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Dear BRIDGE Editors,

On behalf of the Mu Chapter of the Eta Kappa Nu Association at the University of California, Berkeley, we proudly submit the attached report of our chapter's activities and accomplishments during the 2001-2002 school year.

In the course of the past year, our chapter has remained one of the most active groups on Berkeley's 30,000-student campus, while continuing to grow and expand our services and activities. Standing on the proverbial shoulders of our chapter's 88-year history, and in particular on those of its growth since the late 1980's, we worked hard to maintain all of the many nowtraditional services that our chapter offers, from daily tutoring, to exam files, to faculty mixers, to course surveys, to work at Berkeley Neighborhood Computing, and so on.

However, this past year has also been marked by a number of innovations, expanding the scope of our chapter's work. We participated in several new major community service events, including Rebuilding Together, habitat restoration at Sausal Creek, and bread baking for a local soup kitchen, developing new relationships with service groups in the area. We put together several new services for the student body, including graduate admissions workshops, help sessions, and an EECS newsletter. We began to co-host events with many other engineering groups that we haven't worked with before, such as bowling with the undergrad bioengineering group, and a trip to a baseball game with a Hispanic engineering group. We started to focus more on communicating with HKN chapters elsewhere, arranging meetings with groups from several other chapters, and recruiting Berkeley grad students inducted into HKN elsewhere to our activities. We tried some new social events, such as the Photo Scavenger Hunts and the Bridge School Benefit Concert. And lastly, of course, we inducted 82 new well-qualified members, over a quarter of whom have gotten actively involved in the chapter's activities. For your convenience, the rest of the report splits our activities into four main categories:

- "Service," covering our activities to benefit the general student body, our department and college, and the surrounding community;
- "Outreach," covering our efforts to connect with groups that we can interact with and learn from -- our alumni, other HKN chapters, and other Berkeley engineering societies;
- "Social," athletic and "mixer" social events created to uphold chapter morale and help Mu chapter members, candidates, and officers bond while taking a break from their studies; and
- "Official Chapter Business," the standard events and ceremonies needed to run and perpetuate the chapter.

To get a concise overview of all our activities, you may skim the first page of each of the sections, or, of course, you may read the report in its entirety for a more broad and thorough view of each event. A calendar showing most events from the past year is also provided in the back for your reference.

The Mu Chapter cordially invites you to take a look into our world through this report, and hopes that it will give you a glimpse at the reasons why our chapter is so well-respected in our department, why so many of our members contribute time and effort to keep the chapter so active, and why we have been able to continue growing for yet another year.

Sincerely, The Mu Chapter Bridge Committee

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Service

The services we provide to the Berkeley EECS department, the EECS student body, and the greater surrounding community have always been at the heart of our chapter's activities. In the past year, in addition to continuing all service activities we had been involved in, such as course surveys, GRE reviews, tutoring, etc, we introduced several new activities -- research lab tours, helpsessions, and the nationwide "Rebuilding Together" event. To our department, we have provided opportunities for faculty-student interaction, assistance with alumni pledge drives, and undergraduate feedback in forms of course surveys and committee representation. In the surrounding communities, we have organized an EECS Department tour for inner-city kids, built trails, maintained facilities at local schools, cooked for the homeless, and re-populated a local creek with native plants. To the EECS student body, we have provided a spectrum of academic support, orientation activities for new students, assistance with job searches and graduate admissions for older students, and social events. By working together for the benefit of those around us, HKN members have forged bonds much stronger than those created by academic work alone.

Community Service

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HKN Candidate Mimi Yang pulls weeds at Berkeley High School.

Event Statistics

Square Feet of Wall Painted:2000Number of weeds pulled:500+Bleachers rebuilt:2

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together is a program run out of Washington, D.C., to assist individuals or groups to complete work which they otherwise would be unable to do on their own. Projects include reforming terrain and rebuilding and repainting structures.

This past year, our chapter:

- Overhauled the track and field of a local school
- Pulled weeds, rebuilt bleacher stands, and repainted walls
- Joined with dozens of other organizations and societies in the volunteer effort

Bread Baking

Sometimes there are no existing organizations that fill a community service niche, such as helping make food off-site for local food banks. To this end, Mu Chapter took community service into its own hands and created a new chapter community service activity. Although EECS majors are not known for their culinary abilities, the activity was a complete success. Starting from flour, eggs, and milk, we baked bread for the local food bank. The amount of bread produced was enough to feed 150 people. Following up on the success of this venture, HKN is planning on holding Bread Baking II this fall, with invitations extended to the community at large to increase manpower and productivity.



Sean, Pilan, and Karl learn to knead dough properly.



Trademark Mu bread, oven-fresh.

Community Service

Working with the Trail Center of Santa Clara County has become a tradition in the Mu chapter since the summer of 2000. Several times every semester, HKNers from Berkeley join forces with the Trail Center and other area volunteers to work outdoors, building bridges, cutting new trails, and maintaining old trails in state parks and biological preserves. These events are referred to as "trail hacking" within our chapter, since we recruit for them under the banner of "If you can hack [computer] code, you can hack trails."



Jiong Shen and Aaron Jow use a pick and a mattock to expand a particularly dry, rocky part of the Woodrat Trail at the Arastradero Regional Preserve.

Typical Trail Hacking Schedule

7:00am	Wake up 6 hours earlier than most EECS majors on a Saturday
7:30am	Meet on campus and carpool to the park
9:00am	Fix trail drainage, clear out brush
12:00pm	Lunchtime (eat and chat with other volunteers)
12:45pm	Back to work, clearing new trail, and building a retaining wall
4:00pm	Return home, covered in sweat and poison oak, but satisfied

"In all, 43 volunteers (over a third from Cal Berkeley's Eta Kappa Nu - Mu Chapter) ... gave their Saturday to improve the Preserve as we joined the Arastradero Preserve Stewardship Project staff to fix drainage on a badly rutted segment of Acorn Trail."

