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Dave Gilbert Awarded SAE's Merit Key May 20, 2012

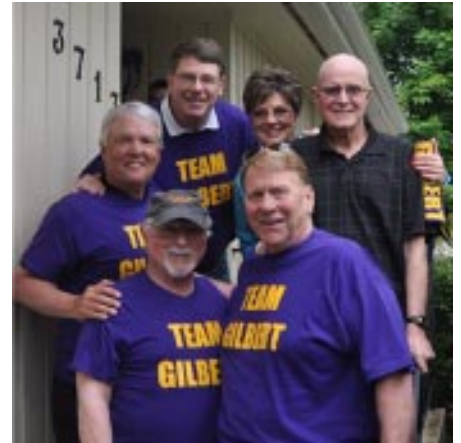
Brother Dave Gilbert '75 has served on the Oregon Alpha alumni leadership team for many years. He has provided incredible leadership as "financial advisor" for both the House Corporation and the collegiate chapter. Over the years, he has worked directly with the chapter treasurers, providing training and mentoring, especially with Oregon Alpha's use of Omega Financial's on-line billing system. Dave has provided the consistency and the support that is needed to assist the chapter treasurers in managing a \$350,000 business. Under Dave's leadership, the chapter has had to develop and work within a budget, collections have been excellent, and the members have consistently paid their rent to the House Corporation on time.

The special presentation took place at Dave and Yvonne Gilbert's home on May 20 at 5:30 p.m. Dave is battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The presentation was a surprise, and included the presentation of the Merit Key (SAE's second highest alumni honor) by Brother Ron Thiesen, the singing of "Friends," and the SAE Yell, "Rah, Rah, Bon Ton." Nearly 50 undergraduates participated in the presentation! All were wearing the "Team Gilbert" T-shirts that they wore the day before at the Relay for Life campus fundraiser.

This is truly what fraternity is all about! Congratulations, Brother Gilbert!



Dave and Yvonne welcome a surprise visit from the members and alumni of Oregon Alpha.



Dave and Yvonne with Ron Thiesen, Bill Brennan, Dick Thompson, and Scott Spiegelberg.



Members of Team Gilbert converge on Dave and Yvonne's house.



EA Report: Strong Campus Involvement, Philanthropic Success



The 2011-2012 school year at Oregon Alpha was rewarding and exciting. Looking back on my four years living at 2929, I could not have imagined another place to call home.

In summer 2011, with the help of the Alumni Association, five brothers of Oregon Alpha were able to attend the 76th annual John O. Moseley Leadership School. I attended the same school the year before, and I can honestly say it was one of the most rewarding events of my four years as an undergrad. The people we met, along with the ideas and leadership opportunities that we absorbed and brought back to Corvallis, made for a priceless experience.

Also last summer, Brother Michael Hales (current EA and past EDA) and I had the opportunity to attend the biennial Sigma Alpha Epsilon Convention in Memphis, TN. Here we got to experience the business of the fraternity. We also gained a greater sense of how many national alumni there are and what they have done in their fraternal and professional careers. Our Oregon Alpha Alumni Association received some great awards for our newsletter as well as recognition for our alumni involvement.

Before the start of the fall quarter, the rest of the exec board and I spent a few days planning goals and bonding before the rest of the members arrived at the fraternity house. This experience was crucial to our success as a council in the fall, and paved the way for the strong group we have leading the chapter now. One of our main

goals was to recruit a class of quality guys. Our two recruitment chairs, Travis Felchlin and Kaz Azizian, were able to recruit 53 new pledges, the highest number for any fraternity at Jump Day last fall.

Our recruitment success was only the first of many achievements and highlights for fall term. A few weeks into the term, we competed in one of the largest philanthropies on campus — Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. The strength of our brotherhood that week was incredible for so early in the school year. So much so that we ended up winning the philanthropy!

Fall term, we did a lot of work with SAE National. We had our yearly visit from our Regional Director, Steve Kronenburg. He visited with all of the officers in the house,

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SAE Mission Statement

The mission of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is to promote the highest standards of friendship, scholarship, and service for our members based upon the ideals set forth by our founders and as specifically enunciated in our creed, "The True Gentleman."

The True Gentleman

The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety, and whose self-control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority or deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others, rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

— John Walter Wayland

William L. Thomas Scholarship Recipients

Kasra Azizian '12
Nicholas Andrew Boring '13
Joseph Michael Dusevoir '13
Nicholas William Hart '12
William J. Later '12
Nolan Ryan Mills '14

Each received a \$1,000 scholarship. The funds for these scholarships are provided from an endowment that was established by Bill Thomas '43 in 1992 with the OSU Foundation. It is a pleasure to be able to recognize and reward the accomplishments of outstanding brothers of Oregon Alpha.

