1056-Z1-456 Meighan I. Dillon* (mdillon@spsu.edu), Mathematics Department, SPSU, 1100 S. Marietta Pkwy, Marietta, GA 30060. The Elements of Euclid.

The Elements of Euclid, dating to around 300 BC, has been in continuous use since it was written. It is arguably one of the most influential texts in history. A codification of geometry and arithmetic as known in 300 BC and as taught at Plato's Academy at the time, The Elements remains a masterpiece of clarity and beauty.

This talk is concerned with the place of The Elements in the history of pure mathematics. A culmination of 300 years of Greek thought, The Elements ushered in a modern age in mathematics, starting a thread that runs strong and clear into the 21st century. In this talk, we examine how Euclid's Elements has not only survived 2300 years but has remained a vital source for teaching and learning. (Received September 08, 2009)