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Dolan shares wit, wisdom

A t 99, Winthrop Dolan may have slowed down a little, but he’s as sharp, witty and wise as when he was a math professor at Linfield College.

Dolan received a standing ovation after he charmed, entertained and challenged the nearly 500 members of the class of 2008 during his commencement address on June 1.

Dolan quipped that when Linfield President Thomas L. Hefle first contacted him about speaking at commencement, Dolan didn’t have his hearing aids on and thought the president wanted him to spell sesquicentennial.

“I’ve been uneasy about spelling since the fourth grade when a girl named Marjorie Smith beat me in the finals of the spelling bee,” he said with a pokerface. “You can tell how traumatic it was because I can still remember the details after 90 years.”

“(Dr. Hefle) said, at commencement we are calling attention to the college’s relics and antiques and we thought it would be appropriate to have you join us,” Dolan said to peals of laughter. “And of course he is right. I am an antique. I’ve been around the college for about 40 percent of those 150 years. So here I am and you have to make the best of it.”

Dolan, professor emeritus of math who also served as dean, twice as interim president, and on the board of trustees, shared some of his own experiences on how the world has changed dramatically during his lifetime, changes including advances in health care, transportation and technology.

Raised during an era when many rural areas did not have indoor plumbing, central heat, a telephone or electricity, he said, “Let us sit in for a moment before you go on your way.”

— Mardi Milham
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 *Bailout*: 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*, *Catwoman*, *What House Want* and *Snout Little*.

Mayer and her husband, Morgan, an account executive for ClickTime in San Francisco, live in Avon, Colo. Among their three dogs is the Yorkshire 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 case load 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. McClain ’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 scours the top player prospects and asins in the front office.

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

Tracy Ehrenfeldt ’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 Service Division.

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

Timothy C. Grady ’88 of Waldport was one of two solicitors in the Central Coast Chorale who performed inFaure’s Requiem concert in Newport in March. Martha Clarke ’89 of Gli- dale, Ariz., a costume designer for the Arizona Broadway Theatre, David Lange ’89 of Albany has been named head football coach at Santiam 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.

Clarisse (Pagan) Barrera ’94 of Portland and her husband,
Louis, had a son, Pablo, March 6.

Carrie Asby '92 of Portland works at Rockcheck, a marketing and advertising firm in Vancouver, Wash.

Anne Marie Flores '92 of Lake Oswego was recently named to the Portland Business Journal’s “40 under 40.”

Craig Wilson '92 of Amity is plant operations manager for Oregon Latheworks Inc.

Kewila C. Holbrook '92 of Campbell, Calif., is operations manager at Sterling Communications.

Marc Hartman '93 and Amy Weber '03 were married in February.

Leslie (Jacobsen) Keating '93 of Vancouver, Wash., earned the Distinguished Teammaster Award, Teammasters International’s highest recognition, in April. As part of the requirements for the award, she started the Banfield Barkers Teammasters Club at Banfield, The Pet Hospital’s Central Team Support where she is the financial reporting manager.

Michael Barrett '94 of Manhattan, N.Y., is the senior director of grants management overseeing national grantmaking for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He is also a certified group fitness instructor at Equinox Fitness Clubs and NBC Studios.

Christina deToit '95 of Hillsboro married Carson Brown July 7, 2007, in Sherwood. She is a senior business support analyst at Sage Software, Inc.

Cindy (Arnold) Whalen '95 of Aloha works at Tuality Community Hospital. She has been married for 13 years and has two children.

Shari (Spence) Fox '95 of Seattle, Wash., and her husband, Tony, had a son, Maddox, Nov. 17.

Christine Davis '96 of Phoenix, Ariz., and her husband Jon Desauliers, had a daughter, Sophie Davis Desauliers, Feb. 22, their second. Erik and Jennifer (Cutts) McLaughlin '96 and '95 of Bonney Lake, Wash., had a daughter, Orla Jewell, May 11. That same week, Erik was named “Most Accomplished Under 40” by the Idaho Business Review’s annual list of “40 under 40.”

The couple owns 8th Street Wine Company and Veritasum Consulting, LLC.

Veronica (Calkins) Heller '96 of Castle Rock, Wash., and her husband, Judson, had a son, Thacher Reed, Sept. 25.

Patrick and Shelby (Smith) Nemec, both '96, of Beaverton 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, Aidan, Feb. 20.

Danny and Heather (Bubier) 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 Killin '97 of Tualatin is executive director of Independent Electrical Contractors of Oregon, a professional association of 150 non-union contractors.

Joseph R. Thiessen '97 of Tigard is the drama teacher at Lake Oswego Junior High.

Kevin Nuss '97 of Tualatin is CFO of Apex Capital.

Molly R. Wheeler '97 of Portland is part of the Ringer/Wheeler Duo which presented the third and final concert of the 2008 Piano Series for the Oregon Coast Council of the Arts.


Justin V. Taylor '98 of Spokane, Wash., and his wife, Michelle, had a son, Lucas Wilson, Feb. 9.


