abney, Hall named Pre-season All-America

Antonio Hall was named to the Outland Trophy Watch List as being one of the nation's top interior linemen. Hall has also been chosen first-team All-America by Athlon Publications.

Hall was the staple of last season's offensive line that helped Kentucky score 32.1 points per game. Hall had 74 knockdown blocks in 2002, with a season-high 14 against Louisiana State. After the 2002 season, Hall was named honorable mention All-America by CNN.com, first-team All-SEC by the league coaches and second-team All-SEC by The Associated Press. He has started

every game since his freshman season in 2000.

Derek Abney was also chosen preseason first-team All-America by Athlon Publications.

Abney provided many sparks for the 7-5 Cats last season. He had six kick returns for touchdowns in 2002 and broke or tied five NCAA records, nine Southeastern Conference records and 10 school records for kick returns. He averaged 15.1 yards on punt returns. He averaged 26.8 yards on kickoff returns with two touchdowns.

Abney also caught 40 passes for 569 yards and four touchdowns in 2002. He ranks third in UK history in pass receptions and pass receiving yardage.

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IN OUR OPINION

## Council should drop water company issue

Once again, the fight for government takeover of the city's water supply has come into the limelight. While it is admirable for the government to be considering what might be best for its citizens, the takeover of the water company is a waste of the government's time and the taxpayers' money.

During the past month, the debate has again begun to blaze over Lexington's possible condemnation of Kentucky-American water. Several members of the Urban-County council, lead by Mayor Teresa Isaac, hope to condemn the company in hopes to take it over.

Both citizens and council members have been torn over the issue. A group known as Bluegrass FLOW (For Local Ownership of Water) backs condemnation while Kentucky-American continues to fight it.

Currently, the city has spent over \$300,000 just to research the possibility of the takeover. Countless hours of the council's time have been wasted researching, discussing and arguing over something that seems to have no real impact on the public good.

The argument has been made that since Kentucky-American is owned by German conglomer-

ate RWE AG, public ownership of water would be better for the citizens. But ask yourself: Who would you rather have running your utilities? A successful and experienced company, specializing in providing public water, or the government, notorious for overspending. With water privately owned, rates are regulated to keep them reasonable. No such regulations apply to government ownership. In addition, Environmental Protection Agency regulation of drinking water is so tight, water quality would unlikely change at all.

Kentucky-American has consistently shown that it cares about the needs of the citizens. Most recently, the company offered to transfer the title to Jacobson Park to the city and establish a \$500,000 endowment for both Jacobson and the city's other parks. They have also offered to form a council of local consumers to meet with company officials several times a year.

The Urban-County council should accept the offers of Kentucky-American and realize that the company really is willing to compromise to better the public good. They should stop wasting time and ever-scarce money and should focus their attention on more important and timely matters.

By Mike Kruff

CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

## Relaxed media rules pose danger

In his last speech before leaving office, President Dwight Eisenhower warned the public of the "military-industrial complex." Should Eisenhower be alive today, he would caution us about the dangers of the military-industrial-media complex.

Monday, in a move former Federal Communications Commission chairman Reed Hundt called a "right-wing power grab," the Republican majority of the FCC voted 3-2 to roll back media control limits.

Under the six new rules, any single media company may buy the chief newspaper, local cable-television system, up to three local TV stations and eight radio stations in a single market.

Imagine it - San Antonio-based conservative media giant Clear Channel Communications, which already owns 1,200 media outlets, including some of Houston's top AM and FM stations, would be allowed to buy the Houston Chronicle or any other station whose price tag did not reach deeper than the almost infinitely deep pockets of today's media powerhouses.

Independent voices and fledgling media companies will struggle to survive in this new environment as they are swallowed up by the few conglomerates. These new regulations are another perfect example of the right wing's practice of rewarding the wealthy and squelching the upstart and the disadvantaged.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell (Colin Powell's son) defended his position by implying the changes would have been made by the courts - without the FCC's help. No kidding. These courts act on behalf of the same companies. Last month the Center for Public Integrity blew open the door on the relationship between the FCC's Republican majority, key staffers and the industries they police. FCC Commissioners took more than 2,500 junkets running a cost of \$2.8 million paid for by the interests they supposedly police.

