



*Ali Altaho '11 ENG, Kathy Ordanza '13 PHS, Peggy Rosson '70 COP, '95 EDU, Erin Williams '10 PHS, Erin Rausch, Caitlin McGavran '13 SIS, Joe Rosales '12 COP and Samantha Wormstall '10 PHS*

1940s

**Averil Thomas, Jr.** '47 COP, St. Petersburg, FL, was a registered civil engineer in California for 37 years. He built a section of Interstate 5 in San Joaquin County and six sections of Interstate 80 in Solano County. He also set up the Vacaville Construction Department upon state requirement. He is currently retired and living in Florida.

1950s

**Larry Allin** '54 COP, Norman, OK, has been invited by the Oklahoma Academy to participate in its Water Town Hall, which will advise the state of Oklahoma on its 50-year water plan.



*Tom Sprague '56 COP*

**Tom Sprague** '56 COP, La Jolla, CA, was selected as the outstanding professional by both the San Diego Press Club and the San Diego Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for his distinguished 50-year career in public relations. He was honored at two separate awards dinners.

**Adele Cantele Little** '58 EDU, Modesto, CA, was named one of the Outstanding Women of Stanislaus County by the Stanislaus County Commission for Women. She was awarded the Jean and Clyde Dunlap Award for outstanding contributions to the cause of literacy by the Literacy Network of Stanislaus County. Adele and her husband **Stan Little** '58 MUS are co-owners of StanDel Consulting, Inc.

1960s

**David Dunlop** '60 COP, Yuba City, CA, was recently inducted into the Yuba College Athletics Hall of Fame. He supervises the student teaching program for Brandman University, which is part of the Chapman University system.



*Mary (Martin) Jerland (right) '63 MUS and her son Paul Jerland '85 ENG in Italy.*

**Mary (Martin) Jerland** '63 MUS, Eureka, CA, along with her son **Paul Jerland** '85 ENG, climbed the 463 steps to the top of the Duomo of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, Italy, while on a family cruise in the Mediterranean in September.



*Ron Ranson '63 COP and his wife Nicola in Nepal.*

**Ron Ranson** '63 COP, Leucadia, CA, and his wife, Nicola, recently returned to San Diego after spending a month in Nepal. Ranson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal from 1964–1966.

SPRING INTO SERVICE

**Peggy (Limbert) Rosson** '70 COP, '95 EDU, joined a group of students and the Center for Community Involvement Director Erin Rausch on an alternative spring break trip to Puebla, Mexico. Working with the organization Community Links International, this cultural immersion and service program included home stays with families in nearby Tlaxcalancingo, building an energy-efficient stove from local and renewable materials and helping at the Community School for the Blind in Cholula. They learned that there are many ways to communicate across cultures and that every act can have positive consequences for another person.

**Kathleen (Wiley) Francis** '65 COP, Sonora, CA, is in her third term as president of the Sonora Elementary School Governing Board.

**Charles Mackenzie** '68 COP, Omaha, NE, lost his wife to cancer last October. He is thankful for his Pacific and Alpha Kappa Lambda experiences which have allowed him to always prosper no matter what life has thrown his way.



*Richard Scott '69 MUS*

**Richard Scott** '69 MUS, Murray, KY, was installed for a two-year term on the Music Teachers National Association Board of Directors. In 2009 he was awarded the Kentucky Music Teachers Association Distinguished Service Award and received the Murray State University Regents College Faculty Member of the Year award. Scott teaches at Murray State and performs as a soloist and collaborative artist.



*Jay Preston '69 BUS*

**Jay Preston** '69 BUS, Los Angeles, CA, returned from a teaching tour in India. He was invited by Global Knowledge Conferences to be the instructor for three crane safety workshops in Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi. He toured the Taj Mahal before returning home.

## CLASS NOTES



**James "Duke" Aiona '77 COP**  
Speaks to Pacific Students

On his first visit to Pacific since graduation, Hawaii's lieutenant governor took time to inspire Pacific students to get involved in their communities and to consider public service. Hawaii Club members performed prior to his talk. Aiona took a campus tour and met with President Pamela A. Eibeck while at Pacific. Aiona is also running for the state's top office.

### 1970s

**Don Roy Thomassen '70 COP**, Lompoc, CA, has retired from the Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services after 34 years.

**DeWayne Zinkin '70 LAW**, Fresno, CA, has been appointed to the State Athletic Commission by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. He is the owner of Zinkin Development and a principal in the Law Office of DeWayne Zinkin.