- Trail Center of Santa Clara County Newsletter, Winter 2002

Trail Hacking Statistics

Work days in 2001-2002:	5
Feet of trail repaired:	>1500
Bridges built:	2
Total HKNer man hours:	>200
Limbs cut off by heavy, sharp	trail-
building tools:	0

Community Service

Sausal Creek

In November, our chapter worked with the Friends of the Sausal Creek, a community group taking care of a fragile ecosystem around a local creek. Over a dozen HKNers came out for four hours on a Saturday to re-plant native plants and to restore a plant system overrun by a non-native species of ivy. We also got to clean out dead brush and dispose of a dead tree, making the area more friendly to hikers and neighborhood kids on the adjacent playground.



Mu Vice President Phoebus Chen bravely sets an example for the candidates by feeding a dead branch to an ominously growling woodchipper.



Daniel Hsu takes a breather from troubleshooting a PC.

BNC

Berkeley Neighborhood Computing (BNC) is a local organization that takes in donated computer components and assembles functional systems to be made available to low-income families in the surrounding neighborhood. Mu Chapter regularly sends groups of volunteers to assist, letting EECS majors use their specialized skills to help the community, and often quintupling BNC's daily productivity.

Middle School Tours

In March, HKN hosted a group of 30 inquisitive students from Edna Brewer, an

inner-city middle school in Oakland. In addition to a Q&A session, we organized a tour of Cory and Soda Halls, showing the students the ongoing reasearch and student project work being carried out in our state-of-the-art labs.

"Thanks so much for hosting us and allowing us to see the EECS department. Exposure for urban kids is the key to showing them that college and careers are a reality!" - Mr. Stinson, EBMS

Department Service

Course & Professor Surveys

HKN is perhaps best known in the EECS department for conducting course surveys in all EECS classes every semester. With the help of our candidate class, we gather several thousand survey forms during the last ten days of class, process them into a digital format, and use custom-programmed software to present the results in a readable form on our website. This data is used both by students for selecting courses and profes-

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Screenshot of Course & Professor Surveys http://hkn.eecs.berkeley.edu/student/eecourses.shtml

sors, and by the department to determine awards and promotions.

We Have Surveys On:

- 189 Professors
- 903 EE TAs
- 968 CS TAs
- 218 Courses

...with continual coverage of all courses taught since Fall 1988 (30 semesters)

Faculty Mixer

The Mu Chapter holds an EECS "Faculty Mixer" every semester. This year we treated all EECS faculty and students to a free lunch and gave them a chance to mingle and talk about research, classes, and department politics. Attended by over 100 people both in the Fall and in the Spring, these mixers grew in popularity this past year compared to those held previous semesters.



At the Fall Faculty Mixer, students listen to Prof. Budinger explain why tricorders are unlikely to appear in the near future.

Department Service

Department Committees & Faculty Retreat

As the most active student group in Berkeley EECS, HKN is often asked to represent undergraduate opinions to the department. Last year, HKN officers sat on the department's Space and Planning Committees and Curriculum Committees, both in EE and CS, helping to decide building space allocation policies and to re-design course curricula. HKN representatives also sat on several ad hoc committees such as Faculty Hiring and Student Awards. Our chapter also cooperated with other EE and CS student groups to put together and present the official undergraduate presentation for the faculty retreat -- an annual forum that gives undergrads a unique chance to present their grievances to the entire EECS faculty. In the past year, Mu has been responsible for effecting the following:

- Preventing undergraduate CS labs from being moved out to a non-EECS building
- Interviewing and helping select candidates for EE teaching positions in the department
- Having an unused room in Soda Hall temporarily allocated as a "quiet study" lounge for undergrads
- Starting an investigation into the design of an EE lecture hall with notoriously cramped seating
- Clustering student organization offices into one area in the plan for the redesign of the EE building



Some slides from the undergrad presentation by CSUA, HKN, et al, at EECS Faculty Retreat 2002.

Department Service

Blue & Gold

Several times over the past year, Mu Chapter candidates and members came together to help the College of Engineering with their "Blue & Gold" alumni involvement and fundraising campaign. We wrote personalized letters to thousands of alumni, telling them about exciting developments in our department and on the campus at large, and encouraging them to stay involved in Cal's alumni community by contributing to the college. Our efforts alone helped the College raise several thousand dollars for the Engineering Alumni Fund.

Blue & Gold Facts:

Average letters written per
workday per HKNer: 50Average HKN members and
officers per workday: 8Average HKN candidates per
workday: 15Blue&Gold workdays during
2001-2002: 3Total letters written: 3400+

Graduate Student Instructor Awards

As part of our chapter's role in giving feedback to the department, we are regularly asked to select graduate student instructors to receive awards for excellence in undergraduate teaching. In the spring, our chapter conducted an informal poll among undergrads, and used the results, along with HKN course surveys, to nominate about

half a dozen GSIs (from among hundreds of others) which were most often named as the most effective and inspiring in our department. These awards, along with course survey results, often benefit graduate students later by underscoring their superb teaching abilities to faculty search committees.

To HKN members on an ad hoc lecturer interview committee: "We want to know what you think of [an EE lecturer candidate] because next semester she'll be teaching you. Thanks so much for sacrificing time to do the interview."

- Shemida Leopando-Arteta, EECS Academic Personnel Assistant



An official plaque in the lobby of Cory Hall honors current and past recepients of the outstanding GSI awards.

Tutoring

Mu Chapter opens its two offices to provide free tutoring to the student community 10am-4pm Monday through Friday, helping students in all EE and CS courses, as well as many other courses in math, physics, etc. Over the years this has become a staple Mu Chapter service for all students ranging from first semester students to graduating seniors. Some facts:

- Each officer is available for tutoring for a minimum of 2 hours each week
- With tutoring going on in 2 offices, over 6 hours per weekday, the chapter puts in over 60 man hours per week



Jon Driegert helps Mimi Yang tackle a difficult physics problem.

