Dolan shares wit, wisdom

As a former math professor at Linfield College, Dolan told the audience that he has been teaching for about 40 years. He noted that since the fourth grade, he has taught math to students of all ages, from kindergarten to eighth grade. He said that being a math teacher has given him a unique perspective on how people learn and how they can be engaged in the learning process.

Dolan then turned to the topic of the future, particularly in the realm of technology and its impact on society. He stated that technology has changed the way we live and work, and that it will continue to do so in the future. He emphasized the importance of being prepared for the changes that will come in the future, and for being open to new ideas and possibilities.

The audience laughed as Dolan joked about the challenges of teaching spelling, and he reminded the audience that spelling is an important skill to have, even in the age of technology. He then turned to the topic of the college's sesquicentennial, and he encouraged the audience to participate in the celebration by engaging with the college's history and traditions.

Dolan concluded his remarks by encouraging the audience to think critically about the world around them, and to be open to new ideas and possibilities. He reminded the audience that they are all part of a larger community, and that their actions and decisions can have an impact on the world around them.

Accreditation visit scheduled in October

Linfield College is in the process of reaffirming its accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. A team of accreditors will visit Linfield College on Oct. 22-24, 2008. In the fall, the college will be reviewed by all college programs, including the Linfield College–Portland Campus/ Linfield Good Samaritan School of Nursing and the college’s degree completion programs. The purpose of the visit will be to review Linfield’s Self Study Report and to meet with members of the college and community to assess Linfield’s compliance with the commission’s accreditation standards.

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities invites comments from members of the public pertinent to Linfield’s reaccreditation review. The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities must receive comments by Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, at its headquarters, 8060 16th Ave. NE, Suite 190, Redmond, WA 98052, 425-358-4224. Comments must be in writing and signed in order to be accepted by the Commission. Further information about Linfield College can be found at www.nwccu.org or www.linfield.edu/ accred/.

Robert Lowe ’76 of Carson City, Nev., has served as the Nevada State person's athletic and recreation specialist for over 30 years.

Debra (Bennett) Dear ’78 of San Pearson, Wis., was named president of North Idaho Area Community College.

Jeff Brown ’78 of Wilsonville, Ore., is vice-president of market- ning and sales for Clear Choice Health Plans.

Greg Cotton ’78 of Portland entered as math teacher, and truck and field and crew coach at Grant High School.

Ted Harrison ’80 of Alameda, Calif., received the James T. Caleford Award recognizing his pro bono contribution to the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law’s pro bono work in 2007 by the Bar Association of San Francisco’s Volunteer Legal Services Program.

Sean Hoar ’80 an Engineer, recently founded the CyberSafe Chemical Corp., a meadowlark’s song,” he said. “Let it sink in for a moment before you go on your way.”

“I think that in your lifetime, you will see equally astonishing advances that we can hardly imagine today and that they will come at an ever faster speed,” he told the graduates.

“But will the basic problems of our society be any closer to a solution?” he asked. Problems such as economic booms and busts, lack of a national health program, budget deficit and national debt, disappearing natural resources, global warming and persistent wars need to be addressed.

“You must be involved in the effort to get a handle on such matters and on the equally great problem of spreading the so-called advances of our society to the less favored parts of the world,” he added, encouraging students to take advantage of their experiences traveling and studying abroad and to work in the Peace Corps or through outreach programs of their churches.

He told of visiting a math classroom in the Congo shortly after he retired and spending some time with students.

When he left, he thought, “Wow, if I had been exposed to this situation when I was 23 instead of 68, this is where I might have been teaching.”

His final thought? “Just for the improvement of life, look or listen for something beautiful each day, perhaps a flowering tree or a meadowlark’s song,” he said. “Let it sink in for a moment before you go on your way.”

– Mardi Mileham

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Robert Runyan ’56 of Camas, Wash., owner of Runyan’s Jewelers, is retired.

Melie Stave ’56 of Soc. Manu., is the interim pastor for the Standish Congregational Church in Standish. She is also the minister of visitation for First Parish United Church of Christ in Saco, Me.

Jules and Joyce (Andrews) Christ ’57 and ’56 of Mount Vernon, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family in Maine.

George Polely ’57 of Sop- pono, Japan, retired after 41 years as a psychiatric social worker. He is learning a new language and writing fiction and poetry.

Howard Morris ’58 of Klamath Falls has been inducted into the Oregon chapter of the national wrestling Hall of Fame. He is also in hall of fame at Linfield, where he was a first-team All-American football player.

Charles Burrows ’58 of Honolulu, Hawaii, a cultural resource specialist and environmental advocate, was named a 2008 Living Treasure. He is a founder of Ahalau Malaia I La Lokahi, which seeks to conserve Hawaiian cemeteries.

Robert Bolli ’59 of Spa- kanow, Wash., is retired.

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Perry Stubbsherd ’62 of McMinnville, Jack Temple’ 62 of Amity, Terry Durham ’67 of Hildreth and Jeff Blalock ’69 of McMinnville were inducted into the McMinnville High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Marilyn Bryson ’61 of San Jose, Calif., served as a social work supervisor for San Andreas Regional Center for Developmental Disabilities before retir- ing in 2004.

