

August 25, 2010: First UC Rally Committee Meeting of the Year!!

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Welcome!

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the very first UC Rally Committee Meeting agenda of the 2010-2011 school year! My name is Becca Canote, and I am serving as the UCRC Secretary this year, so expect to see an e-mail or two from me every week. I'll be sending out the Meeting Agenda every Wednesday evening, recapping what was discussed at that week's meeting. Should you miss a meeting or forget who was in charge of what, looking for the agenda and you'll find everything you'll need for that week's activities and events!

Joining the UC Rally Committee

Megan Gritsch, the fabulous Vice Chair of Membership, discussed how you can join the Committee and went over a few of the big FAQs that most New Members are dying to ask. Here's a recap:

How Do I Join the UC Rally Committee?

You are considered to be a member of the Committee after you do two things. One is pay your \$20 annual membership dues, and two is purchasing your official UCRC Rugby. The rugby costs \$60, and is the official uniform of the UC Rally Committee. You can join at any of our weekly meetings, which are held at 7PM on Wednesdays. Contact Megan Gritsch, at ucrc.membership@gmail.com with any questions about joining the Committee.

How Much Does It Cost to Join?

Annual dues are \$20, and rubbies cost \$60. Your rugby is something of a one-time purchase, as most members keep their original rubbies for the 4 years they attend Cal. Payment can be made either by cash or check to John Clemons, the Committee Treasurer. Checks should be made out to "UCRC/ASUC." Contact John at ucrc.treasurer@gmail.com about payment and prices.

Is It Just About Sports?

Simply put, no. The Committee is incredibly well-rounded, and while we are huge sports fans, we also put on many social and service functions. Even if you are a huge sports fan, you can still make amazing friends and get involved in the campus and local communities by being in the Rally Committee.

Rugby Policy

While we all love how completely amazing we look while wearing our ruggies, Chairman Ryann Pollack reminded us that since we are the “Official Ambassadors of the University of California,” there are certain ways of behaving that are not acceptable while one is wearing a rugby.

You cannot be or have been drinking or consuming illegal substances while or prior to wearing your rugby. If it leaves you in an altered state of consciousness, it is a no-go before or while you are wearing your rugby.

Try not to break the law while wearing your Rugby. You are an incredibly visible symbol of the University when you have it on, so please no theft, fighting, public urination, etc.

No swearing in your rugby. Again, you are a representative of the University, so speak in a manner befitting of the title.

Please only wear it to official UCRC events. That means you shouldn’t wear it to class, in the shower, to the gym, to a party, etc. Official events include rallies, sporting events, and ambassadorial events.

Have fun! Sure there are a few rules, but have fun! Wearing your Rugby means you’re at an awesome, official UCRC event or sport, so get pumped and rock out!

UCRC Website & Facebook

Sasha Degtyar, the superb Director of Multimedia, introduced us all to the one, the only, the official UCRC website and Facebook page!

Sasha will be keeping the website chock-full of useful and exciting information for you all this year, with everything from event calendars and photo galleries to ExComm Profiles, so you can stalk your favorite ExCommer armed with insider information. You can access the website at www.ucrc.berkeley.edu.

The Committee also has an official Facebook fan page, so go online and let your high school friends who go to far less awesome universities know that you not only go to Cal, but are in the most legit spirit group there is. Once you’re a fan of the “UC Rally Committee,” you’ll be invited to all of our events and connect with other members over Facebook.

Touchdown Mondays

Starting on Monday, September 6th, the Cal Student Store and Mario’s La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant will begin holding the greatest discount day ever, Touchdown Mondays! For every touchdown the Bears score the Saturday before, these 2 businesses will offer a 3% discount, meaning that the more the Bears score, the bigger your discount. So watch out for the Bears next weekend because, knock on wood, you might just be in for the cheapest sweatshirt and burrito you buy all year!

Cal Spirit and Traditions DeCal

Taught by your lovely Director of Traditions, Katie Strehlow, and her partner in crime, former Director of Rallies, Jessica Blackwell, the Cal Spirit and Traditions DeCal is the most spirited 2-units you'll ever get at Cal! The class will be held on Mondays, from 5-6:30PM, starting on September 30th. Guest lecturers will teach you all about the history of Cal Spirit and give insight on the origins of the traditions of the greatest university on earth!
Contact Katie at ucrc.traditions@gmail.com for more information.

P.S. Even though the class is called "Spanish 98/198," it is taught entirely in English. The Spanish Department is just our sponsor.

Card Sorting!

So after Kendall Plant, Director of Card Stunts, showed us her AMAZING Card Stunts video, she told us all about the year's very first Card Sorting. Without card sorting, the Card Stunts can't happen and no one would want that since Kendall has designed an awesome show for the home opener against UC Davis on September 4th.

Card Sorting will be held on Monday, August 30th, from 2-5PM in Memorial Stadium. Come for a long or as little as you'd like, as there will be Cheesy Sticks to nom and Flag Waving Practice too.

Contact Kendall Plant at ucrc.stunts@gmail.com with any questions about Card Sorting.

SPORTS! (Also, Waving Practice and Shagging!)

