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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 activites and accomplishments during the 2005-2006 school year. Our chapter is among the most active groups on Berkeley's 33,000-student campus. In addition to maintaining the numerous services that our chapter has traditionally provided, such as daily tutoring, exam files, and course surveys, we also continually strive to expand the range of activities and services we're involved in.

This past year, we improved our chapter in several small but significant ways. Most notably, our Exam Files Committee finished the task of digitizing all recent exams in the EECS department to make them readily available to all students through our website. The Industrial Relations Committee also worked with AMD to get Mu Chapter a new server and new desktops for tutoring. In addition to improving Mu Chapter and its services to Berkeley, we also lent our experience to Psi Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin and Gamma Beta Chapter at Northeastern University by mentoring them in the expansion of services and the running of a large chapter.

For your convenience, we have presented our activities in four 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 with whom we can interact and from whom we may learn: our alumni, other HKN chapters, other Berkeley engineering societies, and industry.
- "Social" -- covering social mixers and athletic events held to maintain chapter morale and help Mu Chapter members, candidates, and officers bond while taking a break from their studies.
- "Official Business" -- the standard events and ceremonies needed to run and perpetuate the chapter.

For an overview of all our activities, you may skim the first page of each section, or you may read the report in its entirety for a more thorough description of each event. A calendar of our events from the past year is provided in the back for your reference. Mu Chapter cordially invites you to take a look into our chapter through this report in the hope that you may understand why our chapter is so well-respected in our department, why our members are dedicated to keeping the chapter so active, and why we continue to grow every year.

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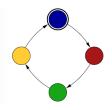
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Service



As an engineering honor society, Mu Chapter's first commitment is to the student body, to UC Berkeley, and to the surrounding community that makes Berkeley such a special place. While continuing to provide our very best through our traditional services such as free tutoring, course surveys, review sessions, and grad school info sessions, our officers strove to reach out further to the community this past year. A contigent of officers created a Relay For Life team, and our Activities Committee organized our members and candidates to help out at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the SF Zoo cleanup. It was rewarding to everyone who participated in these events, and community service events such as these will always represent a major portion of our activities. Another great effort was made by the Exam Files Committee in digitizing all recent EECS exams we had on file, which made our exam files service much more accessible and available to students.

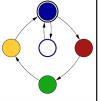












San Francisco Zoo Cleanup



Spring candidate Alvin Lau helps dig up some pesky weeds at the zoo.

Mu Chapter regularly holds community service events with the San Francisco Zoo. This time, about 35 dedicated HKN officers and candidates came out to help out with various chores in the zoo. It was a cold, spring morning at Berkeley, but the temperature couldn't put out the fire in our hearts. After a short dance aerobics warm up, we split up into a few groups to deliver, collect, and dump garden weeds. Everyone pitched in and had lots of fun.

During the cleanup, we also met people from different clubs, churches, and universities. Being responsible members of society is always one of Mu Chapter's ultimate goals.

However, the San Francisco Zoo wasn't all about hard work. We received free admission to the Zoo for the rest of the day (including rides on the carousel!) and tasty snacks.



Officer Daniel Low takes a ride on the carousel after a grueling morning of yardwork.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Mu Chapter supports the efforts of the American Cancer Society in increasing public awareness of the fight against breast cancer. At this annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event, Mu Chapter volunteers were pretty in pink as they made sure the event ran smoothly and successfully. Doing maintenance tasks ranging from setting up tables and tents to delivering traffic cones, everyone had a blast. Volunteers also provided refreshments and moral support as they cheered on walkers in their efforts to raise

funds for cancer research.

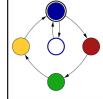


Our volunteers quickly collect traffic cones and throw them into a moving truck so they could be moved elsewhere.



A great turnout for a great event.

Relay For Life Team



Another awareness and fundraising event for the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life is an event where volunteers form groups and run around a track while always having at least one member of the group on the track for 24 hours, as a symbol of solidarity. While not a strictly official Mu Chapter event, several devoted HKN officers nevertheless got together and formed their own Relay For Life team. Staying up for the entire 24 hours, they participated in the race to build public awareness and support the fight against cancer.



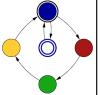
HKN officers, including VP Donny Winston and President Imran Haque, form a Relay For Life group.

Church Food Service



Some HKN candidates get ready to serve up some top-notch volunteer work.

This time, Mu Chapter went to the Berkeley Trinity Methodist Church to serve food for the homeless and needy. Besides serving food, officers and candidates also cleaned up food trays and counted people coming in for accounting purposes. While a seemingly small contribution to the community, the event brought much warmth and content stomachs to many of Berkeley's downtrodden.



Staff Appreciation Bakeoff



VP Donny Winston takes a page from semiconductor fabrication and draws some MOSFETS on his cookies.

A good department requires an outstanding staff to support it. Thus, every semester Mu Chapter holds a Staff Appreciation Bakeoff to demonstrate its appreciation for our top-notch EECS staff and its continuing support of HKN. Our officers and candidates bake delicious cupcakes and cookies (occasionally decorated using frosting in the shape of NAND gates) and give them to our department staff. We at Mu Chapter believe that a well-developed engineer should appreciate all forms of engineering crafts, even if this particular craft is baking!



Brownies, fresh from the oven!



All this food would make anyone want to work for our EECS department!

Could you build a computer with cookie logic gates?

What frosting designs have crafty Mu Chapter officers and candidates put on their cookies? In the past, we've seen cookies decorated with logic gates, resistors, capacitors, and even MOSFETS!

Faces of EE and CS Research

Research is one of the most important aspects of any field, so HKN invited professors from the EECS department to come enjoy a fun mixer with students and anyone else interested in research. This fall, Professor Birdsall gave a very interesting talk on plasma physics. CS professors also held a round-table discussion with students, encouraging anyone interested in computer science to pursue research opportunities. Everyone found the talk very enjoyable and inspirational. The entire event was extremely helpful, with students walking away feeling



Students enjoy talks held by our prestigious EE and CS professors.

much more knowledgeable about EECS research, and professors walking away with new research assistants!

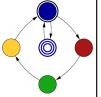


This presentation showcases a research project of one of the faculty--a time-lapse animation of the ongoing construction of one of the new EECS buildings on campus.