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Dining on Duck

Larry Rich '69 was a Beaver football starter for coach Dee Andros from 1967 to 1969, and played center field for the 1967 Beaver baseball team, coached by Gene Tanselli '51. As always, the annual Monday night Dining on Duck dinner before the Civil War football game was hosted by Scott Spiegelberg '75.



Coming Events: Mark Your Calendar!

August 6-10, 77th John O. Moseley Leadership School, Port of Miami, FL, aboard Royal Caribbean's *Majesty of the Seas*

September 24, Monday, classes begin at OSU.

October 20, Saturday, Homecoming, OSU vs. Utah, time TBD

November 3, Saturday, Dad's Weekend, OSU vs. Arizona State

November 19, Monday, Annual Civil War "Dining on Duck" Dinner, 5:30 PM

June 15, 2013, Saturday, OSU Commencement

June 29 - July 1, 2013, 157th Anniversary Convention, Chicago, IL

2012 Oregon Alpha Officers

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Two generations of Oregon Alpha: Michael '15 and Paul Meade '87.



Left: Nick Hart '12 displays his artistic talent, painting the chapter's lions last fall.

Right: looking sharp!



Mitch McClain '12 was Oregon Alpha's representative on the 2011 Homecoming Court. Mitch also served Oregon Alpha as chapter treasurer.

Oregon Alpha Career Night



One of the annual services the Oregon Alpha Alumni Association provides for the collegiate chapter is a career night, to get the undergrads focused on networking, creating resumes, and attending the OSU-sponsored career fair on campus. On the evening of February 15, 2012, several alumni brothers met with more than 35 members in the fraternity's living room to discuss careers and prepare for the Oregon State University Career Fairs. Alumni participating included Kevin Sailor, Northwest Financial Network; Dick Thompson, Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis; Jed Wilson, Albany Police Department; Bill Brennan, OSU Retired Dean of Men's Office; and Scott Spiegelberg, OSU College of Business.



Initiation Winter 2012

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
Ben Bly	2015	Beaverton, OR
Lamar Bowser	2015	Beaverton, OR
Jamie Buystedt	2015	Bend, OR
Conner Slater	2015	Spokane, WA
Mitchell Davis	2014	Tualatin, OR
Anthony Delie	2015	Sammamish, WA
Robert Dusevoir	2015	Tigard, OR
Austin Fassiotto	2014	Portland, OR
Spencer Haag	2013	Tualatin, OR
Christopher Hale	2014	Scappoose, OR
Alex Holmer	2015	Beaverton, OR
Nathan Jansen	2015	Oregon City, OR
Jacob Knutson	2013	Forest Grove, OR
Thomas Massa	2015	El Dorado Hills, CA
Michael Meade	2015	Tualatin, OR
Michael Mitchell	2015	Beaverton, OR
Brian Osgood	2013	Tacoma, WA
Reid Paulson	2015	Woodinville, WA
Anthony Peaslee	2015	Tualatin, OR
Conner Schumacher	2015	Bend, OR
Jacob Stubbs	2013	Forest Grove, OR
George Vartanov	2015	Corvallis, OR



Initiation Spring 2012

NAME	CLASS	HOMETOWN
William Brunt	2014	The Dalles, OR
Michael Carroll	2015	Portland, OR
David Cole	2015	Port Orchard, WA
Erik Eagon	2015	Beaverton, OR
Kevin Flanigan	2015	Portland, OR
Derek Graham	2015	Bend, OR
Nathaniel Meeks	2015	Kent, WA
Byrne Miyamoto	2014	Ventura, CA
Jacob Peterson	2015	Pendleton, OR
Andrew Robinson	2015	Pendleton, OR
Clancy Smith	2015	Carmichael, CA
Anthony Tyrell	2015	Corvallis, OR

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Order of the Phoenix



Chapter Advisor Ron Thiesen '61 presented the Order of the Phoenix, in recognition of outstanding undergraduate service to the fraternity, to Will Later '12, Mitch McClain '12, and Nick Hart '12. These brothers have provided exceptional leadership during their four years at Oregon Alpha!