• Additionally, students often drop by the HKN office to get advice on various EECS-related matters, to relax between classes, or even just to borrow office supplies

Peer Advising

Often, advice from a peer is the most wellreceived. Mu Chapter does its part by setting up several group peer-advising sessions each semester. Senior members are mixed with small groups of EECS majors, where they exchange advice on:

- Reputation of classes and professors
- Getting involved in undergrad research
- Coursework relevant to specific projects
- Searching for a summer job and surviving an interview
- Getting into graduate school



Jen Hsu, a senior HKN officer, expounds on advanced CS classes and the virtues of good salsa to an attentive group of EECS majors.





Exam Files

Mu Chapter maintains by far the largest collection of past exams for EE and CS courses taught at UC Berkeley. Students can check out a previous exam from almost any semester a course was offered. To further increase accessibility and convenience,



we are hard at work putting our collection of exams online, so any number of people can look up an old exam concurrently. As of this time, we have over 900 exams in our online archives covering 39 courses as far back as 1992. Over 100 new exams were added last year alone. Since the exams are posted pub-

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licly on the Web, they are regularly used by not only Berkeley students, but by people from all over the world -- from over 60 countries at the last count, including locations as remote as Uruguay, Botswana, Mauritius, and Pakistan.

Help Sessions

Many of the courses at UC Berkeley require the use of operating systems and software applications that students may not be familiar with. While some sort of written tutorial is often provided by the instructor, many students still find the experience of having in-person instruction and Q&A invaluable. The Mu Chapter cooperated with other campus CS student groups to arrange an "Introduction to UNIX" help session in the fall. After covering most basic commands, our presenters spent nearly an hour answering a barrage of questions from the audience. The notes were posted online afterward and are still occasionally seen in the labs, used by students as a quick reference.

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EE40 Social Hour

EE40: Introduction to Circuits serves as an introduction to the EECS community at Berkeley as well. Each week, refreshments and snacks are served in the courtyard of Cory Hall and a professor is invited to speak to the students.

Professors who have spoken include:

- Roger Howe (microfabrication)
- William Kahan (numerical analysis)
- Ronald Fearing (micromechatronics, MEMS)



Jen Hsu welcomes Prof. Malik to the social hour.

Welcome Day

The College of Engineering runs a day-long orientation every year as part of Berkeley's Welcome Week, the last week before classes in August. It is packed with events to help new students settle in and get oriented. For the 2001 orientation, the Mu Chapter packed a full day of activities as well. Mu Chapter representatives gave a short presentation about our services to the incoming EECS students, then tabled at the student societies fair during lunch, answering all kinds of questions about the EECS major, life in Berkeley, specific classes, and so on. Later that day, during office hours, nearly 25 freshmen crammed into our office to hear more about EECS and HKN. At night, we ran a Capture The Flag game for everyone in the EECS department. In addition to



A group of freshmen is introduced to the HKN office and the HKN Office Futon.

providing a rare 2 hours of good exercise to all EECS majors involved, it gave many freshmen their first real chance to meet and interact with upperclassmen and graduate students.

Welcome Day Capture the Flag Facts:

Area of campus covered:	20 acres
Game duration:	2 hours
Number of Referees:	5
Walkie-Talkies Used:	2
Eligible candidates recruited:	1





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Cal Day Panel

Every April, UC Berkeley holds Cal Day, a campus-wide day-long open house event to recruit new students. Every year, Mu Chapter is called on by the EECS depart-



Prospective freshmen and parents listen attentively as HKN's "Real Students, Real Answers" panelists talk about social life in the department.

ment to help recruit. At Cal Day 2002, Mu Chapter put together a group of upperclassmen from HKN to host a panel called "Real Students, Real Answers." This was the only chance for the prospective freshmen and their parents to ask students questions and get the real answers -- since department staff and faculty were prohibited from attending, everyone was less inhibited about asking and answering sensitive questions.

E-Week & E-Day

Each semester, all engineering societies at UC Berkeley come together to "celebrate engineering" and inform current and prospective engineering students about various opportunities within the College of Engineering. Lasting a week in the spring, and a day in the fall, these are known as E-Week and E-Day, respectively. At both, our chapter, a regular participant, distributed information on our student services and various events in the EECS department held throughout the year. Additionally, in keeping

with tradition among other engineering societies, HKN hosted several carnival-style games at our information table. The friendly atmosphere of the tabling area during lunch allowed many students to take a pleasant break from classes and meet some new friends within the College of Engineering.

HKN-Hosted Games at E-Week and E-Day:

- Bobbing for Apples
- Ring toss
- Horseshoe toss

Newsletter

In April, HKN put out a newsletter for the EECS community, "The EECS Impulse." In addition to advertising upcoming HKN events catering to all EECS students, it contained useful factoids about the EECS department and tips about useful but obscure UNIX commands.



Bryan Fulton takes a break from his CS project by reading a copy of "The EECS Impulse".

EECS Impulse facts:

Number of copies printed:~150Days it took for us to run out of copies:~3Number of gullible EECS majors who asked forthe "secret 'EECS dog' menu item" at the local hotdog joint based on a fake "factoid" planted in theImpulse:3+

Infosessions

As a service to the student community, HKN gets companies in the EE and CS industries to recruit in "infosessions." We lure students with food, and then they get to

hear about great places to work at. In the past year, we've hosted the following companies' infosessions:

- Advent Software, Inc.
- Amazon.com, Inc.
- Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
- Oracle Corp.
- VeriSign, Inc.



Oracle representative Larry Lynn encourages students to look into working at Oracle.





Students inquire about job opportunities at Raytheon.

Job Fair

Continuing a recently established tradition, our chapter put together our 3rd annual "HooKiN' It Up" EECS Career Fair in February. In spite of the sharp downturn in the economy and overwhelmingly widespread hiring freezes, a group of nearly twenty HKN volunteers worked diligently for five months (starting as early September, and most regularly putting in several hours every week) on recruiting companies to attend, setting up the

event, and clearing bureaucratic red tape. After contacting HR departments at nearly all California companies in the tech industry, as well as many national and international corporations, we managed to recruit thirty representatives from a dozen companies to our event. Attended by well over 500 students, our fair was once again the largest technical career fair on campus and a huge success with all the students looking for permanent and summer jobs in this struggling economy. As an extra treat, several of the company reps were recent alumni of our chapter who flew back from as far away as Washington, forming an accidental "mini-reunion."