This unique event was composed of two halves: one half was dedicated to EE research, and the other was dedicated to CS research. It was held with the help of other campus clubs such as the Computer Science Undergraduate Association (CSUA).

Course Surveys

At the end of each semester, HKN conducts surveys for each EECS course. Students evaluate their professors and teaching assistants on several criteria, such as their style of presentation, effectiveness, and approachability. They also note their impressions of the course and their opinions on the course's workload, pace, and overall worth. All this information is made available in our online database, which provides listings going back to 1988. For many students, the HKN course survey is the definitive reference for picking classes. Additionally, the course surveys provide valuable feedback to professors and thereby improve the overall quality of teaching. Course surveys are one of the most important services that Mu Chapter provides to students and the department.



Student Workshops



Professor Franklin gives sage advice about grad school opportunities to curious students at a graduate school workshop.

Besides providing academic tutoring and social events, HKN Mu Chapter also arranges various workshops to prepare EECS students in academic areas and future prospects. These workshops vary from studyskills and grad school workshops to résumé and interview workshops. These sessions are either given by outside speakers, such as professors and industrial consultants, or by HKN Mu officers, members, and alumni.

Tutoring

In HKN, we believe that a well-developed engineer should not only be able to apply what he or she has learned to the world, but also impart his or her knowledge to people who need it. Therefore, tutoring is one of the most important services that HKN Mu Chapter provides to the EECS student body, and we take it very seriously. By tutoring, not only do we brush up our own skills and learn about interesting problems, but we contribute our knowledge to the EECS community as well.

Each officer is available for at least 2 hours a week in one of our offices at either Soda Hall (Computer Science building) or Cory Hall (Electrical Engineering building). Some of our tutors also frequently take individual or group study requests outside of our regular tutoring hours to help EECS students in need.

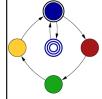
HKN Mu Chapter: Tutoring Statistics

Hours: Weekdays, 10am - 4pm at Soda Hall (CS) and Cory Hall (EE)

Tutoring throughput per week: 60-70 people-hours Throughput per semester: ~1000 people-hours

Price: FREE!

Exam Files



One of Mu Chapter's academic services is our vast collection of past exams for nearly every EECS course offered at Berkeley. HKN members and candidates are asked to donate any exams that they may have to bolster our collection and keep it recent. Both physical and online copies of exams and solutions are available to the students. For many students, doing old exams is a powerful way to study for midterms and finals. This year, our Exam Files Committee has done a terriffic and commendable job by converting dozens of old exams and their solutions from paper to digital copies, including every single exam in our archives since 2000. Our digital archives extend back to as far as 1994, and our physical archives extend back to the late 1980s.

Cal Day

Cal Day, the visit day for newly-admitted undergraduates, is an important annual event here at the university; many prospective students and their parents visit UC Berkeley for the first time and get a taste of what the university and its award-winning EECS department are all about. At Cal Day, Mu Chapter officers ran the EECS front desk and led guided tours around Cory Hall, the home of our EECS department, while pointing out the sights such as the micro-fabrication lab. Moreover, our officers represented the EECS student community by giving a public talk about



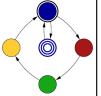
HKN officers, including both the President and VP, represent the EECS student community at Berkeley in a Cal Day student panel.

the EECS experience, discussing issues ranging from the difficulty of classes to life as an EECS student.



Our officers set up an information desk for EECS, engineering, and Berkeley life in general.

Every year, we put a lot of effort in showing the best of EECS at Cal Day, because it is always great to expose more people to the magic of electrical engineering and computer science. Some of them may even end up being the future members of Mu Chapter!



Peer Advising



Officer Stephen Wu offers advice about classes.

In a large university such as UC Berkeley, it is easy for students to be confounded by the complex course requirements, the multitude of classes available, and the NP-hard problem of choosing that perfect schedule. That's why Mu Chapter offers peer-advising sessions to alleviate students' confusion. During the event, experienced Mu Chapter officers and members answer questions about professors, workload, and courses, and additionally offer general advice on college life.

At these sessions, students learn about the aspects of Berkeley EECS that their professors would never tell them. They also get to enjoy sage advice accompanied by free pizza and soda!

Donut Runs and Google Pizza Runs



Officer Naren Raghavan serves pizza and soda, courtesy of Google, to weary EECS students.

Projects and programs and tests, oh my! Being students ourselves, we at Mu Chapter know the great anxiety that fellow EECS students must experience as they are bombarded with project deadlines and hefty examinations. We are all too aware of how many an EECS student ends up toiling away at a computer terminal or workbench for hours on end. To help relieve students of the pressure, we have late-night donut runs and pizza runs before major project deadlines so that students can take breaks from their studies and enjoy the sweet comforts of sugary donuts and warm pizza, delivered straight to their hands by caring Mu Chapter officers! These food runs are always chosen at random, but attendance is always amazing.

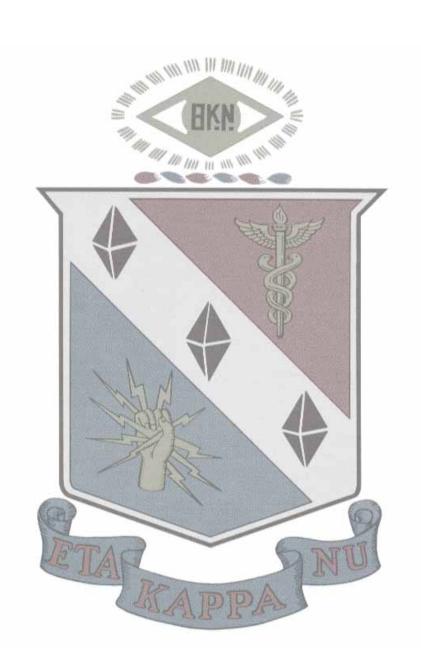
This year, HKN Mu Chapter received a special pizza grant from Google, so that we could provide even more food to the hungry and weary student body!

E-Day, short for Engineering Day, is an event put on by the College of Engineering where engineering societies and clubs gather in Berkeley's Bechtel Engineering Building to hold fun activities and publicize their societies and services. A myriad of diverse societies gathered in Bechtel to provide games and brainteasers for current students, while also welcoming prospective transfer students from various other colleges. To some transfer students, this is their version of Cal Day, and the event gives them their first impression of engineering at Berkeley.