Leadership School



This August, six delegates from Oregon Alpha will travel to Miami, Florida, to take part in the fraternity's premier educational experience — the 77th Annual John O. Moseley Leadership School. Thanks to support from the Oregon Alpha Chapter Endowment Fund and alumni contributions to support leadership training, all tuition is paid for this annual event. Tax deductible contributions to the **Sigma Alpha Epsilon Foundation, c/o Oregon Alpha CEF (3369), PO Box 1856, Evanston, IL 60204-1856**, are always welcome and will ensure future Oregon Alpha members are able to attend and benefit from this worthwhile educational experience.

Oregon Alpha Annual Awards Banquet Held May 21



Oregon Alpha held its Annual Awards Banquet on May 21, 2012. It is a tradition that recognizes leadership, scholarship, and dedicated service to the fraternity chapter.



Oregon Alpha 2012 Annual Award Winners (L-R): Michael Meade '15, Robert R. Blair Outstanding Freshman of the Year and T. Burke Hayes All-House Scholarship Award; Sam Rudolph '12, Arthur "Skip" Bedell Memorial I.M. Award; Will Later '12, Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award; and Nick Boring '13, A. Darrell Carlson True Gentleman Award.

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helped us with some of our programs, and led a workshop for the entire chapter on national rules and regulations. The second interaction with SAE National was more personal, and included myself and then-Eminent Treasurer Mitch McClain. Mitch and I had the opportunity to serve on the ritual team for the installation and initiation ceremony for the True Gentlemen at the University of Puget Sound. It was an unforgettable experience to see the ritual performed by the top national officers in the realm. I served as Eminent Warden, and Mitch served as Eminent Chronicler. Mitch and I still run into members from Puget Sound that we helped initiate.

Winter term was just as exciting and event-filled as the fall. Our annual Miss Minerva Philanthropy, put on by our two hard-working philanthropy chairs, Quinn McAndrews and Mike Mead, raised money for KidSpirit, a program on the Oregon State campus that holds camps and gives scholarships for young children in the Corvallis area. Our Miss Minerva this year was Brooke Agather from Kappa Alpha Theta, and the overall winning sorority was Delta Gamma.

Every March, we eagerly anticipate Founders Day. This year's event was special, as we had the honor of hosting Eminent Supreme Archon Ken Tracey for our Founders Day celebration up in Portland. I was unable to attend, because I was sup-

porting our men and women's basketball teams in the PAC-12 Tournament as Benny The Beaver. While the ESA was in Corvallis, the chapter had the pleasure of hearing Ken speak in the living room, and current EA Michael Hales received his president's pin from Brother Tracey himself.

As always, spring term was quite busy. We competed in the All-University Sing at Mom's Weekend with the lovely ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta. Our theme this year was the Jungle Book. We participated in Relay for Life, raising money to fight cancer and fund cancer research, thanks to EDA Nick Boring. This Relay was special for all of the undergrads and local alumni, as we were all part of Team Gilbert. We all wore our purple Team Gilbert shirts, and went to Brother Dave Gilbert's house with the alumni board to present Dave with the Merit Key. This was one of the truly greatest moments I have experienced as a member of SAE.

Our next service project was organized by our Chapter Advisor, Ron Thiesen. This project was called "Dollar A Door," and raised money for Community Outreach to provide services for the homeless population in Corvallis. We knocked on doors in Corvallis, and asked for just a dollar from each household. Hundreds of Greeks participated, raising close to \$4,000 and increasing awareness of Community Outreach and the homeless problem in Corvallis. This was a tremendous success for four hours of work.



The last big philanthropy we competed in was Pledge Bowl, a freshman football tournament put on by Tau Kappa Epsilon. Our team, pictured above, won the tournament for the second year in a row. With the right words of encouragement from the two coaches, Travis Felchlin and Michael Hales, and the athletic ability of our freshman class, we again beat Sigma Phi Epsilon in the championship game!

It was another successful year at 2929. I could not have asked for a better place to live during my four years as an undergrad. The chapter has transformed me into a True Gentleman, and I am eager to see what the next few years bring for all the guys in the house and for the young men who have not yet joined. Phi Alpha!

— William J. Later '12
Past Eminent Archon
IFC President

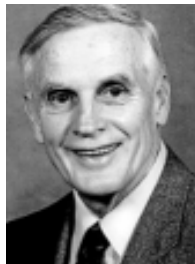
Chapter Leadership



House Dad "Stro" with EA Mike Hales and EDA Nick Boring at the Annual Awards Banquet in May.