Rom and Elaine (Scott) Redbirdner ’60 live in Austin, Texas. Rom is semi-re-
Mayer’s clients are the four-legged kind

Devon (Evans) Mayer ’93 is using her psychology degree in ways she never imagined when she graduated from Linfield College.

After college, she worked in resident treatment centers with schizophrenic clients. Then, “I was given a dog and was having some trouble with her. I had a friend who was an animal trainer in movies, so I called her, and in the conversation I joked: ‘You don’t need an assistant, do you?’” Mayer was hired for six months to work on the movie. Ruffle: 10 hours a day, six days a week for $150 a week. Mostly, she cleaned the film’s birds. “I learned a lot from the other trainers,” she said. “At the end of that movie, I was hooked.”

Ten years later, she trains dogs, cats, rodents, birds and monkeys (nothing big — “I don’t want to get eaten,” she said) with Boone’s Animals for Hollywood. She has more than 20 films to her credit, including Firehouse Dog, Must Love Dogs, Catswoman, What House Want and Sniff Little.

Mayer and her husband, Morgan, an account executive for ClickTime in San Francisco, live in Avon, Colo. Among their three dogs is the Yorkie Mayer worked with on the Seventh Heaven TV show. Mayer has a dog-training business and conducts obedience school when she’s not in Los Angeles.

On the movie set, she said, training is similar. “Once you learn the concept of training and relating to the animals, it’s being very aware, reading them and finding a way to connect with them,” she said. One of the first things she teaches animals is their mark, or position, like a human actor’s. Clickers, food and toys help to reinforce behavior.

At Linfield, Mayer’s internships included a pet therapy program. She said her college classes instilled in her a work ethic that serves her well in an industry where millions of dollars are on the line.

~ Beth Rogen Thompson

Initiative, a public service project to reduce vulnerabilities on the Internet. He has served as an assistant U.S. attorney with the Department of Justice in Eugene since 1991, with a primary caseload of white-collar and high-tech crime. He is a member of a national network of assistant U.S. attorneys who provide assistance in computer-crime emergencies and has spoken extensively on identity theft and cyber crime. He teaches cyber crime at the University of Oregon law school and served on the President’s Identity Theft Task Force, which developed federal legislation to combat identity theft.

Steven Taylor ’80 of Orem, Utah, is a Certified Public Accountant. He’s pursuing an MBA at Utah Valley State College.

Diane Gilronan-Loghry ’82 of Camas, Wash., is a first grade teacher in the Camas School District.

Thomas B. McClallen ’82 of Salem is the director of the Oregon Driver and Motor Vehicles Services Division. He has served as interim administrator since November and previously held budget positions with the Department of Administrative Services and the Employment Department.

Randy Mueller ’83 of San Diego, Calif., is a senior executive for the San Diego Chargers. He scouts the top player prospects and assists in the front office.

David Cathey ’83 of Eagle, Idaho, and his wife, Pamela, have a daughter, Llith Grace, Sept. 20. He retired as vice president from Micron Technology.

Tracy Ehrenfeld ’85 of Portland is in recreational vehicle sales at McMinnville Valley RV Center.

Linda Burdick-Atwell ’86 of Portland is director of program support for Stand for Children.

Scott Harris ’86 of Salem is director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services. He served as interim director since November. He previously served as budget manager and administrator of the state’s Fiscal and Business Services Division.

Paige (Brandis) Down ’87 of Eugene is mother-baby unit manager at Sacred Heart Medical Center. She plans to move to Riverside, a state-of-the-art medical center in Springfield in August.

Timothy C. Grady ’88 of Woodport was one of two soloists in the Central Coast Chorale who performed in Four’s Requiem concert in Newport in March.

Martha Clarke ’89 of Gresham, Ore., a costume designer for the Arizona Broadway Theatre.

David Lange ’89 of Albany has been named head football coach at Sartanum Christian.

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Dale Seipp ’90 of McMinnville was named vice president for enrollment services at George Fox University. He served as executive director of admissions for six years.

Kristin J. Rawls ’91 of Portland is an RN in neurology at Oregon Health and Science University.

Carrie Asby ’92 of Puyallup, Wash., is an RN at Every Child Matters.

Kris Debeau ’92 of Yakima, Wash., is the director of security at Tualatin Valley Community College.

Mike Eaves ’92 of Campbell, Calif., is operations manager at Sterling Communications.

John Killin ’97 of Tualatin is the drama teacher at Lake Oswego Junior High.

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Brinnon was recently married by Carson Brown of Hillsboro.

Anne Marie Flora ’92 of Port Angeles is executive director of Independent Living for Whidbey Island.

LeAnn Aase ’92 of Portland is the executive director of Marketing at the Oregon Medical Association.

Kelly (Finn) Grieb ’92 of Vancouver, Wash., earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Family and Human Development from Washington State University.