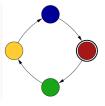


Students visit Bechtel Engineering Center to learn about Berkeley's engineering societies. Somewhere in the bustling crowd is HKN.

Not wanting to be left out of the fun, Mu Chapter also joined in on the E-Day festivities! Officers set up an information desk and answered any questions that prospective students may have about EECS, HKN, or engineering.



Outreach



Mu Chapter's outreach programs have flourished in the past few years. The Industrial Relations Committee has a friendly relationship with the Career Center here at Berkeley and co-hosts two career fairs each year. The dedication that members and candidates display while helping out at these career fairs has gained Mu Chapter a great reputation among industry representatives.

Intersocietal events have also been on the rise, including a site visit to Google, a hike to Point Reyes, and our ever-popular game nights. Mu Chapter has always worked hard on trying to bridge the connection between new members and alumni, and we always host an Alumni Appreciation Dinner and an exciting alumni broomball event each semester. Last spring, the alumni gave a great warm gesture back to the members and officers by paying for that semester's Alumni Appreciation Dinner.

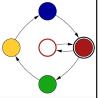












Alumni Appreciation Dinners

Alumni appreciation dinners are among the most important (and tasty) events that Mu Chapter holds. They allow us to maintain the strong bonds that we have with our alumni, as well as forge new bonds with the newer officers.

Held at the beginning of each semester at a different venue, Alumni Appreciation Dinner is attended by numerous past members of Mu Chapter, reaching back over more than a decade of Mu history! Alumni Appreciation Dinner is a chance for the older and past officers to pass along stories and traditions, and is a chance for the current officers to keep them updated with the happenings at HKN.

Alumni Appreciation Dinner was held at the Legendary Palace in Oakland last fall, and at Chevy's last spring. The spring Alumni Appreciation Dinner was particularly notable, as it was sponsored by our very own generous alumni! However, location and payment methods aside, Alumni Appreciation Dinner remains a revered and strong tradition of Mu Chapter.

Fall 2005 AAD



Old and new officers alike share stories and conversations at Alumni Appreciation Dinner.



Spring 2006 AAD



Alumni and current members bond over some tacos and fajitas.

Alumni Broomball

The alumni, current officers, members, and even candidates squared off in a friendly game of broomball (a sport that is similar to ice hockey, but with a twist). Taking place each semester, Alumni Broomball was held at Oakland Ice Center and pitted the Alumni/Candidates team against the Officers/Members team. Aside from a chance for past, present, and future Mu Chapter members to meet and mingle, broomball was a fun event involving intense battles and people randomly falling on



An HKN candidate gets down and dirty on the ice.

the ice. Broomball is always followed by a post-game dinner, which allows everyone to socialize in a less-competitive setting.

In the Fall, the A/C team won with a respectable 3-1, and defended their victory in the Spring with a hard-fought 1-0. But regardless of score, Alumni Broomball always turns out to be a fun and memorable night for everyone involved.

Score Box: Fall 2005

Winner: Alumni and Candidates

Alumni Goalie: Hua Xu

Officer Goalie: Mangesh Kulkarni

Final Score: 3-1

Score Box: Spring 2006

Winner: Alumni and Candidates

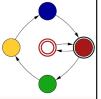
Alumni Goalie: Hua Xu

Officer Goalie: Mangesh Kulkarni

Final Score: 1-0







UPE Broomball



HKN alumnus Aaron Jow demonstrates that broomball is a friendly sport (especially when UPE is involved).

It turns out that HKN Mu Chapter members are not the only warriors on the ice, as we clashed with Upsilon Pi Epsilon (the computer science honor society in Berkeley's College of Letters and Science) twice in the last year. However, our superior ability awarded us the victory both times, and we defeated UPE 4-1 in the fall despite overwhelming odds, and 7-0 in the spring.

Friendly competition aside, this event helped strengthen the bonds between our two honor societies.

Fall 2005 Broomball



Spring 2006 Broomball



Score Box: HKN vs. UPE

Final Score, Fall 2005: 4-1 Final Score, Spring 2006: 7-0 Masters of the Ice: HKN!

Basketball with TBP

Broomball isn't the only sport that HKN excels at. Last spring, all-star Mu Chapter officers and candidates faced off against Tau Beta Pi (the engineering honor society) in some very intense games of basketball. While score was not being kept, competition was still fierce and friendly, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Sporting events such as these allow members from all honor societies to mingle while also having loads of fun.



Candidate Chuo Liu bravely goes for a basket.

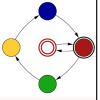
AUWICSEE and HKN Sushi Night



HKN candidate Heng Kuang contemplates opening up her own sushi shop.

Not content to only be eating sushi, AUWICSEE (the Association of Undergraduate Women in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering) and HKN combined culinary skills to create some of the best-tasting sushi ever made by man or woman. Even though many of us had never even touched a sushi rolling mat before, we still had a great time while stuffing ourselves with homemade sushi rolls.

Aside from the wonderful culinary experience, it was a great opportunity for members from both of our societies to break bread (or sushi) and make new friends.



Movie Night with AUWICSEE



Our illustrious president finds something more entertaining to look at than the movie.

Mu Chapter and the Association of Undergraduate Women in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering (AUWICSEE) teamed up twice in the Spring semester to hold movie nights.

At the first movie night, HKN and AUWICSEE fought the forces of evil while watching the movie "Army of Darkness." The second movie night was a showing of "Wedding Crashers," served with a side of free sushi!

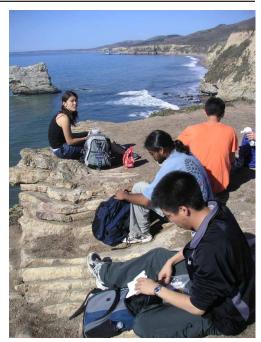
Point Reyes Hike with TBP

Mu Chapter and Tau Beta Pi (the engineering honor society) set off for an adventure filled with excitement and mayhem by hiking up Point Reyes, located in the North Bay. At the end of the grueling hike, our combined efforts led us to the top of some cliffs, and an absolutely breathtaking view of the Pacific Ocean.

We like to think of this hike as symbolic of the Berkeley engineering experience.



People from TBP weren't the only ones who joined us on the hike...



Lunch at the top of the world! Included in the picture are TBP VP Angela Wu and HKN VP Imran Haque.