Alumni Highlights and Chatter

WILLIAM R. GRAY, JR. '47, passed away peacefully on August 18, 2011, at age 88. Bill played football for Oregon State, the USC, then served in the Marines in WWII before returning to Corvallis to play for coach Lon Stiner. He played college football with an immense love for the sport, a profound belief in fairness and loyal teamwork, and remarkable skill — a combination that earned him the honor of All-American. Bill received his Master's degree in education from Lewis & Clark College. He served for more than 30 years as an administrator and high school principal in Portland. His dedication to bringing people together in order to find common ground, his belief in the goodness of people, and his integrity as a leader and true gentleman were legendary.



ROBERT CHURCHILL '48 is "Always glad to get the newsletter, but at my age (88 years), I don't have many brothers to hear about. After 64 years of marriage, Kay died on our anniversary, Valentine's Day. I am now free to travel, so will attend many athletic contests at Corvallis and elsewhere. I met BOB BLAIR'S son, DOUG '73, at the OSU/Stanford basketball game in Palo Alto. Bob and I attended Franklin High in Portland."

CRAIG McMICKEN '50 and his wife, Joanne (Theta '49), reside on Lake Woahink near Florence, OR. "I am a competitive runner. At the USA Track & Field Masters Championships at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, OH, July 28-31, 2011, I took first in the 800m, the 1500m, and the 5000m. Only two entrants in the '85-89 age group. Ha!"

JACK HELMS '55 sends, "My wife, Julie, and I are retired and living in Moraga, CA. Retirement means fishing in the summer, skiing in the winter, and doing lots of home maintenance work in between."

JACKO BURKS '57 lives in University Place, WA, during the spring, summer, and fall. He is a snow bird with RV in the winter in southern California and southwest USA.

PAUL JOHNSON '57 passed away July 4, 2012. BOB SCHUMACHER '57 sent: "Apparently brain cancer was discovered in early May, and it was diagnosed as inoperable. I know we will all miss Paul as a very fine brother." HAL ENGELEN '55 shared: "Paul was a fine young brother at the SAE house in the '50s. He helped our song team win the Interfraternity Sing Championship at Gill Coliseum on Mother's Day, May 14, 1954." Paul was living in Ogden, UT, at the time of his passing.

PAUL BENNINGHOFF '61 writes: "I enjoyed two days at Cannon Beach with 10 pledge brothers last July. It was a nice affair for all who were there, including the wives who smiled politely throughout the event. Those attending included myself, DAVE CASE, GARY EDELBROCK, BOB FOSTER, JON MASTERTSON, ROB MCCUTCHEON, DAVE PAHL, VERN RIFER, RICK ROY, and RICHARD TREADWELL."

BOB HARDISON '61 "renewed wedding vows (50th) last summer at the church where we were married in Berlin, Germany, in 1961. We attended ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the building of the Berlin Wall. 1961 was an eventful year for this young infantry sergeant from Corvallis!"

DARREL KAUFFMAN '63 lives in Lebanon, OR, and is an orthopedic surgeon with Samaritan Health Services. He is "still practicing orthopedic surgery and enjoying it."

LOU FASANO '64 sends: "My wife, Margaret, and I spent a week in Sayulita, Mexico, in March 2011, and spent some time with CAP SPARLING who lives there several months of the year."

DICK NEEDHAM '64 is a retired educator. "I am fully retired after serving as an adjunct faculty member at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. After serving at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in the '60s, I swore I would not return to North Carolina, but here we are — enjoying the beach and seafood, but not the heat and humidity."

RAY SHAW '66 "retired from the practice of law January 1, 2001. We live in Las Vegas, and split our time between here and the Big Island. I've been married to Barbara, a little Sister of Minerva, for 42 years. Our oldest son is an executive with General Cigar and lives in Richmond, VA, with his wife and our two granddaughters. Our youngest son holds a PhD from OSU, and is a rocket scientist with Orbital Systems in Phoenix. I'm still a three in golf, play pickle ball, hike and camp, and sell my photographs on line. Life is good!"

CRAIG HANNEMAN '71 reached the 29,035-foot summit of Mt. Everest, the world's tallest peak, early in the morning of May 26th after spending almost two months on the mountain preparing for the climb. "It was a gorgeous day, the best day of the year. It was the best summit day of the year, no question," Craig said in a *Statesman Journal* article, adding: "again I tip my hat to International Mountain Guides: they're very good. They have a great history of getting it right, and they nailed it." He is believed to be the first former NFL, NBA, or major league athlete to reach the summit of the world's tallest mountain. Craig is a former Oregon State football team captain, and played in the National Football League from 1972 to 1975. Following his NFL career, Craig worked as the Government Affairs Manager for Willamette Industries, and later as the President of the Oregon Forest Industries Council. Craig also served as a Polk County Commissioner.

