

# CofO Parent Newsletter

**February 2012**



The Keeter Center will hold a special Valentine's Day dinner with a candlelight and rose petal setting from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided. Reservations can be made by calling 417-690-2146 or by going online to <http://www.keetercenter.edu/Page/Events/Special-Events.550.html>.

## **Upcoming February Events**

- 1<sup>st</sup>**- 2nd Room and Board Payment Due
- 15<sup>th</sup>**- Change of Status Deadline
- 16<sup>th</sup>**- Blood Drive, Rubber Courts in Keeter Gymnasium
- 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Career Day, Youngman Ag Dome

## **Career Day!**

This semester's Career Day will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. This is a good opportunity for your student to network with potential future employers for jobs and internships, or to visit with graduate schools. The fair will take place in Youngman Agricultural Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please remind your student to check his or her e-mail on a daily basis. Many professors send assignments via e-mail, and students receive many important e-mails from administration and other departments.

College of the Ozarks' spring musical will be Little Women.

It will be presented in Jones Auditorium March 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> the musical will start at 7:30 p.m. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, it will start at 2:30 p.m. The cost will be as follows:

Adults (reserve seating)~\$15  
Senior Citizen~\$13  
Non CofO Student~\$13  
Child~\$11  
Gen. Admission~\$8

~The Music Department will present their department recital on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Gittinger Music Building, Newman Recital Hall.

~The Jazz Band will be entertaining guests at the Keeter Center during dinner hours on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

College of the Ozarks will once again be hosting a blood drive this semester. Community Blood Center of the Ozarks will on campus on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. They welcome returning donors and are always looking for new volunteers!

## **February Convocations:**

**6<sup>th</sup>~ Dr. Laura Barwegen**  
Christian  
Jones Auditorium at 7:00pm

**17<sup>th</sup>~ Men's Basketball vs. Bellevue University**  
Cultural  
Keeter Gymnasium at 7:30pm



# Come Out And Support Your Bobcats!!!



## February Women's Basketball

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 5:30 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> - vs. Southwestern Christian University, 3:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - at Haskell Indian Nations University, 5:30 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - at Central Christian College, 3:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - vs. Central Baptist College, 5:30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - vs. College of St. Mary, 5:30 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - vs. York College, 3:00 pm

## February Men's Basketball

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - vs. Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 7:30 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> - vs. Southwestern Christian University, 5:00 pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - at Haskell Indian Nations University, 7:30 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - at Central Christian College, 5:00 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> - vs. Central Baptist College, 7:30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> - vs. Bellevue University, 7:30 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - vs. York College, 5:00 pm



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FOR MORE SPORTS INFORMATION!!!

## February Men's Baseball

- 10<sup>th</sup> - vs. Clarke University, 1:00 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> - vs. Clarke University, 12:00 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> - vs. Harris-Stowe, 12:00 pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> - vs. Harris-Stowe, 2:00 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> - vs. Evangel University, 12:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> - vs. Mount Mercy, 1:00 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> - vs. Mount Mercy, 2:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> - at Williams Baptist, 1:00 pm



## 2011 NAIA Tournament!!!

Make sure to come and join in the fun as the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament kicks off. The Division II Championship is a 32 team, single-elimination tournament featuring the champions of the Division II conferences, regional tournaments and at-large berths. The games begin on March 7<sup>th</sup> and the fun does not stop until March 13<sup>th</sup>. Good games, food, the chance to cheer on your favorite basketball team, and exciting half-time entertainment will guarantee you have a good time!

# ***FAFSA Time!!!***

It is time to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2012-2013 academic year. As you are aware, College of the Ozarks requires all students to complete the FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA each year, with the exception of May 2012 graduates, International students, and faculty/staff dependents. This year the deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

~**February 1<sup>st</sup>– 20<sup>th</sup>**~Students and parents should complete Federal Income taxes. This allows you 10 days later, if taxes are filed electronically, to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool within the FAFSA to pull your tax information.

~**March 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>**~ Submit FAFSA 10 days later between using the IRS Data Retrieval tool as well as signing the FAFSA with parent and student PINs.

The FAFSA requires 2011 tax information. If you or your parents have not yet filed your 2011 taxes, you should use tax estimates to complete the FAFSA. Once you have filed your 2011 taxes, you will then be able to correct and update your FAFSA 10 days later if filing electronically using the IRS Data Retrieval tool.

Starting with the 2012-2013 award year, students and parents who opt not to use the IRS Data Retrieval process and who subsequently are selected by the Department of Education for verification, will be required to obtain the tax information — tax transcripts — directly from the IRS. This could lead to long delays in processing. Because we will not know ahead of time who will and who will not be selected for verification, we strongly recommend that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Process when you complete your FAFSA or when correcting the FAFSA. The retrieval process is available 2-3 weeks after you have electronically filed your federal taxes.

Any portion of grants and scholarships (academic, athletic, Bonner, ROTC, etc.) which pays for room and board is taxable. In addition, for students who worked on campus during the summer to pay for the coming year's room and board, the value of that room and board (\$5,600 for 2011, plus \$2,100 for room and board during the 12-week summer term = \$7,700 total for room and board during the 12-week Summer term) is taxable because such work is considered an educational scholarship, and should be included as a taxable scholarship on the student's tax form. Education loans are considered to be neither a grant nor a scholarship, and are not taxable. If you are unsure if you need to file taxes please check with a tax professional or [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

If you file taxable scholarships on your federal tax return you will also need to put it under question 43 d. of the FAFSA Additional Financial Information – Taxable student grant and scholarship aid reported to the IRS in your Adjusted Gross Income.

**\*Note: The FAFSA on the Web application must be submitted by our deadline of March 5, 2012. Failure to complete the FAFSA and submit additional documentation when asked will cancel registration for the next term at College of the Ozarks and could delay your application for scholarships such as the Summer Work Program, C of O Book, L.W. Hyer Book and other C of O Scholarships.**