Board Game Night with TBP

Mu Chapter and Tau Beta Pi held a board game night to decide once and for all which was the more intellectual of the two honor societies (this actually was not the purpose of the event, because HKN would have won hands-down).

Everyone had a great time playing classics such as Settlers of Catan, Cranium, and SET, as well as meeting the wonderful people from both honor societies.



Candidate Billy Sun ponders the nature of conquest in Settlers of Catan.

Mu Chapter Makes Friends



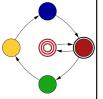
President Imran Haque meets with Gamma Beta President Thomas Conway.

friendship.

Last spring, the president of another HKN chapter, the Gamma Beta chapter at Boston's Northeastern University, approached our president Imran Haque asking for help. Gamma Beta's president had heard of all the great achievements that we at Mu Chapter had accomplished, and wanted to know if we could "mentor" their chapter--their president believed that their chapter could be bigger and better than it currently was. Not wanting to turn down another fellow chapter, we agreed. And that was the beginning of a beautiful

We began to give the Gamma Beta chapter advice on several things relating to the smooth running of a chapter. While on a campus-visiting trip, our president flew out to the east coast to have lunch with Gamma Beta's president. They discussed how to expand chapter activities, jumpstart industrial relations, and improve member and officer participation. Through email correspondences with Mehmet Basoglu, our Exam Files officer, we also advised them on matters relating to an exam files database. We at Mu Chapter are committed to Gamma Beta's mission of revitalizing their chapter.

Another chapter, the Psi Chapter at University of Texas, Austin, also approached us asking for help with alumni relations. Our Alumni Relations officer, Mangesh Kulkarni, advised them on how to strengthen connections with HKN alumni.



6th Annual EECS Career Fair

Every year in the fall, Mu Chapter and the UCB Career Center hold the EECS Career Fair, an event attended by dozens of companies and hundreds of students. This is one of the largest and most important events that we do for the EECS student community, and every year it is a stunning success. How else could it run for six consecutive years, were it not for HKN's brilliant Industrial Relations Committee at the helm?



A student converses with a recruiter, armed with resumes and freshly-obtained free stuff.

The EECS Career Fair is a testament to the high respect that HKN gets from the university, students, and key companies from

EECS Career Fair Facts

This year, over 30 companies attended the 6th Annual EECS Career Fair. Some of them included:

Pixar

Yahoo

Dreamworks

Microsoft

Visual Concepts

Xilinx

NVIDIA

HOT or NOT (a company founded by HKN Mu Chapter alumni!)

The most popular free giveaway at this career fair was Pixar's Mike Wazowski doll from Monsters, Inc! the industry. And considering the hard work that not only the Industrial Relations Committee but also all of Mu Chapter puts into making the Career Fair the best it could possibly be, is it really that surprising?



HKN officers get ready to answer any questions that visitors to the career fair might have



Pixar definitely knows how to attract students!

Internship Fair

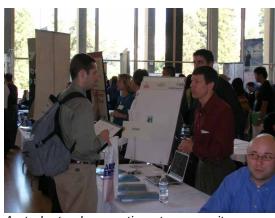
Held each spring by Mu Chapter and the Career Center, our Internship Fair is designed for students who still haven't made up their minds about what to do for the summer, but may be interested in an internship or co-op. Like the career fair in the fall, our internship fair boasts attendance by dozens of companies eager to fill their ranks with intelligent, resourceful Berkeley EECS interns.



A panoramic view of the entire internship fair. The floor was packed for nearly the entire day!



HKN officer Tracy Wang enjoys her job as an ID scanner a bit too much (the Career Fair requires us to scan visitors' student ID cards for statistical purposes).



A student asks questions to a recruiter.

Internship Fair Facts

Over 80 companies attended HKN's Internship Fair, including:

VMware

Broadcom

Intel

Quorum Consulting

Berlex

Palm

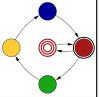
Lam Research

Xilinx

NVIDIA

Linear Technology

Sandisk



Infosessions

To further connect the EECS student body with industry, Mu Chapter holds numerous infosessions throughout the semester, where recruiters from companies visit UC Berkeley to talk about their company and any job opportunites that may be available. Here is just a small sample of some of the infosessions we've held:



Visual Concepts: A game company, Visual Concepts talked about working in the game industry and what their particular company is like. At the end, they raffled off an XBox and a set of games!

VMware Infosession: VMware gave a talk about some aspects of their virtual machine technologies underlying the products that they create. The people attending this infosession were able to get free copies of Workstation 5, the latest version of their software at the time.





Amazon Infosession: Amazon representatives talked about how it was like to work for a popular online retail company, and also elaborated on the company structure and its team environment. They raffled off an iPod, which HKN officer Nam Mai was lucky to win!

Tech Talks

Some companies also hold tech talks, where they give a presentation usually about some new trend or technology that their company is currently exploring. These tech talks tend to be very informative and insightful, and, like infosessions, they let students learn more about industry. Some of the tech talks that we've done in the past year include:

Google Tech Talk: Over a hundred students turned out for this wildly-successful tech talk, where representatives from the search engine giant talked about the power of data. Free T-shirts and food were had by all.

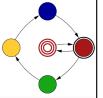




Microsoft Tech Talk: Berkeley alumni who ended up working for the software giant gave a talk clarifying all the stereotypes about working for the "evil empire," making for a very interesting presentation indeed. Raffle prizes included a Zen Micro and a smart phone!

Microsoft IPTV Tech Talk: Microsoft came back for an encore performance in the spring, this time talking about IPTV technology and some of the problems that it faces.





Video Game Tech Talk

Mu Chapter and the Career Center invited four panelists from the computer and video gaming industry to talk about their experiences and answer questions from a densely-packed room of curious students. The group of panelists was an eclectic bunch that included programmers, artists, and even game critics. Together, they were able to give a very comprehensive overview of this exciting field.

Topics covered included breaking into the industry, indie game development, artwork, and various trends. Some of the panelists also gave technical demos of their work and showed off some highly impressive visual media.



Panelists from the video game industry talk about making the next generation of entertainment.



The attendance for the tech talk was astounding and included a diverse range of curious students ranging from CS majors to budding artists.

