

## *Hall of Faith*

### Steve Walls



Throughout his 41 years of employment at MBA, Steve Wall's dedication and enthusiasm for teaching has never wavered.

The longest serving staff member in MBA school history, Steve first came to MBA in the summer of 1967, after being recruited by then principal Carl Jorgenson. Steve had just graduated from Pacific Union College with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in religion. But with student loans to repay, he was looking for a job—any job. MBA needed a summer boy's dean, so he took it with no promises beyond the summer. However, in the fall MBA needed a typing teacher. So Steve became the typing teacher.

A year later, Steve was finally teaching what he had gone to school for and by his second year at MBA he was an English instructor. Steve held a variety of different positions at MBA including, head boy's dean, but from 1972 on he was all English.

He was also actively involved in extracurricular activities on the MBA campus, sponsoring ASB for a few years in the 70s, nine different graduating classes, and four-year club throughout the years.

Professionally, Steve was recognized as a:

- *Zapara Award* winner for excellence in teaching in 1994.
- *Alumni Awards Foundation* award winner for excellence in teaching in 2006.
- He also was a member of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

Steve still serves on the MBA campus as a volunteer where he has been in charge of attendance for the past four years. He and his wife Linda still live on the MBA campus. They have two sons, Derek '90 and Allen '91, and one daughter, Heather '93. As soon as Linda retires, they will occupy their retirement home in Paradise, CA full-time.

MBA is proud to recognize Steve for his 45 years of faithfulness to MBA and for his ongoing volunteer spirit.