Greetings to all! I hope things are going well for you as the semester winds down! This will be my last advisee newsletter for the school year, so here are some final odds and ends:

1. Early Fall Registration has ended!!!!
   Even though Early Fall Registration is over, you may still register or add/drop classes through Campus Connection over the summer. If you have not yet registered for any classes, do so immediately!!!! Once the freshmen start registering in June, classes will fill up!
   If a particular class you want is now closed, there two options: 1) if the class has an electronic waitlist, add yourself to it and hope for the best, or 2) if the class does not have an electronic waitlist, then check with the instructor of the course to see if they are willing to give you an override. I cannot get you into closed classes!! Keep in mind most class size limitations are based on the physical properties of the room (seats, equipment, etc.) and the likelihood of getting signed into a closed class will be “iffy” at best!

2. Biology majors should plan on taking Biol 480 Senior Seminar Capstone in the fall.....
   Dr. Goodwin asked me to pass on that only 1 section of Biol 480 will be offered Spring 2016, and none during the Summer 2016. This means if you are a Bio major planning to graduate in May 2016, you should plan on taking Biol 480 this fall. The only way to be sure there will be room for you in the spring course is if all the sections this fall are filled. Remember, no Biol 480 = no graduation!!!

3. Biology is offering new fall course: Endocrinology (Biol 390)
   Biology will offer Biol 390: Endocrinology beginning this fall. The course description is as follows:
   This course focuses on the endocrine system of vertebrates. Students will learn how endocrine glands synthesize and secrete hormones and how hormones regulate gene expression, cell proliferation, cell differentiation, and cell physiology. Students build on these basic ideas to understand endocrine control of important developmental and physiological processes. Examples of positive and negative feedback loops will be presented throughout the semester. This reinforces the idea that endocrine glands and hormones work together as an integrated system to maintain homeostasis and produce complex biological cycles. Common endocrine disorders like diabetes mellitus, obesity, dyslipidemia (abnormal cholesterol levels), osteoporosis, erectile dysfunction, and polycystic ovary syndrome will be discussed. In summary, hormones produced by endocrine glands are required for normal development, survival, and reproduction.
   Bio 390 will be offered every fall from now on. It will also be added as an option to the list of advanced requirements for the Pre-Health Science Emphasis version of the Biology major (you must choose 12 credits from that list to complete that major).

4. Campus Connection Online Audits
   Please remember, the online degree audits currently available on Campus Connection may not always be 100% accurate – it is important that you continue to visit with your major advisor, and with me, the whole time you are here to avoid any surprises. This is especially true for students with transfer credits!

5. All Pre-Health Students with majors in the College of Arts and Sciences should request a Status Check sometime during their junior year!
   Even though Campus Connection is now offering you online grade audits (or progress reports), you should still request an official Status Check through the College of Arts and Sciences sometime during your junior year. The online audits are still a work in progress and, in many instances, are not entirely correct. To be sure you know exactly where you stand with your major and Essential Studies, either go online at http://arts-sciences.und.edu/students/index.cfm or stop in our main office and request a Status Check from Bree!
6. Applying to a Health Professional school this summer?
   If 2015-2016 will be your last year here, and you hope to start Medical, Osteopathic, Dental, Optometry, PA, Veterinary, Pharmacy or Podiatry school in the fall of 2016, then your applications to these schools should be submitted this summer! Most of these schools use centralized application services, and these services usually take 4-6 weeks to process applications.

   Remember, if you are a North Dakota resident hoping to attend Dental, Optometry or Veterinary school, you will want to fill out two WICHE forms:
   - Resident Status application - to be eligible to apply to the WICHE schools as a ND resident, you must first be certified by the state as a ND resident – do so by filling out this form.
   - Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) application - to apply for the money that ND provides selected students going into these professions, you need to submit this form.

   Both forms are provided in one packet. You may download the packet at:

   These forms need to be sent in to WICHE before you submit any professional school applications!

7. Attention Seniors!
   If you have been accepted to begin graduate work somewhere for the fall of 2015, please let me know where you will be going - I like to keep track of where my advisees go for future reference (and you thought once you left here you would have heard the last from me......HA!)

8. Some Summer 2015 Opportunities
   1) Camp Good Mourning
      Altru Home Services Hospice is looking for volunteers for Camp Good Mourning this summer. This camp is a grief camp for children and teens who have lost an immediate family member (parent, sibling, etc.). Camp Good Mourning will take place on June 26-28, 2015 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at Park River Bible Camp (23 miles west of Grafton, ND). They need volunteers for Office Assistant, Registration, Counselors, Facilitators, Music Therapy, Recreational Therapy, and Arts & Crafts. A camp brochure, volunteer forms and other camp info is available at: [http://www.altru.org/services/hospice/](http://www.altru.org/services/hospice/)
      For more info on volunteering, call Altru's Hospice at 780-5258.

   2) ADA Diabetes Camps
      The American Diabetes Association's Diabetes Camps provide a special time for kids with diabetes—one of the best times of the summer and one that campers always remember. Kids with diabetes are kept busy with activities, building friendships and most importantly, having fun! Every Camp is a little different but all have sports, arts and crafts and other fun activities. The ADA Diabetes Camps in North Dakota this summer are at Park River Bible Camp and are on:
      - ADA Camp Sioux Session 1: June 7 - 12, 2015
      - ADA Camp Sioux Session 2: June 14 - 19, 2015

      Information on working for these camps may be found at: [http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/diabetes-camp/camps/sioux-1.html](http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/diabetes-camp/camps/sioux-1.html)

9. I am out of the office during the summers!!!!!!!
   Please remember that I am out of the office during the summer and unavailable for advising visits – my last day is May 22nd. I will be back on campus the week before school starts in August!!! If you need some help that just cannot wait until fall, you may contact Dr. Karyn Plumm in our office, 777-2749.

   That’s all for now. Best wishes to the seniors and for the rest of you, have a great summer and I’ll see you in the fall!!

   Kim Ruit 😊