Greetings!! I hope all is going well as midterms approach!! Here are some odds and ends for this month:

1. Fall Semester 2015 Dates and Deadlines:
   - Friday, October 9th: Preliminary Spring 2016 schedule of courses on the web
   - Monday, October 19th: Freshman Advising Meeting #3 at 8pm – Be there!!
   - Friday, October 30th: Registration dates posted on your CampusConnection account
   - November 2nd – 20th: Early Registration for Spring 2016
   - Friday, November 13th: Last day to drop a course (you may do this yourself on Campus Connection)
   - Friday, November 13th: Last day to change a course over to S/U grading (you need my signature to do this)

2. Graduate School Recruiters on Campus in October:
   - October 12th: Michigan College of Optometry, 11am-2pm, Alumni Room of the Union (2nd floor)
   - October 28th: NWHSU Chiropractic School, 11am-2pm, Memorial Room of the Union (2nd floor)

3. 2016 MCATers – I need your e-mail addresses now!!!
   If you are planning to take the 2016 MCAT next spring/summer, please send me an e-mail indicating your intention to do so. There are numerous times I will need to contact all 2016 MCATers, so I want to get a database of e-mail addresses together. Thanks!!

4. 2016 MCAT and 2016 Kaplan MCAT Review Class Info
   Are you planning to take the 2016 MCAT next spring? There will be a 2016 MCAT Orientation meeting on October 14, 2015 at 7:30pm in the Haugen Lecture Hall of the UNDSMHS. I will cover information on the 2016 MCAT and the 2016 Kaplan MCAT Review Course.
   - Registration for the 2016 Kaplan MCAT Review course will open later this month. Current or former UND students may contact Mrs. Ruit by e-mail for registration instructions.

5. UNDSMHS Pre-Med Day is coming up on Saturday, October 24, 2015!
   See the schedule for the day at: http://arts-sciences.und.edu/pre-health/pre-health-announcements.cfm

6. Staying on Track 2015
   The Student Success Center will be hosting sessions for the Staying on Track program on October 6/7, and November 3/4 in the River Valley Room of the Memorial Union. Staying on Track is a series of sessions designed to help students "stay on track" through their college career. Students can attend one or as many sessions they'd like and are asked to bring their student ID card with them. This year, there are numerous sessions that Pre-Health students will find helpful such as: "Surviving Killer Math and Science Courses," "Time Management: Making It All Work," "Rethinking Your Study Habits," and "Studying for Finals: Pulling Out All the Stops." If your first set of tests scores this semester were not up to par, check out the help SSC can offer. A full schedule of the sessions is available at: http://und.edu/student-affairs/student-services/learning-services/staying-on-track.cfm

7. Spring 2016 Early Registration November 2-20, 2015
   Spring 2016 Early Registration is just around the corner! Classes planned next semester by each department will be listed on CampusConnection October 9th. (Current course listings are tentative and may not be entirely correct). When searching for classes for next semester, be sure to choose Spring 2016 before hitting the search button.

   Please keep the following definitions in mind when it comes to selecting your classes:

   1. “Requisite” is another word for requirement. A number of classes have requisites that need to be met in order to take them. A requisite can be anything from declaration of a particular major, enrollment in a particular program, completion of another class, or concurrent enrollment in another class.
   2. “Pre-Requisite” is something that must be completed BEFORE you take the class (i.e., another class, declaring a major, etc.).
   3. “Co-Requisite” is something that must be taken WITH the class (i.e., a lab, another class, etc.).

   If CampusConnection does not allow you to register for a course, and is giving you a reason that you do not understand or makes no sense, then check with One Stop or the Registrar's Office.
Here are answers to some common registration questions I get this time of the year:

1. **When can I register?** At UND, students register in order of total number of credits completed. Check your CampusConnection account later this month to see the date and time you will be allowed to register for your spring classes. Times should be posted on your accounts by **October 30**th.

2. **How do I register?** All students must register themselves for classes through CampusConnection. **I can tell you what classes to take, however registering for them is up to you!!!**

3. **The class I want is closed - now what?** All may not be lost! Some departments use electronic waiting lists, some use manual waiting lists, and some let the professors handle things. **Contact the department** of the class you are trying to get into to see how to proceed from there. I cannot get you into closed classes!!!!!!

4. **CampusConnection won’t let me sign up for a class - WHY?** There are numerous reasons CampusConnection may not let you sign up for a course(s) – some of the more common ones are:
   - you have a “Hold” on your account (indicated on your Campus Connection Student Center page):
     - Business Office Hold (usually means you have an unpaid bill or parking ticket)
     - Immunization Hold (Student Health Services still needs your immunization record)
     - OAE Academic Hold (you haven’t completed the Online Alcohol Education required of all freshmen)
     - Departmental Hold (some departments require you to meet with an advisor before you may register) - I do not use Holds so if you have one, check with your major advisor
     - Financial Obligation Agreement - you must “sign” this agreement through your CampusConnection account EVERY SEMESTER before you attempt to register for classes
   - you have not completed (or are not currently in) a prerequisite for the course
   - you completed the prerequisite at another school (if the prerequisite course number on your transcript from the other school is different from the prerequisite course number here at UND, CampusConnection won’t recognize it as a legitimate course - even if it is!) => contact the instructor of the course you want to take here for an override
   - you did not submit co-requisite classes together when you tried to enroll (i.e., choose both lab and lecture sections before hitting submit button)
   - there is any overlap in start and end times for classes you choose
   - you are trying to sign up for a class that is restricted to certain majors => contact instructor for permission

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8. **Restricted Classes mean more work to register for them!!**
   1. **Anatomy 204 (Anatomy for Paramed Personnel)**
      The two lecture sections of Anatomy 204 are open to anyone. However, most of the lab sections are restricted to certain majors. There are a few lab sections that are unrestricted and open to anyone. Pre-Health students must sign up for those unrestricted sections only (next spring they are sections 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 and 18). If those unrestricted sections are all filled by the time you register, put yourself on the electronic waiting list with the fewest students. Anatomy will fill any remaining space in the restricted sections with waiting list occupants for each section at the end of the semester. **Any questions regarding the class or lab need to go to the instructor for next semester, Dr. Kenneth Ruit (kenneth.ruit@med.und.edu).**

   2. **PPT 301 (Human Physiology)**
      PPT 301 is restricted to certain majors, so you will need an override from the instructor, Dr. Jim Haselton, to get into the class. Dr. Haselton prefers to gives overrides for all of his classes electronically, so you need to contact him by e-mail (james.haselton@med.und.edu). Be sure to include your name, the course you want (in this case, PPT 301) and your student ID number. Remember, the Anatomy 204 lecture is a pre-requisite for PPT 301!!

9. **Keep Calm and Get Your Flu Shot!**

That’s all for now – stay healthy and have a great October!!!

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