**John Tavella '70 COP**, San Jose, CA, retired in June 2007 as the principal of Willow Glen Middle School in San Jose Unified School District. For 25 years he taught science and history and coached water polo and swimming. Since retiring, he has worked for UC Berkeley as a coach for new administrators.

**Elise (Shannon) Tavella '71 COP**, San Jose, CA, is a librarian for the San Jose Public Library. She and her husband **John Tavella '70**

COP have three grown children and two granddaughters. They celebrated their 38<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May with a trip to Europe.

**Geoffrey Bromfield '71 COP**, Merced, CA, spent the spring and summer of 2009 as a member of the California Department of Education adoption committee that recommended adopting education and the environment curriculum for K-12 grade.

**Jack Delman '72 CAL**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, received the Paul G. Orr Award from the Association of American Schools of Central America, Colombia, Caribbean and Mexico in the field of international education in appreciation for his outstanding leadership, work and commitment to the Tri-Association and the region's schools. Delman is director of the Carol Morgan School and former president of AASCA, ACCAS and the Tri-Association.

**Wynn Erickson '74 MUS**, Port Ludlow, WA, just released his 17<sup>th</sup> album of instrumental music on iTunes. His music was featured at the "Transylvanian Ball" in Portland, OR, on Halloween. He splits his time between Washington state and Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico.



*Louise Jacobs '74 MUS*

**Louise Jacobs '74 MUS**, Santa Ana, CA, has been teaching music for older adults in Southern California for 34 years. This year she was selected as Faculty of the Year for Irvine Valley College and was named Professor of the Year for Saddleback College. She also teaches music for Santiago Canyon College and Santa Ana College in their Older Adult Programs.

## PACIFIC WEDDING ALBUM

**Kali Kuehn '04 COP, '06 PHS, '07 EDU** and **Tommy Fama '04 BUS, '08 LAW**, 6/27/09, Danville, CA

**James Johnson '68 PHS** and Maureen Abshire, 7/29/09, Pleasant Hill, CA — 1

**Shelley Cultrera '04, '06 PHS** and **Robert Freitas '04 COP**, 9/5/09, Stockton, CA — 2

**Daisy Arabelle Evangelista '05 PHS** and **Tuan Le '02 BUS**, 09/12/09, San Ramon, CA — 3

**David Carroll '03 BUS** and Jenell Nunan, 11/21/09, Redwood City, CA — 4





**Janis (Wheeler) Boles '74 MUS**, Baker City, OR, is retiring after 32 years in education, most of them in Crook County School District in Prineville, OR. She is currently a middle school administrator and has been an elementary school principal (including a stint in a two-room school house), as well as a title director, middle and high school English and history teacher, and a band director. She and her husband plan to move to a very small mountain community in Eastern Oregon where she will begin her new career in a long-arm quilt business.

**Stan Taylor '77 LAW**, Eugene, OR, has been named chair of the Lane Peace Center. He is a professor at Lane Community College in Eugene, where he teaches classes in peace and conflict, environmental politics, and civil rights and liberties.

**Dona (Millheim) Cady '78 COP**, North Reading, MA, has degrees in English/history and archaeology from University of the Pacific, University of Notre Dame and Somerville College at Oxford University, England. She has taught at Middlesex Community College since 1981. Her online courses have won best-practice awards in Massachusetts. In addition to her teaching, she is currently an Asian Studies Coordinator at MCC.

**David Branson '78 MUS**, Reno, NV, has been awarded Administrator of the Year by the Nevada Music Educators Association. He currently serves as the Fine Arts/Music Administrator for the Washoe County Schools in Reno.



*Gaither Loewenstein '79 BUS*

**Gaither Loewenstein '79 BUS**, Highland, CA, has been appointed president of Modesto Junior College effective July 1, 2010. Loewenstein was vice president of Norco College in the Riverside Community College District. He has more than 16 years' experience as a college administrator, 11 in the California community college system and the last four as vice president at Norco. Prior to serving at Norco, he worked in higher education administration at the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, CA, Barstow Community College in Barstow, CA, and Mendocino College in Ukiah, CA.

*1980s*

**Richard Paulsen '82 COP**, Stockton, CA, was honored at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Awards Luncheon. He and his father, Max, have raised over \$2 million for Pacific Athletics.