Representatives from Mircosoft discuss job qualifications and job descriptions with eager jobseeking students.

Companies at the Jobfair Included:

- Advent Software, Inc.
- Altera Corp.
- Applied Materials, Inc.
- Cisco Systems, Inc.
- Intel Corp.
- Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Lockheed Martin Corp.
- Microsoft Corp.
- NVIDIA Corp.
- Raytheon, Inc.
- Silicon Storage Technology, Inc.



Research Lab Tours

In Fall 2001, our chapter organized and conducted a tour of the micro-fabrication lab in our department. Targeted toward undergrads interested in getting involved in research, this tour gave many undergrads an opportunity to talk to grad students and faculty in EE research groups. Since this event was well-received by the students, we have been working on putting together tours of other major research labs in our department.

GRE Reviews

In the Fall, before the Computer Science GRE exams, the Mu chapter organized GRE review sessions for the Berkeley EECS community. HKN members, many of whom also TA'ed the corresponding CS classes, presented the material, gave sample problems, wrote up review notes, and handled administrative details such as room reservations and publicity.

The five review sessions addressed all the main subjects covered on the exam:

- Machine Structures
- Logic Design & Architecture
- Operating Systems
- Compilers & Programming Languages
- Theory & Mathematical Foundations

Did you know?

When one searches for "CS GRE" on Google, the Mu Chapter's review session notes come up second, right after the official GRE site -- and sometimes even first! No wonder that our notes, posted publicly on the Web, get read by thousands of people from over 30 countries around the world every year.

Graduate Admissions Workshop

Our chapter assisted the Center for Undergraduate Matters with putting together the annual Graduate Admissions Workshops. Several of our graduating members who had completed the gruesome graduate school application process in the fall sat on the EE and CS student panels and told younger students about the nuances of this process. Some of the students attending later came to the panelists' HKN tutoring office hours as well, to ask more questions about graduate schools.



In addition to infosessions for companies recruiting new hires, Mu Chapter has on occasion hosted infosessions for professors visiting UC Berkeley, in an attempt to recruit applicants to their graduate programs. We have recently hosted events for the following programs:

- CS at the University of Washington
- EE at the University of Washington
- CS at Harvard University
- CS at the University of Texas, Austin



A flyer beckons EE students to the HKN-organized infosession for UW's graduate EE program.

General Broomball

Broomball is a variation on ice hockey -- tennis shoes replace ice skates, broomshaped paddles replace hockey sticks, balls replace pucks, but the game remains on ice. For decades, broomball has been the de facto official sport of engineers at Berkeley.

Several times last year, HKN coordinated with the Engineering Joint Council to recruit hordes of EECS majors to the General Broomball games, open to anyone and everyone in engineering. These games gave everyone a chance to meet new friends, get excellent exercise, and develop teamwork skills outside the competitive environment provided by the inter-societal broomball tournament.



EJC's defense scrambles to halt the break-away of HKN's forward.

Donut Runs

One of the most time-honored tradition in the Berkeley EECS department is the Donut Run. Some time between 10pm and 1am, on a random, unannounced night a few days before a major project is due, a group of "runners" appears in the underground undergraduate labs, where hordes of EECS majors are hacking away at their projects. The runners yell, "Free donuts upstairs! If you want donuts, run!"

Donut Run Records

Largest number of donuts per run:288Fastest consumption rate (full run):~0.55/secFastest consumption rate (peak):~7/secNumber of runs attended by at least oneprofessor, at least one graduatestudent, and at least one janitor:1

and sprint off in the direction of the donuts, as the hordes stampede after them toward the promised pastries. The donuts disappear within a few minutes, but many linger around and take that much-needed break from their projects they forgot to take earlier.



All of a sudden EECS majors become social, and the rest of the night doesn't seem nearly as dark and gruesome. Our chapter has organized, funded, and led several runs in the past year, taking charge of a tradition previously upheld by other, now less active student groups in the department.

About three minutes into an HKN Donut Run, the herd of hungry EECS students is already finishing up the remnants of the ten dozen donuts.

Outreach

Since the establishment of the Alumni Relations office a couple of years ago, the Mu Chapter has been active in keeping our alumni involved in HKN. Over the past year, we have also significantly expanded our efforts to reach out and network with other related groups -- both HKN chapters at other institutions, as well as other engineering societies at Berkeley. For our alumni, we have continued our traditions of semesterly Alumni Appreciation Dinners and alumni broomball games; we also have begun putting out an e-mail newsletter for our alumni community. With other Berkeley engineering societies, we organized a number of social and athletic activities in addition to the traditional broomball tournament. We also started recruiting HKN members inducted at other chapters who are now at Berkeley, to our events. Along the same lines of inter-chapter relations, we have also received a delegation from the University of Minnesota chapter in March, and communicated with several other chapters, both in person and by email. Expanding our contacts has helped us to learn more about running the chapter effectively and to establish professional connections.

Alumni



Database & Newsletter

Continuing our chapter's campaign to get in touch with our alumni and get them involved in HKN activities, we have continued to expand our Alumni database with contact information and current occupations of Mu chapter alumni. Over the 2001-2002 school year, we've registered several dozen alumni, some from as far back as 1964. We also put out 8 electronic Alumni Newsletters to the registered alumni throughout the year, keeping our alumni informed of the chapter's alumni-targeted activities and other major chapter events.

Alumni Appreciation Dinner

Formerly known as the Change of Powers Ceremony, the semi-annual Alumni Appreciation Dinner is a time-honored tradition of the Mu Chapter. Both semesters, after the second officer meeting, the current officers took our chapter's alumni out to dinner, both to express appreciation for keeping our chapter active and growing over the years

past, as well as to learn the ins and outs of the officer positions the alumni have had over time. Of course, the event also served as a reunion for the alumni and a chance for younger HKN'ers to network with the older crowd, yielding useful contacts in industry and academia.