Google Site Visit

Google generously extended an offer to the officers of Eta Kappa Nu and several other engineering societies for a Google site visit. Our student relations officer set up the date, and last spring, a handful of Mu Chapter officers visited Google's Mountain View campus to get a feel for how it was like to work at the search engine giant, explore new trends in the industry, and last but not least, sample Google's excellent free ice cream. It was an educational, albeit rainy, day, and everyone got T-shirts and sports bottles to commemorate the occasion.

This site visit was one of the many ways that Mu Chapter seeks to connect its members with industry. Not only does such an event reveal the high regard that Google and HKN have for each other, but it also demonstrates how close our connections are with major companies in the industry.

AMD Day / AMD Donation

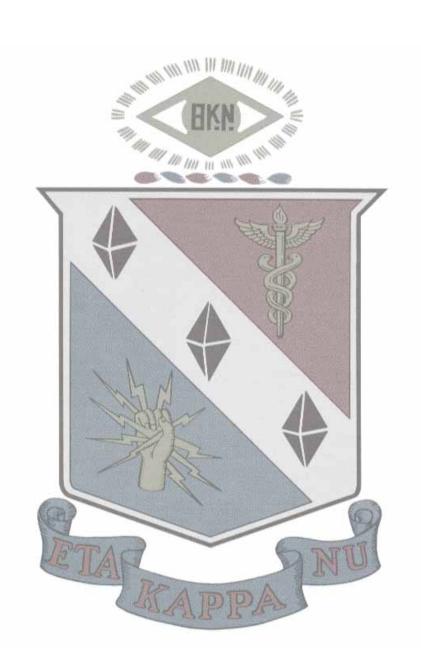
In exchange for three brand-new computers in our chapter office, HKN arranged AMD Day, an event that began with a Doom 3 gaming tournament and continued with free Zachary's Chicago-style deep-dish pizza for all the participants.

The action-packed day ended with an insightful tech talk, starring an engineer from AMD who talked about new trends in processor technology, such as the ever-increasing role of parallelization. There was also a raffle at the event where several lucky students won copies of Quake 4 and even AMD processors!

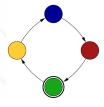


The auditorium was packed with people eager to learn the exciting new trends in processor technology.

Events such as these showcase not only Mu Chapter's commitment to providing students with fun and helpful tech talks, but also our strong ties with industry.



Social



The backbone of all the great things that Mu Chapter provides to the students, the college, and the community is the active member corps. While the officers organize and facilitate, our members and candidates are the lifeblood that keeps our chapter alive and makes our chapter more successful. The social activities that Mu Chapter provides to its members and candidates is the key element that brings everyone together as a family and creates the necessary unity to keep our chapter robust and active for years to come.

This year, we have had many new and exciting events that highlighted the already fun-filled semester, such as paintballing, rock climbing, and a twist to the traditional photo scavenger hunt, which now involves small-scale group competitions that we have dubbed HKNlympics.

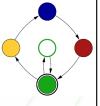












Game Nights



Officer Johnny Tran takes careful aim in a game of Duck Hunt.

3D graphics, bright flashes of light, and various crashing and booming sounds fill the Wozniak Lounge (in our CS building) at our game nights as HKNers play games such as Smash Brothers, Soul Calibur, and Katamari Damacy. A few older games still persist; the classic NES game Duck Hunt still makes an appearance every now and then.

People who prefer more traditional games (or just can't match the reflexes of our champions) can come to our board game nights, where we compete through Scrabble, Monopoly, Settlers of Catan, and other games. On a few nights, we've even played card games such as Texas Hold'em, or large group activities such as Mafia.



Officers and candidates play a tense hand of poker.



Officer Pamela Lee analyzes the game board in Settlers of Catan.



The townspeople must deliberate over who are the bad guys during Mafia Night.

Ice Cream Socials

Nothing brings people together at 9 pm on a week-day better than an ice cream social. Best of all, Berkeley is host to many wonderful ice cream shops: our favorites include Yogurt Park, Gelateria Naia, Gelato Milano, and Ben and Jerry's. Favorite flavors include the comforting cookies and cream, refreshing Thai iced tea, and many fruity sorbets. It is no surprise that our ice cream events are some of our most popular. We always make sure to host at



Officer John Zhou expresses his approval of gelato.

two or three per semester, so that even the busiest people have a chance to get some free ice cream.

Ice cream socials are also a great avenue for candidates to meet other members, learn about obscure officer trivia, or simply have a great time.

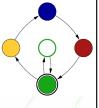
Movie Nights



HKNers pack the theater for a showing of Harry Potter.

With all the running around we do in HKN, sometimes we at Mu Chapter just like to relax and watch a good movie. One of the favorites this year was the latest Harry Potter movie--over half the people in the theater were from HKN! As is the case with our ice cream socials, Berkeley is host to numerous theaters, so a good flick is never too far away. A more politically-charged choice last year was "Thank You For Smoking," a movie chronicling the actions of the tobacco industry.

We hold movie nights both at the theaters and in a cozy auditorium at Soda Hall, our CS building.



Potlucks and Barbeques



Officers bring in a large variety of dishes, which are immediately consumed.

HKNers are always looking for some good food. In this spirit, we hold a potluck every semester. Members and candidates get off free--all the food is provided by the officer corps! Eating isn't the only thing that goes on: plenty of candidates complete challenges, ranging from bits of HKN trivia to brainteasers and performances. This is one of HKN's biggest events throughout the year, so it's a prime chance for candidates to learn about HKN and get to know our members and officers.

HKNers aren't satisfied with just potluck. So, we hold pre-game barbeques in the volleyball courts right outside the CS building before the Cal football team plays. Plenty of people always show up, even if they don't even know there's a game on.



Imran Haque, Spring '06 President, cooks up some Mongolian barbeque.



Tracy Wang gears up for a game of Frustration (a fast-paced card game) during Potluck.

From the kitchens of HKN...