**Richard Good '82 COP**, Modesto, CA, is now the executive director of San Joaquin County YMCA.

**Dolores Delgado '84 COP**, Stockton, CA, retired as Lathrop's police chief and moved back to the sheriff's department to take on a role in a new capacity.



*Michael Merriweather '82 COP, Carlton Kammerer '61 COP and Honor Jackson '72 COP at the NFL Convention in Maui.*

**CONVENTION REUNITES FOOTBALL ALUMNI**

**Carlton Kammerer '61 COP**, Highland, MD, along with **Michael Merriweather '82 COP** and **Honor Jackson '72 COP**, attended the "first ever" convention that brought together active and former NFL players in Maui, HI. Those involved hope that the historic meeting will improve communication and forge a stronger relationship between current and former players.

**Karen Graham '84 COP**, Galt, CA, was honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Elk Grove with a National Citizenship Education Teacher's Award.

**Kenneth Drew '84 COP**, Boston, MA, recently accepted the position of director of U.S. Sales and Business Development for Flamma.

**Sharon Browne '85 LAW**, Davis, CA, was nominated by President Obama to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation, a nonprofit that is the largest single provider of civil legal aid for the poor. She is a principal attorney with the Sacramento-based Pacific Legal Foundation, a nationally prominent conservative public-interest organization.

**Michael Bernstein '85 LAW**, Milwaukee, WI, assumed the CEO position of Medical Education Technologies, Inc. in July. METI is the leading provider of medical and healthcare education and human patient simulation technologies.

**Hue Jackson '87 COP**, Owing Mills, MD, was recently hired by the Oakland Raiders as an offensive coordinator.

**Hugh Vu '87 COP**, Elk Grove, CA, has held several positions in the medical field since graduation. He has been an associate professor of surgery at UC Davis, the senior plastic surgeon at Shriners' Hospital, the medical director of plastic surgery services at Dameron Hospital and the medical director at the California Wound Care Institute.

## CLASS NOTES

**Paul Oliva** '87 COP, San Francisco, CA, was named chair of the School of International Studies Advisory Board last year. He was reappointed by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke to chair the Northern California District Export Council, and is working on preparations for the United States' hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings in 2011. He is also the San Francisco Chronicle's waterfront columnist.

**Jeff Frazier** '89 COP, Cary, NC, is currently senior director of the global public sector at Cisco Systems Inc. and has been appointed to the 2010 board of directors for the International Affairs Council.

**Della (Whitaker) Richardson** '89 UC, Stockton, CA, was named February 2010's CASA (Court Appointed Child Advocate) of the Month. She recently retired from Pacific where she worked as the adult student coordinator in the Center for Professional and Continuing Education.

### 1990s

**Michael Paul Vicencia** '90 LAW, Torrance, CA, of the Los Angeles Superior Court, was elected 2009/2010 president of the California Judges Association.

**Murray Kidd** '92 MUS, Boston, MA, is a visiting professor at UMASS/Lowell where he directs several choral groups and teaches a group of vocal majors. He recently started a nonprofit organization in New England. The Boston Singers' Relief Fund helps professional singers who are in financial crisis due to tragic life circumstances. [www.bostonsingersresource.org/](http://www.bostonsingersresource.org/)

**Elmano Costa** '94 EDU, Turlock, CA, was named the Christie Sue Whalen-Saxton Professor of Teacher Education at California State University, Stanislaus. Costa is a professor of teacher education.

**Stephanie Clauss** '94 LAW, Sacramento, CA, was named chief deputy general counsel of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. She served as assistant chief counsel in CDCR's Office of Legal Affairs since 2007.



*Dr. Richard Fredekind '94 EDU and Dr. Marvin Carnow '74 DEN, former dental alumni association president*

**Richard Fredekind** '94 EDU, Oakland, CA, was presented the Medallion of Distinction at the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Meeting of the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. He has been a member of the Dugoni School of Dentistry family since 1984 when he joined the faculty as an assistant clinical professor. He continues as project director of the Future of the Clinic Information System project, and helped the dental school implement a new, paperless clinic system to improve the way dentistry is taught and how patients are treated.

**John Godi** '95 BUS, Pleasanton, CA, accepted the position of general manager for Stone Bros. Management in Stockton.

**Vincent Goh** '97 DEN, Hong Kong, moved back to Hong Kong after graduating and is in private practice. He has two sons, James and Nicholas. He attained his prosthodontic/implant degree at the University of Zurich in 2003 (all in German) and recently became a partner at his current dental practice, Costello Brothers Dentistry.