The center also revealed that over the past eight months, the world's media elite met behind closed doors with FCC officials 71 times to discuss the media rule changes. Mel Karmazin of Viacom (MTV, CBS, Paramount) and his staffers met 45 times with the FCC. Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. (Fox News, 20th Century Fox, New York Post) lobbyists met with officials 25 times.

Last time I checked, the airwaves were public property owned by the public and created to serve it.

Consolidation in the media serves as nothing but a proponent of ignorance and conformity - and their subsequent consequences - fear and violence.

Mike Kruff writes for The Daily Cougar at the University of Houston. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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## An open letter to President Lee Todd, Jr.

Dear Dr. Todd,

I understand that our school, and moreover our state, is in a budget crisis and I try to be understanding. I acquiesce as tuition rises, as do the hidden fees.

I watch my department, political science, starve for funds and adequate staff as the student enrollment increases steadily.

I watch the library, where I enjoyed many late-night cram sessions after work, cut its hours and the availability of its services. Last month, however, I witnessed something that is making me a whole lot less understanding. We may not have the funds to keep our library open all night, or hire adequate faculty, or improve life for our students, but when it comes to splurging on the truly unimportant, our school must be top-20 material.

The scene is Young Library, approximately four in the afternoon. Like about a hundred other patrons, I was reading, studying, and enjoying the fruits of my tuition. On the second floor, the most trafficked and utilized portion of the facility, a huge meal was being set up for some research association.

I'm not sure who the researchers are, but they must have been hungry; because the caterers set up at least fifty



Andrew Grossman  
KERNEL COLUMNIST

place-settings, with no less than five forks apiece. Five forks! You know the meal is going to be extravagant when...

Adding insult to injury were the caterers and the guests, who apparently missed the sign "library" over the front of the building, and came in talking and carrying on as though they were in the more appropriate confines of, say, Boone Forest. It became difficult to study, or to think, for that matter, so I considered writing my Kernel column.

I decided to write to you, complaining about this blatant waste of money at a time when we're pleading poverty. I've always known and half-suspected that our administration wastes copious amounts of money on such "events," but, to hold one on the main floor of the library is, in a word, disgusting.

My column was about half-completed, and let me tell you it was one for the books, when a security guard approached me and, with the courteous mien well-attributed to UK's security personnel, told me to "get out, right now." It seems that the library was closing at 4:30 for this gala, shutting out the students and other library denizens well before their time.

She wouldn't even let me save my column! As I exited the building with a few choice, under-my-breath words for the security guard, I noticed a wet bar had been set up by the circulation desk, complete with Jim Beam, Makers Mark, and other harbingers of knowledge. All this time, I thought we had a dry campus; perhaps next

week I'll bring my flask as a study guide.

I'm glad to see our university has its priorities straight; sock it to the students, cut their services, balloon their class-sizes, increase their tuition, and wine-and-dine research associations. The fact of the gala at a time of budget crisis is perturbing; to use it as an excuse to kick students out of their library is insulting.

On the way home I ran into State Representative Kathy Stein, who aside from being the best legislator Kentucky's ever known is also responsible in part for our school's funding, and she urged me to re-write the letter, to make the student body aware of how our university is spending its ever-smaller piece of the state pie.

Your administration has been good, generally speaking, about trimming extraneous costs. It is my hope that you will ensure that no student is ever asked to leave a library for an administrative function, particularly when our tuition money is funding the extravagance.

Because of our lack of money, UK's been cutting enough corners to build a round room. I wonder how many of the monetary pressures would be eased if you take a hard line against wasteful spending, gala luncheon-conferences, and other needless expenses.

Failing that, could you at least tell me what the fourth and fifth forks are used for?

Andrew Grossman is a political science and history senior. His views do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Kernel.

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Starr will be hosting a ghost hunt weekend beginning Friday, June 13, at the George Clarke House Bed and Breakfast at 136 Woodland Ave. The house was built in 1890 by its namesake, and is said to be haunted by many spirits, including Clark's wife Julia, whose death was surrounded by mysterious circumstances. For more information on the weekend ghost hunt, call Kathryn Bux at 254-2500

## GHOST

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gift as a special ability of its own.