Mu Chapter officers are amazing cooks! In the past, dishes whipped up by officers and seen at potluck include:

Roasted chicken Lasagna Spaghetti

Fried rice Deviled eggs Cakes

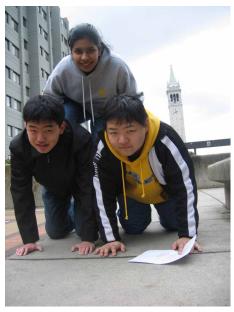
Cookies Mongolian barbeque Fajitas

Photo Scavenger Hunt

<u>r Hunt</u>

Following years of tradition, HKNers once again scoured the hilly Berkeley campus gathering pictures of strange buildings, human pyramids, and even conga lines! Each squad was given two hours and a digital camera to photograph as many clues as they can. Clues ranged from the straightforward (hug the biggest tree on campus, or your favorite professor) to ones requiring programming or math knowledge. When time was up, they reported back to Soda Hall, our CS building, for some barbeque and the always-controversial judging. Although the debates could get heated, we always managed to settle on a winner.

Lately, we've combined our HKNlympics event with the photo scavenger hunt for an event that's twice as memorable!



One of the challenges is to build a human tower higher than our campanile.



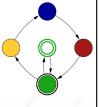
Lots of people from the Berkeley campus join in on this conga line.



HKNers arrange themselves into a MOSFET.



Spelling out our favorite honor society!



Jelly Belly Factory Tour



HKNers stand amazed at the sights of the Jelly Belly factory.

Most people associate going to the Jelly Belly factory with elementary school students, so a group of EE students might seem a bit out of place among the colorful jelly bean portraits and countless flavors at the factory. This is misleading, as HKNers possess just as much curiosity and creativity as kids, making the tour completely appropriate. We're always excited to try out the flavors they have available, even ones like earthworm and grass. This was definitely one event that nourished our inner children.

Karaoke

For many semesters, Mu Chapter has had a tradition of going out to karaoke right after our initiation and banquet. After all those late nights working on problem sets and projects, HKNers can go singing well into the night (even though elections are the very next morning!). Everyone is strongly encouraged to sing, and plenty of (non-alcoholic) drinks are provided to soothe our throats. Some of our favorite artists include Michelle Branch and Jay Chou.



HKNers put on various passionate performances.

Lawrence Hall of Science



Officers Joe Jing and Leonard Wei take in the view.

On a warm Saturday afternoon, we headed up to the Lawrence Hall of Science (located right by the famous Lawrence Berkeley Labs). There were many scientific displays for all ages, ranging from animatronic dinosaurs, a schoolyard-sized DNA strand, and everpettable chinchillas. Consider it HKN's take on interdisciplinary education.

HKNlympics

With our combined love for EE and sports comes the HKNIvmpics that we hold every semester. The game is always intense, with teams such as "Team Schrödinger" and "Team Better than Stephen" locked in fierce competition. Events range from your typical sports events to the final sudden death round of RPS (rock, paper, scissors). This past spring, we also combined our everpopular Photo Scavenger Hunt with HKNlympics for a fun-filled, campus-wide event.

Of course, the HKNlympics wouldn't be complete without some barbeque fresh off the grill at the end of it all.



Spring '06 President Imran Haque and officer Sahand Negahban engage in a heated race.

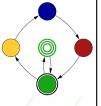
Ice-skating



Candidate Mark McKelvin Jr. shows his moves on the ice.

HKNers decided to nurture their more graceful side by taking some lessons in ice-skating from the Cal Figure Skating Team. Some people already knew how to skate and were quite adept, but many of us had only skated once or twice before. Many took a fall, but everyone enjoyed the experience.

Not everyone managed a triple lutz, but we all learned some valuable lessons on balance and feedback control.



Paintball



Officer Daniel Low is ready for the hunt.

Although HKNers are normally peace-loving folk, occasionally we do need to work out our aggressions. Seeking an outlet, we went out to play paintball. While not everyone chose the most effective camouflage (purple shirts and gold lettering in the wilderness?), all had a great time. Of course, we went right back to our peaceful selves as soon as we got back to Berkeley.

Paintballing was a special event not just because this was the first time we did it, but because it was planned by a candidate! An Activities Committee candidate was a fan of paintballing, and took initiative in setting up the entire event. It was so successful that it may become a regular event (something that may be more likely since the candidate is now an officer!)

Rock-climbing

HKN headed down to Berkeley Ironworks for some challenging indoor rock-climbing. We weren't quite as nimble as some of the young kids scrambling up and down the rocks, but we conquered our fair share of the climbs. Everyone had a good time, although we felt quite sore for the rest of the day.



Success! Now they just need to hope their belayers know what they're doing.

Other Sports

The stereotype of electrical engineers who stay in the labs working non-stop, resembling fish in a small, poorly lit fishtank, should be long dead with HKN's diverse tradition of sports of all sorts. In the past year, we've enjoyed athletic pursuits such as football, basketball, dodgeball, bowling, ultimate frisbee, and many others.

We also have our fair share of women come out, since HKN women are definitely not the soft, delicate type.



Ellen Zeng, Fall '05 President, shoots for the basket.



HKNers enjoy a nice game of Ultimate Frisbee on a sunny day.



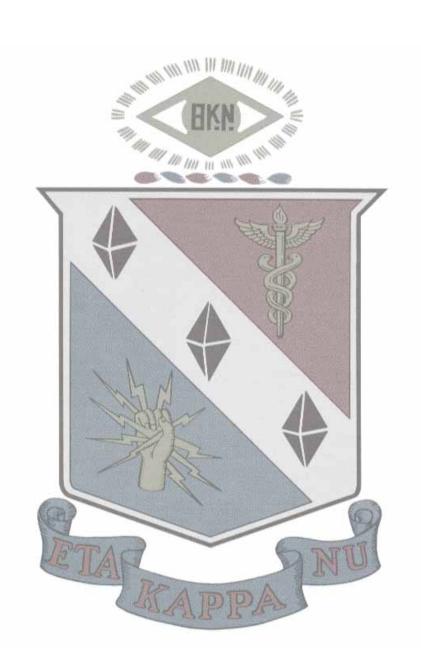
Players carefully position themselves, ready to dash for the ball or flag their opponents.



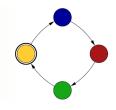
Member Joe Jing races to the endzone in HKN football.



A dodgeball barely misses officer Naren Raghavan.



Official Business



With the many activities that Mu Chapter offers, it can be easy for members to lose sight of the greater whole of HKN. Through our general meetings, members, officers, and candidates can hear the latest news with respect to the chapter and catch up with members they don't normally meet.

In addition to the general meetings, candidates are guided through the initiation process with a candidate meeting at the beginning of each semester. And of course, they finish off the semester with our traditional initiation and banquet. The Bridge Committee is especially proud to have provided high-quality, entertaining slideshows at banquet that included amazing video footage of the past year.