Ryan Barlow aka "Barlow 2" aka Director of Athletics gave us the very first Small Sports schedule for the year, and gave us a few insights into how to "shag."

SPORTS!

Friday August 27:

- Women's Soccer vs. Santa Clara, 4 PM, Edwards Stadium
- Field Hockey vs. Miami (Oh), 5 PM, Maxwell Field
- Women's Volleyball vs. UCSB, 7 PM, Haas Pavilion

Saturday August 28:

- Women's Volleyball vs. Manhattan, 7 PM, Haas Pavilion

First Flag Waving Practice!

Meet Ryan at 4:30 PM on Memorial Glade if your interested in learning how to wave the Cal flags and finding out all the traditions and

history that accompanies them. If you want to wave a Cal Flag at an event or sport, you need to attend at least ONE flag waving practice first! We can all head straight from there to the volleyball game vs. Manhattan. But first we can enjoy a quick bite to eat together before the game! You can contact Ryan at ucrc.athletics@gmail.com if you have any questions.

SHAGGING!

Everyone **LOVES** Shagging! Ryan needs five volunteers to shag at each of the two Volleyball games this weekend (Friday/Saturday at 7 PM). You get to be down on the court, right in the center of the action helping our Cal Women's V-Ball team do what they do best! If you are

shagging you need to meet him in front of Haas Pavilion at 6:30 PM sharp or e-mail atucrc.athletics@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Calapalooza Rally!

The very first rally of the year is happening Thursday night during Calapalooza. Come out and join the Committee by pumping up the California Spirit and helping to kick off the year with a giant "GO BEARS!"

Date: Thursday, August 26th, 2010

Time: 7:30-8PM

Location: Sproul Plaza (near the steps of Sproul Hall)

Contact Laurel Johnescu, at ucrc.rallies@gmail.com with any questions.

Ned's Discount Night

This Thursday Night the Rally Committee is hosting a discount night at Ned's Book Store! Come between 7pm and 9pm and save 10% on used books and 7% on everything else in the store. In addition, there will be pizza. So, come, save money on your books, and eat free food!

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2010

Time: 7pm-9pm

Location: Ned's Bookstore

For more information, contact Megan Gritsch at ucrc.membership@gmail.com

Ice Blocking!

OH NO! ALL OF THE ICE IN THE WORLD IS MELTING! GLOBAL WARMING IS DESTROYING OUR FROZEN FUN!!!! AHH! Soooooo....come out to Ice Blocking while you still can! Ride some ice down 4.0 Hill, maybe get down on the Slip-n-Slide, but whatever you do, get there before global warming wins!

Date: Friday, August 27, 2010

Time: 8pm

Location: Faculty Glade a.k.a. 4.0 Hill

Contact Jackson Jewett at ucrc.membevents@gmail.com with questions.

Fan Appreciation Day

Want to meet some football players? Is your Rugby looking all kinds of naked without Tedford's autograph? Then come out to Fan Appreciation Day! It's Cal Football's big open house before the season starts, so come by Memorial Stadium between 11-2PM and get in on the awesome!

Date: Saturday, August 28 2010

Time: 11-2PM

Location: Memorial Stadium

Cannon Clearing

BOOM!!!! Now while that is a totally sad representation of the awe-inspiring, earth shaking sound made by the California Victory Cannon, its the closest we'll get unless everyone comes out for Cannon Clearing on Sunday, August 29th. Join UC Cannoneers, Kristin Allmon and Matt Barlow, in clearing the Cannon Hill in preparation for the UC Davis game, since the summer has

left the hill littered with weeds and trash, which could catch on fire and be all sorts of trouble for the Cannoneers. Lunch will be provided and nothing feels better than knowing you helped deafen the opposing team during a game.

Please wear weather, but still working outside appropriate attire. Think long pants and a shirt you won't mind getting dirty. Good shoes are a must, so no Vans, Converse, or flip-flops! The hill is quite steep and trust me, you don't want to be tumbling down it...

Date: Sunday, August 29th, 2010

Time: 9AM

Location: Meet in the Bowles Hall Parking Lot.

Contact the UC Cannoneers at ucrc.cannoneers@gmail.com with any questions.

Upcoming Rallies

Noon Rally

Next Friday, September 3rd, is our very first Noon Rally! At noon on the Friday before every home football game, the UC Rally Committee joins the Cal Band, Dance Team, Mic Men and Oski to pump up the crowd and get the California Spirit boiling ahead of kickoff!! Come with your rugby and be ready to cheer alongside your fellow Committee members at the very best thing you could ever spend your lunch hour at!

Pajamarino Rally

Also happening on Friday, September 3rd is the 2nd Annual Pajamarino Rally! This is the official kick-off of the football season, with a giant kick-off rally happening on the steps of Doe Library. Once the crowd is psyched for the football game, there will be a free concert also held on the steps. Last year's artist was Matt Costa, and this year's equally, if not more amazing, artist will be announced by Laurel next week. More details will be given at next week's meeting.

Contact Laurel Johnescu at ucrc.rallies@gmail.com with any questions.

That's all for now, folks! See you this week, next week and every week after, but most importantly, **GO BEARS!!!**

-Becca Canote