"Everyone has the possibility to access their own 'special ability,'" Starr said. After the dowsing, Starr presented a showcase of previous ghost hunts.

She explained photographs containing orbs and vortexes, pointing out the paranormal activity occurring in each snapshot.

Orbs, which Starr said are a representation of the spirit of an individual who has died and those orbs are the life force of that spirit. Vortexes are small tornado-shaped images that show up in photographs believed to be a means of spirit transportation.

The occurrence of these phenomena is quite common in still photography, Starr said, but detecting them is sometimes difficult. She shot down the theory that the imperfections in pictures were due to lens flares or other

quirks with the equipment. Starr said that since ghosts and spirits emit electromagnetic currents their presence can be more easily detected when captured in an electromagnetic medium, such as video and audio tape, and film.

Starr explained that Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) are relatively common occurrences on ghost hunts. She explained how, just like apparitions are visible in photographs, EVPs are silent to the human ear, but can be picked up on audio tape due to the magnetic charge.

Starr's goal is to inform skeptics who may not understand the spirit world. As the excursion came to a close, discussion on skepticism rose in the parlor when Starr's husband insisted that at one time, he had felt skeptical too.

"After witnessing one occurrence of otherwise inexplicable phenomena," Chuck Starr said, "I was sold on the fact that there must be something out there."

## CHIEF

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ment, education, training, and open dialogue with command staff and members of the community in order to reach this goal.

"There are other problems on his agenda, as well. Terrorism is an issue I probably need to take a look at right now," Otto added.

Ben Carr, vice president of Campus Services, along with Ken Clevidence, associate vice president for Campus Services, chose Otto after 91 people applied for the position and seven were interviewed.

"I talked to several people at the University of Missouri and they all talked about what a wonderful job he'd done," Carr said. "He's had all the experience he'll need to serve as our chief."

Carr also hopes that Otto will help UKPD get accredited, as he did for the University of Missouri's police department. There are very few universities who have accredited police departments, he said.

Before he takes over in a few weeks, Otto wants students and staff to know that he wants to make campus safe.

"I want to continue many of the things that Chief Langston did," said Otto. "I want to work with (students) and officers and everyone else involved to make UK a better place."

## DEAN

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Student financial support is a key goal for Blackwell and she hopes to improve technology-instruction campuswide.

"One important thing I want to do is look at student funding and how we look at fellowships and various assistantships," she said. "I want to work with the new teaching technology center on various aspects of teaching enhancements for the whole univer-

## FINANCE

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someone who can make reasoned and rapid decisions within an amazing range of responsibilities, and everyone who has met Dick Siemer believes he is up to the challenge."

Siemer could not comment on the budget until the board meets in July but he understands the budget cuts and the challenges the finance department - as well as the entire state - is facing this year. Siemer said he believes it's a good

sity." Assisting the multiple graduate programs is also a top priority for Blackwell.

"I want to assist the graduate programs however I can in a variety of ways," Blackwell said. "There are many unique programs (in the school). Her scholarship in German literature is well regarded among her peers, Nietzel said.

"Jeannine has enjoyed success in many academic endeavors," he said in a recent e-mail to university faculty and staff.

"She is well known and

highly respected on campus," Nietzel added, "and I am extremely pleased that she will be taking on this important position of leadership."

After graduating with a master's in German from Duke University, Blackwell went on to Indiana University where she attained her doctorate. She received Fulbright scholarship at the University of Hamburg, Germany, and studied and taught at the Free University in Berlin. Blackwell has also lectured at Dutch universities in the Netherlands.

opportunity for the university.

"Great universities take times like this to look forward and focus on their mission," he said. "They have an opportunity to sort themselves out and move forward."

Siemer is looking forward to working at UK. "UK is a great school, the campus is beautiful and there are exciting things in town," Siemer said.

He also said he was honored to be coming to UK and looks forward to meeting the rest of the university community.

Siemer has 18 years of experience with three dif-

ferent universities. At OU, Siemer is in charge of the financing and management communications of a \$500 million research university with 28,000 students and 4,000 employees.

Siemer will replace Jack Blanton who worked as acting senior vice president for finance and administration since Todd was inaugurated as president in July 2001.

Blanton will take on post-retirement tasks for UK, including teaching a course in educational administration in the fall.

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