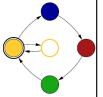












Officer, Candidate, and General Meetings

The meetings throughout a semester serve as the glue that binds the Mu Chapter experience together for officers, members, and candidates.



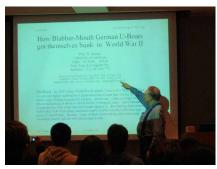
Officers eat and mingle at Elephant Bar after an Officer Meeting.

Weekly Officer Meetings keep the officer corps on track and allow officers to have their say in the running of the chapter. Volunteering for events, activity suggestions, coordination of duties, and general communication are all accomplished through this venue. After the business is done, a dinner usually follows at a nearby restaurant.

The Candidate Meeting kickstarts the candidate semester and serves as the introduction for new candidates to HKN Mu Chapter. Icebreakers, food, and a lively officer presence spice up the meeting that details the requirements and benefits of membership.



Candidates and officers chat about life at Berkeley while enjoying some fresh college-style dinner.



Prof. Kahan talks about World War II technology and the importance of being a well-rounded person in addition to being an outstanding engineer.

Three General Meetings are planned each semester so that officers, members, and candidates can share a meal together while getting updated on upcoming activities and candidate progress. A big draw for everyone, aside from the delicious food, is a presentation by a professor from our award-winning EECS faculty on a subject close to his or her heart. Some candidates also take this oppurtunity to showcase their talents by performing something special such as playing an instrument, singing, or even stand-up comedy.

Officer Elections



The Spring 2006 officer corps right after a grueling 8-hour long election. The exuberance shown is a true indicator of how much everyone loves HKN.

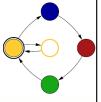
Officer elections determine the future of an HKN chapter. With each officer generation being roughly 2 years in length, new officers and new suggestions are always in the forefront of a Mu Chapter election. The election process takes 6-8 hours because it's more than just voting. The election meeting also acts as a forum for new suggestions and new policy, which are vigorously debated among the members, old and new alike. Each officer chosen is required to display passion and ability before taking office and improving our beloved chapter.

Officer Retreat

The first weekend of school is spent bonding with other HKN Officers. The venue is a weekend-long planned trip to a nice location selected by our Activities Committee where having some fun and getting to know each other go hand-in-hand. The strong, personal connections between the officer corps after these retreats result in an enjoyable semester for the entire HKN chapter. Some well-known events that happen during retreat are the never-ending Mafia game and the annual snowball fight in the winter. This year, officers enjoyed their time together at Los Osos in the fall and Lake Tahoe in the spring.



The Fall 2005 Officer Corps enjoying an intriguing game of Mafia during officer retreat at the appropriately named town of Los Osos (The Bears).



Initiation and Banquet



The spring Exam Files Committee received the Outstanding Committee Award for digitizing 10 years' worth of exams in the space of one semester.

At the end of each semester, Mu Chapter holds an initiation to celebrate, welcome, and officially induct the new members into HKN. After the certificates have been rewarded, a hearty round of well-deserved congratulations and photos takes place. Everyone heads to a local restaurant where a formal banquet is held in honor of our growing HKN family.

Dinner is a fun and lighthearted affair, while an awards ceremony celebrates the hard work

and diligence of exceptional officers and candidates. The main entertainment is then rolled out by the Bridge Committee in the form of a slideshow detailing the exploits and fond memories of the semester. This last year also marked the first time that the Bridge Committee created high-quality DVD slideshows featuring video clips of the preceding semesters.



Spring President Imran Haque provides some unique banquet entertainment by bringing his own turntable and showing off his amazing DJ-ing talent.

Last fall, banquet was served at Sinbad's in San Francisco, while in the spring, it was held at Dante's at Pier 39.

Changing of the Guard

Everyone at HKN Mu Chapter welcomes the new Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 initiates!



The Fall 2005 new initiates of Eta Kappa Nu.



The Spring 2006 new initiates of Eta Kappa Nu

2005-2006 Initiates

Fall 2005

Adam Abed
Lahini Arunachalam
Mehmet Basoglu
Prateek Bhakta
Guy Boo
John Cai
Albert Chang
Charles Chen
Yanpei Chen
Alex Choy
Alvin Chyan
Douglas Densmore

Andrew Hao
Justin Hsia
Jack Hsu
Evan Huang
Matthew Johnson
Pamela Lee
Phillip Lee
Judy Liang
Daniel Low
Kirill Makarov
Mark McKelvin Jr.
Vahab Pournaghshband

Albert Shau
Ramesh Sridharan
Qiao Sun
Vishal Talwar
Johnny Tran
Rehan Waliany
Kai Xia
Jonathan Xiong
Ke Xu
Yin Yu
John Zhou

Spring 2006

David Chen
Neil Chopra
Jay Chua
Abhinav Gupta
Harendra Guturu
Jerry Hong
Kedar Kanitkar
Wai Son Ko
Heng Kuang
Albert Lai
Shu Lau
Chris Lay

Michael Leong
Wenchao Li
Kevin Lin
Chuo Liu
Darren Lo
John Lo
Peter Martinazzi
Keaton Mowery
Michael Peng
Rohan Ramlall
Sunil Ramlall
Priyanka Reddy