### ALUMNI TEACHERS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

**Alicia Taylor** '87 COP, a calculus teacher at Edison High School in Stockton, and **Nicole DiRanna** '01 COP, a biology teacher at Centennial High School in Compton, were selected to receive the 2010 Carlston Family Foundation Outstanding Teachers of America Awards.

The foundation each year recognizes five exceptional California high school teachers as a way to reward those who have a documented history of success, despite the obstacles of teaching in low-performing schools and low-income areas.

The teachers were selected for the awards April 3 by the Newport Beach-based nonprofit organization. They will be honored during a ceremony October 16. Both will receive a \$15,000 cash award and \$5,000 for their schools.

"These teachers consistently produce academically successful students in the most challenging circumstances," said Tim Allen, executive director of the Carlston Family Foundation. "Despite the circumstances, they elevate their expectations for their students and do everything in their power to make sure the students meet those expectations."

To be eligible for the awards, teachers must be nominated by former students who are either enrolled in a four-year university or have graduated from one. The foundation then interviews other former students, colleagues and the principal of the teacher's school to determine if the teacher has consistently been a life-changing influence in students' lives.



*Erik Ferroggiaro '98 BUS reads to alumni and their guests aboard the California State Railroad Museum's Polar Express train*

**Erik Ferroggiaro '98 BUS**, San Francisco, CA, recently graduated from the California State Railroad Museum's training program and is an active member with the museum's foundation and the Sacramento Southern Railroad. For the past two years he has helped 80 alumni and their families as part of Tiny Tiger Night on the Polar Express. This summer he will be a guest speaker in Yosemite at the LeConte Memorial Lodge presenting a program entitled "Journey to Yosemite," about the Yosemite Valley Railroad.

*2000s*

**Shanti (Patching) Halter '01 LAW**, Little Rock, AR, has been appointed to the national board of trustees of HIPPIY USA (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), a nonprofit that promotes educational programs for parents and foster parents. As the "Second Lady of Arkansas," whose husband is Lieutenant Governor Bill Halter, she is active in several major community organizations in the Little Rock area and is an officer on the Pacific McGeorge Alumni Board.

**Sally (Gohlke) Noma '04 COP, '09 LAW** passed the California bar exam and is currently an attorney-at-law with the West Sacramento firm of Culbreth-Schroeder specializing in insurance subrogation.

**Jamie Sahouria '01 COP, '04 DEN**, Rohnert Park, CA, became board certified this year and is now a diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Her pediatric dental office recently celebrated its first anniversary.

PACIFIC BABY ALBUM



**Lauren (Parsons) Silver '99, '01 EDU** and David Silver, a daughter, Abigail Grace, 10/18/09, Mill Valley, CA

**Phillip Jay '02, '04 EDU** and Kathleen Jay, a son, Gian Carter, 6/18/09, Lodi, CA — **1**

**Evangelina (Reyes) Paoluccio '04 ENG** and **John Paoluccio '02 ENG**, a daughter, Isabella Marie, 7/21/09, Modesto, CA — **2**

**Darrin Atkins '93 COP** and Ling Tandian, a daughter, Mieko Tandian, 1/22/10, Pittsburg, CA — **3**

**Deolinda (Borges) Wallace '98 BUS** and **Jonathan Wallace '99 BUS**, a son, Nicolau Berthold, 3/15/10, Snohomish, WA — **4**

**Veronica (Tovar) Bandy '00, '08 PHS** and **Jason Bandy '00 PHS**, a daughter, Victoria, 8/18/09, Elk Grove, CA

**Stacy (Ray) Knox '03 PHS** and Jeffrey Knox, a daughter, Piper Elaine, 3/25/10, Sacramento, CA — **5**

**Shannon (Haugh) Delucchi '98 BUS** and **Anthony Delucchi '98, '01 COP**, a daughter, Olivia Josephine, 2/23/10, Burlingame, CA — **6**