DOUG TODD '73 continues his work as Director of Governmental Affairs for Siemens Corporation in our nation's capital. His son, John, is a freshman at Mississippi State and pledged SAE. "Nancy and I attended the dinner following the ceremony. I dusted off my pin, and am really proud of John!"



GREG STROBEL '74 became a distinguished member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame during the Honors Weekend Banquet and Induction Ceremony in Stillwater, Oklahoma, June 1-2, 2012. As a Beaver, Strobel was 126-8-1, for an incredible .940 winning percentage. He was a three-time NCAA All-American, three-time Pacific 8 Conference champ, and a two-time NCAA title winner. As a junior, Strobel won his first national title at 190 pounds with an 11-7 win over Northern Illinois'

Johnny Johnson, and was named Outstanding Wrestler at the 1973 NCAAs. He finished the season at 39-0, and continued his unbeaten streak into the 1974 season. Strobel capped his senior season with another NCAA title and a winning streak of 77 matches, defeating Ben Ohai of Brigham Young University. ROB BROWN '73 and DAN KEUTER '73 attended the ceremony.

SCOTT SPIEGELBERG '75 is the Coordinator of Career Services for Graduate Programs for the OSU College of Business. He recruits students to the MBA program, and then works to place graduates into jobs and careers. Scott and Peggy have a daughter, Annie, who will be a junior and is a member of Chi Omega. Son Joey, who recently graduated from Corvallis High School, played quarterback for the Spartans, and played on two 5A State

Championship basketball teams. Son Jimmy will be a junior at CHS this fall. Scott serves Oregon Alpha alumni as president of the House Corporation.

JAKE GUDGER '09 says life is good in Portland. "I'm still running my own business, doing marketing for professional speakers. We just expanded to online video marketing and mobile marketing for local businesses." See embarkinternetmarketing.com.

TYLER BIRDSEY '11, Oregon Alpha's 2011 Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award recipient, graduated with a degree in Construction Engineering Management, and will begin his career with Temp-Control Mechanical, a specialty subcontractor in the Portland area. "I am very excited about what the future holds for me and my fellow class graduates."

WILL LATER '12 has served the chapter as Eminent Archon, and in May was presented with the chapter's highest award, the Benjamin F. Schumacher Distinguished Service Award. Will was awarded the Order of the Lion at the annual awards banquet, and on the same night, at the ASOSU Awards ceremony, received the Michael J. Palmer Award for his exemplary student leadership in service in student government at OSU. Will served this past year as IFC President.

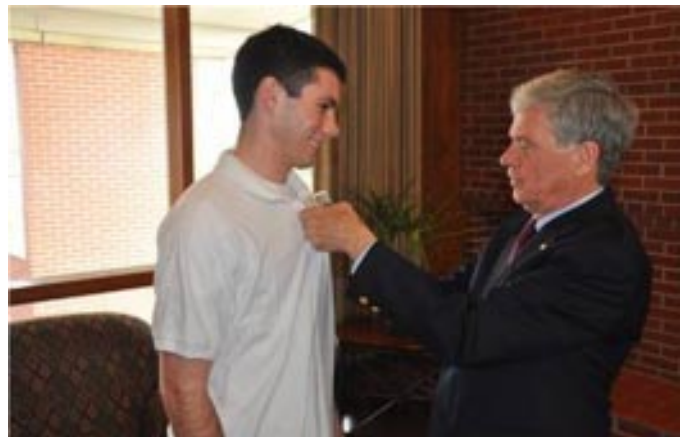
Oregon Alpha alumni were well represented at the OSU President's Dinner last November in Portland. CARL CASALE '83, MICHAEL CUTTING '65, KEITH MCKENNON '55, and NORB WELLMAN '54 and spouses were honored as the newest members of the Milton Harris Society (cumulative gifts of \$1 million to OSU).

Eminent Supreme Archon Ken Tracey Visits Oregon Alpha

Nearly 90 undergraduates and alumni attended the annual Founders Day Banquet March 9 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Eminent Supreme Archon Ken Tracey made the trip from Chicago to Oregon to keynote the Portland Alumni Association Founders Day event, and also visited with the members of Oregon Beta (Oregon), Gamma (Willamette), and Alpha (OSU).



ESA Ken Tracey and Chapter Advisor Ron Thiesen led a Q&A session at Oregon Alpha on March 10th.



ESA Tracey pins the EA badge on Mike Hales '13.



Many interesting and timely issues were discussed.



Wonderful opportunity for the members of Oregon Alpha!