Billy Sun
Kit Szeto
Leonid Vaynberg
Neil Warren
Daniel Wei
Charles Wu
Min Xu

Initiation Rate: ~75% Faculty in HKN: ~25% Chapter Size: ~250

Calendar of Events

Fall 2005

Septemb	er			
-		Oct. 29	Potluck	
Sep. 2-4	Fall 2005 Officer Retreat	Oct. 30	Point Reyes Hike with TBP	
Sep. 10	College Football Day			
Sep. 12	Giants Baseball Game	Novem	nber	
Sep. 13	Amazon Infosession			
Sep. 14	Microsoft Infosession	Nov. 1	General Meeting 2	
Sep. 15	Movie Night	Nov. 4	Theatre Rice	
Sep. 20	EECS Grad Admissions	Nov. 5	Lawrence Hall of Science	
	Infosession	Nov. 9	HKN/SWE Casino Night	
Sep. 22	Ice Cream Social	Nov. 10	Board Game Night	
Sep. 24	BBQ with IEEE	Nov. 11	Jelly Belly Factory Tour	
Sep. 26	EECS Grad Admissions	Nov. 12	Exploratorium	
	Infosession #2	Nov. 13	Photo Scavenger Hunt	
Sep. 28	EECS Career Fair	Nov. 15	Faces of Research in EECS	
		Nov. 15	Board Game Night with TBP	
October		Nov. 16	General Meeting 3	
		Nov. 17	Faculty Bakefest	
Oct. 3	Microsoft Unplugged	Nov. 18	UPE Broomball	
	Presentation	Nov. 20	HKN Olympics	
Oct. 4	Google Infosession	Nov. 21	Meal Service at	
Oct. 4	Candidate Meeting		Trinity Methodist Church	
Oct. 6	VMware Infosession	Nov. 21	Movie Night	
Oct. 6 -7	Candidate Conversations	Nov. 31	Rock Climbing	
Oct. 7	Theatre Rice Show			
Oct. 9	Football	Decem	nber	
Oct. 14	Video Game Night			
Oct. 15	Dodgeball	Dec. 1	Ice Skating	
Oct. 17 Visual Concepts Infosession		Dec. 2	SF Foodbank Volunteering	
Oct. 18	General Meeting 1	Dec. 2	Lunch Social	
Oct. 20	Bowling	Dec. 2	Ultimate Frisbee	
Oct. 21	Alumni Broomball	Dec. 3	Mini-golf	
Oct. 22	2 Making Strides Against		Ali G with Ali G	
	Breast Cancer	Dec. 10	Initiation	
Oct. 23	Basketball	Dec. 10	Banquet	
Oct. 25	FactSet Infosession	Dec. 11	Officer Election	
Oct. 27	Movie Night			

Calendar of Events

Spring 2006

Janua	ry		
,		Mar. 18	Ultimate Frisbee
Jan. 20-22 Spring 2006 Officer Retreat		Mar. 20	Rock Climbing
		Mar. 23	General Meeting 2
Februa	ary		_
		April	
Feb. 3	EJC Capture the Flag		
Feb. 7	FactSet Infosession	Apr. 6	Bowling
Feb. 8	Members Meeting	Apr. 7	Alumni Broomball
Feb. 10	Movie Night	Apr. 8	Potluck
Feb. 13	Microsoft Tech Talk	Apr. 9	Basketball
Feb. 15	Candidate Meeting	Apr. 11	Staff Bake-off
Feb. 16	Gelato Milano	Apr. 12	Mafia Night
Feb. 16-	17 Candidate Conversations	Apr. 13	Hold`em Tournament
Feb. 21	Board Game Night	Apr. 15	Soccer
Feb. 22	Internship Fair	Apr. 16	Mini-golf
Feb. 22	Amazon Infosession	Apr. 20	General Meeting 3
Feb. 24	Movie Night with	Apr. 20	UPE Broomball
	AUWICSEE	Apr. 21	0p3n M1k3
Feb. 25	Flag Football	Apr. 22	Alameda County
Feb. 28	General Meeting 1		Food Bank
		April. 22	Cal Day
March		April. 25	Resume Workshop
		April. 26	Frisbee Golf
Mar. 2	Alumni Appreciation Dinner	April. 28	Lunch Social
Mar. 3	Video Game Night		
Mar. 4	Theatre Rice	May	
Mar. 5	Mini-golf		
Mar. 8	Agilent Infosession	May 6	Initiation
Mar. 9	Ice Skating	May 6	Banquet
Mar. 11	SF Zoo Cleanup	May 7	Officer Election
Mar. 12	HKNlympics feat.		
	Photo Scavenger Hunt		
Mar. 16	Sushi Night w/AUWICSEE		

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Mu Chapter Timesheet

Events Work Hours Fun Hours N	New/Continuing Semester
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Service

Cal Day Student Panel	10	0	Continuing	Spring
Course Surveys	250	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Donut Runs	6	6	Continuing	Fall/Spring
E-Day/Community College D	ay 12	0	Continuing	Fall
Exam Files	300	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Faces of Research	20	14	New	Fall
Faculty Interviews	5	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Google Pizza Runs	6	6	New	Fall
Grad School Workshops	4	0	Continuing	Fall
GSI Awards	8	0	Continuing	Spring
Making Strides Against				
Breast Cancer	100	0	Continuing	Fall
Meal Service	50	0	New	Fall
Peer Advising	10	6	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Relay for Life	70	10	New	Fall
Resume Workshops	12	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
SF Zoo Cleanup	80	120	Continuing	Spring
Staff Appreciation Bakeoffs	50	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Study sessions	80	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Tutoring	1940	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Welcome Week	10	0	Continuing	Fall
Total	3023	156		

Outreach

Alumni Appreciation Dinner	10	250	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Alumni Broomball 2		90	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Alumni Database and Newsle	tters 25	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
AMD Day	70	10	Continuing	Spring
Corporate Infosessions	310	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Career Fairs	200	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Google Site Visit	5	20	New	Spring
Intersocietal Game Nights	10	30	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Intersocietal Movie Nights	10	20	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Point Reyes Hike	6	12	New	Fall
Sushi Night	10	50	New	Spring
Total	658	482		

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Events Wo	rk Hours	Fun Hours	New/Continuing	Semester
Social				
Game Nights	5	500	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Ice Cream Socials	2	200	Continuing	Fall/Spring
HKNlympics	10	120	Continuing	Spring
Ice-skating	8	50	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Jelly Belly Factory Tour	5	100	Continuing	Fall
Lawrence Hall of Science	3	50	New	Fall
Movie Nights	2	70	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Paintball	10	80	New	Spring
Potlucks and Barbeques	100	300	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Photo Scavenger Hunt	30	140	Continuing	Fall
Rock Climbing	5	90	New	Fall/Spring
Sports	10	200	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Total	190	1900		
Official Business				
Annual Report	80	0	Continuing	Fall
Candidate Meeting	35	300	Continuing	Fall/Spring
General Meetings	190	1500	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Initiation and Banquet	120	680	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Officer Elections	1000	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Officer Meetings	850	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Officer Retreats	25	1800	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Online Yearbook	50	0	Continuing	Fall/Spring
Total	2350	4280		
Total Work Hours:	6221			
Total Fun Hours:	6818			

Total Hours: 13,039

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