Gagan Prakash '01 discusses the woes of being Bridge Correspondent with Daniel Hsu '04 at the Spring 2002 AAD. In the background, Jeff Heer '01 tells about his days as Mu chapter president.





Alumni Broomball

Last year, before the opening of the inter-society broomball season, several dozen alumni convene at the Oakland Ice Center to play a friendly game of broomball against the current officers and members. For many alumni, this was a rare chance to return to

their favorite sport from their undergrad days, and to teach "us young 'uns" how to dominate the competition on the ice. After these games, many players headed to a local Denny's for the traditional post-broomball midnight meal.

Alumni Broomball Results

Fall 2001:Young'Uns 2, Alumni 1Spring 2002:Young'Uns 4, Alumni 1



After Alumni Broomball, the teams don't-quite-really-pose together for a group picture.



Inter-Society



Jessica and Michelle practicing synchronized skating.

Ice Skating with SWE

HKN and the Society of Women Engineers have long enjoyed a close partnership, with many engineering women as members of both societies. Members of both societies got a chance to relax and show their Olympic talent, although many HKN members were more interested in the physics of skating than trying their luck on the ice.

- Male to female ratio in EECS 6:1
- Male to female ratio at Ice Skating 1:1

EJC Broomball Tournament

The local ice rinks play host to the Mu Chapter's favorite pasttime -- broomball. Each semester, the Engineers' Joint Council holds a tournament among the societies to determine which will claim the title of Broomball Champion. During the Spring 2002 semester, HKN lost the title to long-time rival ASME, but HKN plans to win back the title in the Fall.



Jen Hsu fights of two competitors for control of the ball in a fierce stand-off.

Societies Involved

- HKN (Eta Kappa Nu)
- TBP (Tau Beta Pi)
- UPE (Upsilon Pi Epsilon)
- ASME (American Society of
 - Mechanical Engineers)
- PTS (Pi Tau Sigma)
- EMBS (Engineering in Medical Biology Society) PASAE(Pilipino Association of
- Scientists, Architects, and Engineers)

Inter-Society



Karaoke with AUWiCSEE

AUWiCSEE, the Association of Undergraduate Women in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, teamed up with HKN for a "Night in the City" at a local Karaoke establishment. Although neither society was well known for its vocal prowess, singing along to the oldies or to current pop hits was a great way to get to get over a fear of public humiliation.



A Tough Game on Memorial Glade



Left to Right: Kathy Tao, Haywood Ho, Windy Chen, and Ellen Liu. Everyone is ready for a night on the town.

Ultimate Frisbee vs. TBP

Inspired by UC Berkeley's traditional intramural sports, HKN challenged TBP to a best of 5 game Ultimate Frisbee tournament. The arena of competition was the campus's North Field, and after 4 hard-fought games, TBP emerged victorious with a record of 3-1. HKN vowed to challenge TBP again, but rainy weather during the fall semester prevented the rematch from taking place.

Bowling with EMBS

Albany Bowl, Berkeley's nearby bowling alley, served as another ground for interacting with other societies. Amid strikes, spares, and the occasional turkey, Mu Chapter members got a chance to make friends with students in Engineers in Medicine and Biological Sciences.

HKN Bowling Statistics

- HKN Average bowling score:80
- Highest bowling score: 165
- Lowest bowling score: 42
- ...HKN still needs more practice

Inter-Society

Baseball with HES

Taking advantage of "\$1 Wednesdays," HKN invited HES, the Hispanic Engineers and Scientists, to a major league baseball game featuring the Oakland A's vs. the New York Yankees. Everyone had fun cheering on the local

team as they won four to one. Afterwards, several carloads of people reconvened at the local Ben & Jerry's for a post-game wrap-up.



Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks...

Comedy Club Night with AUWiCSEE

HKN teamed up with AUWiCSEE (Association of Undergraduate Women in CS and EE) for another event in the city, this time heading near San Francisco's famous Fisherman's Wharf to Cobbs's Com-

edy Club. Though no well-known comedians were featured, HKN and AUWiCSEE applauded the local talent even when their attempts at humor fell flat. Engineers aren't always a tough audience.

Basketball with TBP

In the spring, we challenged TBP's Berkeley chapter to a series of basketball games. In line with the traditional rivalry between our organizations, the resulting games were very intense and competitive. While HKN only won one out of the five games, everybody had a good time, and HKNers got to meet people from other engineering majors.



HKN point guard Eric Roller tries to swipe the ball from TBP's forward.

Inter-Chapter

Outreach to Incoming Graduate Students



Karen Lee, inducted at the Mu chapter in Spring 2002, and Frank Gennari, a Cal grad student inducted at the Sigma chapter at Carnegie Mellon, enjoy their gelato at our Ice Cream social.

In addition to trying to recruit graduate students to join our chapter, we put a call out to all new graduate students in our department encouraging HKN members initiated at other chapters to contact us, and inviting them to attend our activities. A few people responded to the call, some even becoming regulars at Mu chapter events. This was the first time since the early 1980's that graduate students took an active part in our chapter. This was also a chance for undergrad members to get to know some graduate students -- a rare opportunity at Berkeley!

Mu Hosts Visitors from Omicron

A group of officers from the Omicron Chapter at the University of Minnesota flew in mid-March to visit the Bay Area, and we took the chance to meet with them. In

addition to talking about their chapter at a Mu officer meeting and watching how our meetings are run, the Omicron Chapter officers got a tour of campus, and were even challenged to a classic Mu-style broomball game. We even learned that the Omicron Chapter also runs regular career fairs on their campus, and were able to exchange experiences with them.



Aaron Jow, Mu chapter treasurer, talks to the treasurer of the Omicron chapter.