**Rachel (Long) Cabuhat '06 PHS** and **Chris Cabuhat '06 COP**, a daughter, Ella, 12/25/08, Mentone, CA — **7**

**John Eckhart '98 BUS** and Gina Eckhart, a son, Johann Donovan, 1/31/10, San Francisco, CA — **8**

**Patrick A. Hall '09 ENG** and Michelle Hall, a son, Tyrus Anthony, 1/5/10, San Leandro, CA — **9**

**Cara (Turner) Weichman '00 COP** and **Jerry Weichman '99 COP**, a daughter, Maya, 9/13/09, Newport Beach, CA — **10**

**Melanie (Borchers) Rogers '95 COP** and Daniel Rogers, a son, Benjamin Rogers, 10/21/09, Goleta, CA

**Imelda Arroyo-Mora '00 BUS** and **Francisco Mora '97 COP**, a daughter, Crystal, 12/17/09, Lodi, CA.

**Adlai Shawareb '92 ENG** and Shauna Shawareb, a daughter, Summer, 2/2010, Los Gatos, CA — **11**

**Gina Rae (Carranza) Goodwin '01, '03 COP, '09 EDU** and Todd Goodwin, sons Gianni Makoa, 2/27/09 and Nicco Kapono, 5/2/10 — **12 & 13**

**Bridget (Yates) Hamman '96 COP** and **Kory Hamman '94 BUS**, a daughter, Teal Brooke, 4/4/10, Chico, CA.



## CLASS NOTES

**Stacy Olson '02 BUS**, Gardnerville, NV, has been appointed Alpine County's Deputy Director of Health and Human Services.

**Ananda Case '03 SIS**, Livermore, CA, is happily back at work in global product development.

**Edward Randolph '03 LAW**, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed director of the office of governmental affairs and senior policy advisor for the California Public Utilities Commission by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

**Meagan (Pulley) Wilson '03 ENG**, Nipomo, CA, recently received her senior reactor operator license to supervise control room personnel for the two operating nuclear reactors at Diablo Canyon Power Plant.

**Oona Mallett '03 COP, SIS, '09 LAW**, Sacramento, CA, joined the law firm of Kroloff, Belcher, Smart, Perry and Christopherson.

**Matt Olson '04 COP, BUS '09 LAW**, Sacramento, CA, has been appointed law clerk to the Honorable Ronald H. Sargis of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California.

**Tiffany Trout '04, '09 EDU**, Stockton, CA, would like to announce her engagement to Isaac Madariaga on December 17, 2009. They are making their home in Stockton with their beautiful daughter, Giovanna.

**Irene Roberts '06 MUS**, Sacramento, CA, just completed her second year at Palm Beach Opera. She won second place in a major vocal competition and has been chosen to cover the role of Stephano in the Metropolitan Opera's production of "Romeo et Juliette."

**Julia Tsai '07 LAW**, Arcadia, CA, was named to the Board of Occupational Therapy by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. An associate at Kegel Tobin and Cruce APC in Los Angeles, she has served as acting vice president of the Taiwanese American Professionals since 2004.

**David Yue '08 DEN**, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, is currently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is married to **Silvia Huang '07 DEN**.

### IN MEMORIAM



*William Becker '40 COP*

**William Becker '40 COP**, 1/27/10, Santa Monica, CA

**Gladys (Bartholomew) Rollins '40 COP**, 1/29/10, Stockton, CA

**Joan (O'Connor) DeMoro '48 MUS**, 4/8/10, Santa Cruz, CA

**Joseph Wilson '51 COP**, 1/1/10, Tracy, CA

**Reeve "Bud" Watkins '53 COP**, 3/22/10, Stockton, CA

**Janis (Marengo) Knipper '54 COP**, 1/17/10, Stockton, CA

**Arthur "Art" Katzakian, Jr. '55 COP**, 4/25/10, Lodi, CA

**Patricia (Hess) Bettinger '60 COP**, 4/6/10, Valley Springs, CA

**John Muzio, Jr. '61 EDU**, 4/16/10, Columbia, CA

**Silas Green '61 BUS**, 4/30/10, Modesto, CA

**Dian (Midkiff) Kern '61 COP**, 2/13/10, Stockton, CA

**Marvin DeYoung '66 COP**, 12/27/09, Sioux Center, IA

**Michael Ackley '71 COP**, 1/17/10, Stockton, CA

**Janice Hayes '72 LAW**, 1/13/10, Sacramento, CA

**Glenn Mirts '72 COP**, 2/9/10, Chico, CA

**Anthony Brown '72, '73 COP**, 3/13/10, Madison, WI

**Neva Louise (Hinton) Thomas '75 COP**, 4/7/10, Manteca, CA

**Dena Hammer '75 COP**, 2/5/10, Lodi, CA

**Naomi "Roni" Fuller '77 COP**, 2/20/10, Pleasant Hill, CA

**Eda (Christopher) Pardee '95 EDU**, 1/18/10, Mi-Wuk Village, CA



*Maria Kalmantis '02 COP*

**Maria Kalmantis '02 COP**, 4/6/10, Walnut Creek, CA



**Robert Culp, '49 COP**, Los Angeles, CA, was born in Oakland, CA, August 16, 1930. He passed away March 24, 2010 at age 79. A standout athlete in track all through high school, Culp was offered scholarships to several universities but chose Pacific for its active theater department. He transferred to San Francisco State in 1949. Off screen, he was active in civil rights issues and other civic causes.