Molly B. Wheeler ’97 of Portland is part of the Ringer Team Support where millions of dollars are on the line.

Carson Brown ’95 of Portland is an RN in neurology at Columbia Credit Union.

Justin V. Taylor ’98 of Boise, Idaho, had a daughter, Lilith Grace, Sept. 20. Her husband, Tony, had a son, Lilith Grace, Sept. 20.

Natalie Aquino ’98 of Vancouver, Wash., earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Family and Human Development from Washington State University.

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Michael Barrett ’94 of Man-
hattan, N.Y., is the senior director of grants management oversee-
ing national grantmaking for the Preven-
tion of Cruelty to Animals. He is also a certified group fitness in-
structor at Equinox Fitness
Clubs and NBC Studios.
Christina deToli ’95 of Hills-
boro married Cameron Brown
July 7, 2007, in Sherwood. She is a
senior customer support analyst
at Sage Software, Inc.
Cindy (Arnosti) Whisner
’95 of Aloha works at Tuality
Community Hospital. She has
been married for 13 years and
has two children.
Shari (Spenos) Fox ’95 of
Seattle, Wash., and her
husband, Tony, had a son,
Madden, Nov. 17.
Christine Davis ’98 of
Phoenix, Ariz., and her hus-
dand Jon Desaulniers, had a dau-
ger, Sophie Davis Desaulniers, Feb. 22, their second.
Erik and Jennifer (Cutts) McLaughlin ’96 and ’95 of
Boise, Idaho, had a daughter,
Ora Jewell, May 11. That same
week, Erik was named “Most
Accomplished Under 40” by
the Idaho Business Review’s an-
nual list of “40 under 40.” The
couple owns 8th Street Wine
Company and Verasym Con-
sulting, LLC.
Veronica (Callins) Heller
’96 of Castle Rock, Wash., and
her husband, Jason, had a son,
Theo, her Reef, Sept. 25.
Patrick and Shelby (Smith)
Neureckel, both ’96, of Beav-
erton, had a son, Justin Thomas,
Nov. 13, their second.
Shaun Strong ’96 of
Lafayette is associate pastor of
Lafayette Community Church.
Terry D. Long ’96 of
Portland is senior vice president
and chief information officer for
Columbia Credit Union.
Beth Madison-Bradford ’96
of Portland sang the title role
of Opera Theater Oregon’s live
music-plus-film performance of
Carmen, which returned for a
limited run in February.
Kimberly D. Price ’96 of
McMinnville and her husband,
Sean, had a son, Aiden, Feb. 20.

Remember the fiscal year ends June 30 – support the Alumni Scholarship Fund today by going to: www.linfield.edu/asf

They share the Linfield Experience

Jesse Boustead ’12, one of the 2008-09 alumni scholarship recipients, joins brothers Grant ’05 and Jordan ’08 as part of the Linfield family. The Linfield College Alumni Scholarship Fund is the only endowed fund that supports legacy students—the children, grandchildren and siblings of Linfield alumni.

Danny and Heather (Bos-iger) Nancy ’96 and ’95 live in West Linn. He is a partner and a
certified financial planner with Cedar Mountain Advisors. They have three children.
John Killlin ’97 of Tualatin is
evacuation director of Indepen-
dent Electrical Contractors of
Oregon, a professional associa-
tion of 150 non-union contrac-
tors.
Joseph R. Thissen ’97 of
tigard is the drama teacher at
Lake Oswego Junior High.
Kevin Ness ’97 of Tualatin is CIO of海湾Capital.
Molly R. Wheeler ’97 of
Portland is part of the Ringer-
ing/Wheeler Duo which
presented the third and final
concert of the 2008 Piano Series
for the Oregon Coast Council
of the Arts.
Clark Montgomery ’97 of
Billings, Mont., married Suzanne
Justin V. Taylor ’98 of
Spokane, Wash., and his wife,
Michelle, had a son, Lucas Wil-
liam, Feb. 9.
In memoriam

Marguerite (Dusk) Schriber ’32 of Los Alamitos, N.M., Feb. 20.


Jack Quintance Sr. ’70 of Molalla, Jan. 16. Survivors include his wife Helen ’70 of Portland, April 22. Survivors include his wife Velma; his son Jeff ’75; and his daughters Jennifer ’77 and Jennifer ’79.

Richard Corley ’70 of Ocean Beach, Calif., July 12.

Marjorie (Stinson) Goss ’70 of Molalla, Jan. 16. Survivors include her husband Ted of Molalla, Jan. 16; Children: Martha, Marcy; and Linda.

Kristen (Williams) Healy ’99 of Aloha received a MBA degree from St. John’s University, May 25, 2007. Survivors include her husband John ’98 of Aloha; son, John Jr. ’03; and daughter, Jennifer ’01.

Cheryl Munro ’01 of Woodinville, Wash., married Robert McConkey Aug. 18.

Lisa Taylor ’01 ofriends with his son Andrew ’07 of Hillsboro, and his daughter, Stacie ’09 of Bend.

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