Inter-Chapter



Visits to Other Chapters

As a matter of unstated policy, many Mu chapter members, whenever visiting another campus, try to find a local HKN chapter if one exists, meet with some of their

members and officers, and learn a bit about what those chapters do. In the past year alone, some of our members have contacted members of the following chapters:

- Alpha (at UIUC)
- Beta Tau (at Northwestern)
- Beta Theta (at MIT)
- Beta Upsilon (at U. of Michigan)
- Epsilon Epsilon (at U. of Houston, TX)
- Iota Gamma (at UCLA)
- Iota Upsilon (at U. of Washington)



Nick Chen, Mu chapter Tutoring Officer, poses with officers of the Beta Epsilon chapter at U Michigan outside their office.



Social

While the forty to fifty active members who regularly participate in our chapter's activities make up one large social group and spend a lot of time with each other even outside official HKN events, our chapter organizes regular subsidized social activities to allow our candidates to get to know the members and to pull more members into chapter events. These have included, in the past year, a number of sports-oriented events -- laser tag, mini-golf, bowling, and volleyball -- as well as many different purely social "mixer" events. The tradition of having fun together has kept our chapter cohesive over the years (so cohesive, as a matter of fact, that our chapter has, as of late, been often jokingly referred to as "the family"), and nothing makes it easier to work on HKN projects than doing it with people who are your good friends.





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Potluck

The first major social event each semester is the HKN potluck. To give candidates a chance to socialize and meet each other and the members, we lure them with food made by the current officers -- all the candidates have to do is come, eat the food, and act friendly. Of course, board games and other activities, including the traditional all-chapter game of Mafia, are always arranged. No candidate stomachs have thus far been harmed by officer cooking.



Candidates and officers lounge around after a fine meal.

Photo Scavenger Hunt

This campus-wide photo scavenger hunt was first conceived in Fall '01 and is now held each semester. The participants split into teams and race to score the most points in a couple hours. The rules are simple: get a photo which includes the majority of the people on the team and satisfies a clue given on the list to receive the number of points designated to that clue. Both scavenger hunts concluded with a BBQ where participants feasted on freshly-cooked hamburgers while viewing the handiwork of other groups.

Some of the more challenging clues from the last hunt were:

- Find an EECS professor [on a Saturday], and give him or her a group hug
- Find Founders' Rock and re-enact the founding of UC Berkeley which took place there in 1860.



A scavenger hunt team scoring extra points for inverting 50% of its members.



Another scavenger hunt team creates a human pyramid that appears larger than the Campanile (the campus clock tower).





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Bridge School Benefit Concert

In the dual interest of helping out a good cause and having a good time, Mu Chapter attended, in mass, the Bridge School Benefit Concert Event. The concert was a two day music extravaganza featuring all-acoustic performances and took place at the Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View, California. The event benefited the Bridge School

located in Hillsborough, California. All proceeds went to the school, a non-profit organization whose mission is to ensure that individuals with severe speech and physical impairments achieve full participation in their communities.

Participating in the concert were:

- Neil Young and Crazy Horse
- Pearl Jam
- REM
- Dave Mathews
- Billy Idol



HKN Members brave the cold at Shoreline Amphitheatre before the concert.

Ice Cream Socials

Ice cream may very well be one of the greatest culinary discoveries ever, and HKN definitely gets its share of it. Each year, several ice cream socials are held at a nearby ice cream parlor. This social gathering provides hard-working students a break from their work to relax, socialize, and take care of that little-known "ice cream" food group. The socials are spread throughout the semester, and attendance at them is usually the highest among all non-mandatory events.



Nick Chen toasts to Ben and Jerry's ice cream.



A group of members and candidates chat while waiting for their orders.



Gabriel Yu and his order pose for the camera.

Mixers

Game / Video-game Nights

Game Nights are held at various times each semester, most often between and after large projects. They serve to provide just the release needed so that members can return to their work feeling revitalized. Most popular during Game Nights are board games, with card games coming in close behind. Also a favorite are video games played on a variety of console systems such as the Playstation, the Playstation2, and the Nintendo64.

Games Played at Game Night:

- Axis and Allies: Pacific
- EECS pictionary
- Cards (Poker, Blackjack, Hearts, Spades)
- Checkers
- Chess
- Clue
- Diplomacy
- Illuminati
- Kill Doctor Lucky
- Lunch Money
- Monopoly
- Robo Rally
- SET
- Settlers of Catan

Mu's Favorite Video Games:

- Dance Dance Revolution
- Dead or Alive 2
- Devil May Cry
- Dynasty Warriors 2
- Puzzle Fighter
- Tekken



Left to right: Jen, Aaron J., Andrew, Fan, Malay, and Aaron A. concentrating on their game of Settlers of Catan.



Left to right: Qing, Eric S., Eric R., Jason, Euzane, and Morgan playing a game of Monopoly.

Mixers



Halloween in the City

The Castro district in San Francisco is famous for, among other things, its wild and creatively-attired crowds on Halloween. On Halloween 2001, HKN headed out toward Castro to immerse our-

Some HKNer Halloween
Costumes:
Angel of Death
Man in Black
Fairy
Star Trek TNG Officer
Paper Plate with Smiley Face
EECS Major (didn't dress up)

selves in this uniquely San Francisco experience. With most people dressed up in costume, and the rest using their day-to-day attire as an "EECS major" costume, HKNers wandered around, gawking at the odd costumes on show. They also dropped by the Halloween party at the SF Civic Center.



Lea Kissner reveals her true nature as the Angel of Death on Halloween.

Pre-Game BBQs

Before every Berkeley home football game during the 2001 season, HKN has taken over the courtyard behind Soda Hall and set up a "tailgate" barbecue for EECS majors

going to the game. After the barbeques, everyone would head for the stadium, and form a small, but spirited and vociferous EECS cluster in the stands. These events were also popular with the many other EECS majors who had lots of school spirit but even more CS projects due the next day, and thus returned to the underground labs immediately after the barbecue to continue their work.



President Jason Hu, proudly wearing a Cal EECS sweatshirt, flips a burger at a pre-game barbeque. Jenet, Larry, Nick, and Jen, look on hungrily.