Best known for playing a secret agent in the hit television show "I Spy" alongside Bill Cosby, Culp wrote the script that became the series pilot. It was the first prime-time network drama to cast an African-American in a starring role. He had several notable roles in film and television, most recently a recurring role as Ray Romano's father-in-law on the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond."

## Honoring the Memory



**Oscar T. Jarvis,  
1930–2010**

### **Benerd School of Education**

Dr. Jarvis had a significant impact on Pacific. He served as dean of Benerd School of Education from August 1974 until September 1983. After the death of Academic Vice President Clifford Hand, Jarvis was named interim vice president. He was appointed permanently to that

position in January 1984 and served until January 1988.

Under his leadership, the doctoral program in Benerd School of Education received initial NCATE accreditation in 1977 and the school received a Distinguished Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He helped foster partnerships through community-based programs in special education and was instrumental in increasing and securing funding for Teacher Corps, special education, the high school equivalency program and Title VII bilingual/cross-cultural programs.

Born July 21, 1930, Jarvis passed away January 26, 2010 at age 79. He was living in Brownwood, Texas.

**Elizabeth Spelts,  
1914–2010**

### **Conservatory of Music**

Retired Conservatory of Music faculty member Elizabeth Spelts passed away February 27. She was born in Nebraska in 1914, the youngest of three sisters. Music and singing were her passions. Spelts graduated from Colorado Women's College and went on to attain her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees at Northwestern University.

Before coming to Pacific, she was a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She joined the faculty at the Conservatory of Music in 1948 where she served proudly as a voice professor until her retirement in 1985. During her long tenure at Pacific, Spelts enjoyed a highly successful career as a teacher and performer and was head of the voice department. Her total devotion to the art of singing, to her students and to Pacific was inspiring to all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She continued to teach privately in her home until her death at age 95. To honor her life and her contribution to Pacific, the Conservatory of Music dedicated its April 24 Symphony Orchestra and Choral Concert to Spelts. A group of her former students has established the Elizabeth Spelts Vocal Scholarship/Performance Fund in her honor.



**Stanworth Beckler '50, '51,  
1923–2010**

### **Conservatory of Music**

California native Stan Beckler was born December 26, 1923, and began studying piano at age seven. At age 12 he was playing organ for church services and continued to serve as a church organist

through most of his life. After high school, Beckler served in the Army Air Corps from 1942–1946. He came to Pacific in 1947 on the GI Bill. Voted "outstanding senior" by the faculty when he graduated in 1950 with his bachelor of arts and bachelor of music degrees in Music Theory and Composition; he earned his master's in 1951. Beckler was a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, Phi Mu Alpha and Phi Kappa Phi honor societies and was a member of ASCAP.

Beckler began teaching part-time at Pacific in 1951 and was appointed full-time in 1955. He served as chair of the Theory/Composition Department from 1971 until he retired in 1991.

The Conservatory of Music honored Beckler's chamber music at a concert September 17, 2009. It included performances by faculty, alumni and students. He wrote more than 400 classical compositions.

"I believe I am some sort of music machine," Beckler wrote in a partial catalog of his works. "Everything I do seems to turn into music."

He was known for his humility, his intellect and his clever sense of humor, which was evidenced in his often whimsical pieces and sometimes in their titles, such as his piece honoring the Stockton Symphony's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday "Fanfare (for a bunch of nice people)."

"This was especially fun to

play, greatly appreciated by both musicians and audience," said Peter Jaffe, Stockton Symphony music director and conductor. "Stan Beckler was an extraordinarily intelligent and imaginative composer with a scintillating originality of product."

Beckler died on March 10, 2010, at 86 after a difficult battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, musician and composer Lynda Forbes, and his two children from his marriage to the late Betty Jean Lucas: Jonathan Beckler of Stockton and Bonnie Beckler of San Jose. He had a tremendous impact on all who knew him.