Laser Tag

When HKN members are not virtually shooting each other on computer games, they like to take time out and virtually shoot each other at other venues. Q-zar provides just that, as well as a chance to practice teamwork and build camaraderie. Alliances are forged and broken on the electronic battlefield, but everyone has a fun evening. And, tradition has it, everyone, on both teams, always aims for the president.

Laser Tag Stats

High score:	8560
Low score:	1250
Avg. score of the president:	2640
Avg. number of times the	
HKN president gets shot:	45



Phoebus Chen, all suited up, checks his gun.

Minigolf

Although no HKN members are ready for the PGA tour, the local Golden Tee Golfland serves as a substitute for Pebble Beach. Dodging hazards such as windmills, water-filled moats, and the dreaded volcano, groups make their way through 18 par 3 holes. After golfing, members gather in the arcade to try their hands at air hockey, DDR, and an assortment of games.

Mu Chapter Minigolf Trivia:

Number of Hole-in-ones:	5
Average HKN member score:	63
Par for course:	54
Balls fished out of water:	7



Francis Hsu tries for a hole-in-one.





Behind the Computer Science building at Berkeley (Soda Hall), there is an open-air sand volleyball court, put in by student groups 7 years ago when the building was built. Ever since its creation, it has been a magnet for small groups of volleyball afficionados from the campus and the surrounding neighborhoods, often too small to organize games by themselves. Our chapter resolved this problem by setting up and managing an electronic mailing list for all users of the court, now used regularly to schedule matches. HKNers have also regularly been spotted playing out there themselves, against all kinds of other groups. We sometimes host barbeque socials right next to the court as well, letting players grab a burger, chat, and make new friends between games.



Two HKN candidates warm up for an upcoming game against some HKN officers.

HKNers' Recent Volleyball Record:

Vs. Foothill Dorm:1-0Vs. Air Force ROTC:2-0Vs. 3 Hungarians:0-2Vs. Operations Research Dept.: too many to count



Daniel Hsu shows off his underhand serve at a casual volleyball game behind Soda.

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Official Chapter Business

Like all HKN chapters, we conduct standard events to keep our chapter running. For the Mu chapter, this includes, in addition to the initiation ceremony and the traditional formal banquet that follows, one candidate meeting to present our chapter to the new batch of eligible candidates, three general meetings per semester, weekly officer meetings, and an officer retreat at the beginning of every semester.

Official Business

Officer, Candidate, and General Meetings

An important part of HKN at UC Berkeley is the organization and communication accomplished through numerous meetings throughout the semester. Officer meetings are conducted once each week to keep all the officers up to speed on current events, and to allow for coordinated efforts on large projects. The Candidate Meeting occurs at the beginning of the semester to introduce prospective candidates to current officers and members and to give them a chance to learn more about the honor and dedication an HKN membership entails.



After a talk on game theory at Spring GM3, Dr. Garcia addresses questions from a facinated audience.

The three General Meetings held each semester bring officers, candidates, and members together to hear a resident professor speak on current issues in EECS, and to enjoy food and refreshments.

Officer Retreat

Officers bond over a game of SET at the retreat.

Officer camaraderie is essential to the smooth functioning of HKN as a student organization: officers must feel comfortable interacting with each other on a personal as well as an organizational level. To this end, at the beginning of each semester, all officers are invited to a weekend retreat where fun activities are intermixed with group-building exercises. In this way, both old and new officers can learn from each other's experiences. This past year's retreats were held at Truckee and Bodega Bay.



Official Business



Professor Sastry, special guest speaker, at the Fall 2002 Banquet.

Qing Li

Initiation and Banquet

Initiation is the culmination of the candidate semester for HKN whereby new members are added to the long list of distinguished HKN members. After the ceremony, a semi-formal banquet is held at one of the Bay Area's local restaurants. Members new and old attend to hear speeches from the chapter officers and professors, to relax after a busy semester, and to present awards to especially dedicated and motivated individuals.

Last Year's Inductees Fall 2001: Linchuan Liu Kevin Wang Sirui Jiang Aaron Arboleda Ellen Liu Kevin Chan Carl Wang Nelson Lee Karl Chen Benson Lu Sandy Wen Ka Yan Karen Lee David Chen Sean Ma William Wu Calvin Ling Jonathan Mar Paul Yang Rupert Chen Khoa Nguyen Nir Matalon Bernard Yen Amit Popat Andrew Cheng Damon McCormick Ho Kay Yu Shervin Shekarchian Thomas Cheng Geoff Morrison Young Yuk Yuriy Shkolnikov Pilan Chenhansa Varun Chhabra Derek Ng Matthew Zierhut Alexander Storer Dennis Chi Jason Ong George Sun Cheston Tan **Richard Choi** Andy Pong David Chu Euzane Pao **Spring 2002:** Artem Tkachenko Andrew Poon Jason Bayer Candice Tsay Anwis Das Eric Roller Annie Chang Jan Voung Ramandeep Gulati David Christie Ming-Hsiu Wang **Bryon Ross** Nadia Heninger Haywood Ho John Sampson Seth Cooper Ling Xiao Jonathan Hsu Eric Shan Umair Daud Mimi Yang Kevin Simler Jonathan Driegert Thomas Yiu **Benjamin Huang** Katherine Yiu You-Chen Tao Brian Foo Fan Ieong Jonathan Tsao Kun Gao Onesun Yoo Radford Juang

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Calendar of Events

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September 2001

- Aug 22 Engineering Welcome Day Events
- Aug 31-Sep 2 Officer Retreat
- Sep 6 Amazon.com Infosession
- Sep 7 Alumni Appreciation Dinner
- Sep 8 Pre-game BBQ
- Sep 15 Trailhacking IX
- Sep 18 Verisign Infosession
- Sep 19 XCF/HKN/CSUA Intro To Unix Helpsession
- Sep 19 Ice Cream Social at Ben and Jerry's
- Sep 21 Volleyball and BBQ
- Sep 24 Amazon.com Infosession Location
- Sep 25 Jobfair meeting
- Sep 27 Graduate School Information Panel
- Sep 27 Candidate Meeting
- Sep 27 Donut run
- Sep 29 Pre-game BBQ

October 2001

- Oct 1 Candidate Conversations
- Oct 1 CS GRE Review Session
- Oct 2 Candidate Conversations
- Oct 3 Minigolf at Golden Tee
- Oct 4 Candidate and Alumni Broomball
- Oct 6 Photo Scavenger Hunt / BBQ
- Oct 10 Verisign Infosession
- Oct 10 Capture the Flag
- Oct 13 Pregame BBQ
- Oct 14 Basketball Against TBP/AIChE
- Oct 15 Peer Advising
- Oct 15 CS GRE Review Session
- Oct 17 CS GRE Review Session
- Oct 19 Ultimate Frisbee Against TBP
- Oct 20 Bridge School Benefit Concert
- Oct 22 Envelope Stuffing For EECS Dept
- Oct 22 CS GRE Review Session
- Oct 24 Student/Faculty Mixer
- Oct 25 Advent Infosession
- Oct 26 E-Day: Bobbing for Apples, and more!
- Oct 26 EJC Capture the Flag

- Oct 27 Trailhacking X Oct 28 Officer-Candidate Potluck
- Oct 29 Microfabrication Lab Tour
- Oct 29 "Blue&Gold" Write-a-thon
- Oct 30 General Meeting II
- Oct 31 Halloween in the City

November 2001

- Nov 1 EJC Broomball Tournament, Game1
- Nov 3 Pre-game Donuts and Bagels
- Nov 6 Oracle Infosession
- Nov 7 AMD Infosession
- Nov 8 EJC Broomball Tournament, Game 2
- Nov 9 Play Station 2 Night
- Nov 10 Pre-game Donuts and Bagels
- Nov 10 BNC Volunteer Work
- Nov 13 Lunch with the CS Chair of UT Austin
- Nov 13 "Blue&Gold" #2
- Nov 14 Night in the City
- Nov 15 EJC General Broomball
- Nov 16 Big Game Bonfire Rally
- Nov 16 Board Game Night
- Nov 17 Sausal Creek Restoration Community Service
- Nov 18 Making Bread for Soup Kitchens
- Nov 27 Q-zar (laser tag)
- Nov 28 General Meeting III
- Nov 29 Ice cream Social at Ben and Jerry's
- Nov 29 Broomball vs UPE
- Nov 30 Candidate Packets Due

December 2001

- Dec 4 General EECS Broomball
- Dec 6 Ice skating with SWE
- Dec 8 Trailhacking XI
- Dec 8 Candidate Initiation & Banquet
- Dec 8 Post Banquet Celebration: Karaoke
- Dec 9 Officer Elections

Calendar of Events



Spring 2002

January 2002

Jan 25-27 Officer Retreat

February 2002

- Feb 5 Alumni Appreciation Dinner
- Feb 6 HKN Jobfair
- Feb 13 Ice Cream Social
- Feb 20 Candidate Meeting
- Feb 21 Broomball with Alumni
- Feb 23 HKN-TBP Basketball Game
- Feb 25 Candidate Conversations
- Feb 25 First issue of the EECS Impulse published
- Feb 26 Candidate Conversations
- Feb 26 Bowling at Albany Bowl
- Feb 28 EJC Broomball

March 2002

- Mar 2 Scavenger Hunt and BBQ
- Mar 2 HKN-TBP Basketball Round 2
- Mar 5 Bowling with EMBS at Albany Bowl
- Mar 8 Mini-golf and arcades
- Mar 10 HKN-TBP Basketball Round 3
- Mar 12 Tour for Edna Brewer Middle School
- Mar 12 Capture The Flag with IEEE
- Mar 13 General Meeting I
- Mar 14 EJC Buddy Broomball (general)
- Mar 15 Night in the City with AUWiCSEE
- Mar 19 Visit from the Omicron Chapter (Minnesota)

April 2002

- Apr 4 Broomball with UPE
- Apr 6 Potluck
- Apr 9 "Blue&Gold" Project

Too Frequent to Put on a Calendar:

Every month or so:AluEvery week:OffSeveral times a week:VolEvery Weekday:TutEvery 2-3 minutes:Onl

Alumni newsletter published Officer meeting Volleyball (in good weather) Tutoring at Both Offices Online exam downloaded

- Apr 9 General Meeting II
- Apr 10 Peer Advising
- Apr 11 Broomball vs. TBP/PASAE
- Apr 11 Broomball vs. ASME/PTS/EMBS
- Apr 12 Game Night
- Apr 13 Berkeley Neighborhood Computing
- Apr 16 Peer Advising
- Apr 17-19 HKN tabling at E-Week
- Apr 18 EJC General Broomball
- Apr 19 Video Game Night
- Apr 20 HKN Panel at Cal Day
- Apr 20 Staffing a research poster session at Cal Day
- Apr 21 Trailhacking XII
- Apr 23 Undergraduate Research Poster Session
- Apr 24 Faculty-Student Mixer
- Apr 25 Broomball against ASME/EMBS/PTS
- Apr 26 Volleyball and BBQ
- Apr 27 Rebuilding Together (Christmas in April)
- Apr 27 Faculty Retreat
- Apr 29 CS Graduate Admissions Workshop
- Apr 30 Envelope Stuffing for EECS Dept.
- Apr 30 General Meeting III

May 2002

- May 1 Ice Cream Social
- May 2 Qzar (laser tag)
- May 3 Kickin' It With Rishi (TM)
- May 7 EECS awards ceremony; GSI awards given out
- May 8 Baseball with HES (BoSox vs. A's)
- May 10 Initiation
- May 10 Banquet at Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar
- May 10 Post Banquet Fun
- May 12 Officer Elections

Totals:

Weeks of regular instruction per year: 30 Mu events while school was in session: 126 Average Mu events per school week: 4.2 On average, an event is held: every 40 hrs.

Mu Officer Corps

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Spring 2002

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