Entrepreneur has global career

Steve Marshall ’86 was drawn to Linfield for its international opportunities. An exchange program at Kanto Gakuin University left him smitten by Japanese culture and inspired a global career.

Marshall immersed himself in Japanese studies, including a year at Keio University that helped him earn a degree in communications and Japanese studies.

He returned to Japan during a stint as Sokol Blos- ser winery’s business manager. Later, he landed a transla- tion project for Jazent. Marshall then flew to Japan with 100 copies of his resume and landed a job with Manufac- turers Hanover Securities, as a salesman in fixed-income trading. Later, he landed a translation project for Jazent.


His business partner, Doug New, said the company has benefited from Marshall’s international experience.

“Steve is a guy that has a heart as big as McMinn- ville and a love for his family and friends that is unmatched,” he said. “Yet, he seems to find a way to be an outstanding business thought-leader,” New said. “It’s a real privilege to work with him.”

Outside work, Marshall attends South Lake Four- square Church and said, “My faith is the real driver of who I am.”

He ran in the 2006 and 2007 Portland Marathons, and his whole family enjoys golf! And international travel, of course.

This summer, the Marshall family will visit Vicki’s family in Bangkok.

— Beth Rogers Thompson

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Ryan and Eve (Haley) Hunter ’90 and ‘91 of Port Townsend, Wash., Ryan is an assistant planner for Jefferson County’s Department of Commu- nity Development, and Eve works with infants in the Head Start Program.


Kristen (Williams) Healy ’99 and her husband, Chris- topher, had a daughter, Caitlin Nichole, Dec. 18, their third.

Brian and Melissa (Kle- ball) Joho, both ’04 of Tigard, had a daughter, Aubrey Lynn, Feb. 21, their second. Brian is the dean of students at Pacific Lutheran University and Melissa teaches fifth grade at Templeton Elementary.

Ashley A. Barott ’99 of St. Paul, Minn., is attending veteri- nary school at the University of Minnesota.

Karin (Schank) Mendelsohn ’00 of Portland, married Michael Schmitz March 22.

Robert and Trish (Grieb) Grover both ’00, live in Bend and recently opened 11 Roast- ers, a coffee company.

Deborah (Martin) Vaughn ’00 of Portland is the arts educa- tion coordinator for the Oregon Commission on the Arts.

Megan Love ’07 of Chan- delle, Ore., married Brian Smith Nov. 11.

Nicole Barlow ’00 and Brent Lord ’00 were married Sept. 15.

Lisa Taylor ’01 of Portland married Steven Decker Sept. 19.

Brianna ’01 (Stut- man) Over ’01 and Heather Thompson ’01.

Rebecca Stevens ’01 of Klamath Falls married Timothy Hoppin Aug. 10.

Cherina James ’01 of Vir- ginia, Wash., completed a master’s degree at Loma Linda University and worked as a children’s social worker in Riverside County, Calif., for two years. She is now a children’s social worker in Fullerton, Calif.

Matt Olevtek ’02 is an instructor at the Northwest Children’s Theater and School in Seattle.

Deanne (Quint) Rettke ’02 of Gladstone and her husband, Elyary, had twin daughters, Aranzina Elena and Felisha Anita, March 29. She is a teacher in the Parkrose School District.

Kari Smith ’92 of Pendle- town married Jason Walker Sept. 22. She is a farm loan officer for the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Juliet Sloan ’03 of Mon- tgomery is director of the Mon- tgomery Museum School.

David Lacy ’03 of Wilson- ville married Kelly Steely Kelly in Portland. He is a business analyst for Holiday Retirement in Salem.

Todd Rubin ’04 of Redmond is the head boys’ basketball coach at Edmunds- Woodway High School.

Kelsey (Cuttsford) Corndell ’04 of Canby and her husband, Tim, had a daughter, Norah Elizabeth, July 17.

Brian Layton ’05 of Tual- los, Wash., married Snowd Miller Aug. 25. He is a business education teacher at Toledo High School.

Melinda S. Justice ’07 of Salem is the administrative assis- tant for the Salem Convention & Visitors Association.

Jamie Bosco ’07 of Portland married Nathan Hill Aug. 24. She is a nurse at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital.

Victoria Stamm ’07 is serving with the Peace Corp in Micronesia. She is teaching Eng- lish to third- and fourth-graders.

Stephanie Puleihan ’07 of Emmett, Wash., volunteered at a school in Luraka, Zambia, which educates more than 200 students whose families cannot afford to send them to public schools. She went there to pri- oritize school needs.

In memoriam

Marguerite (Dook) Schriber ’32 of Los Alamos, N.M., Feb. 20.

Alberther Beeler ’35 of Mc- Minnville, April 3.

Mary (Mulkey) Gerber ’36 of Adelaide, Australia, April 22. Survivors include her daughter Elizabeth (Gerber) Albrecht ‘68.

Fred Scherrer ’39 of Red- mond, June 29.

Philip Bladine ’40 of Mc- Minnville, April 16. Survivors include his son Jeff ‘69 and grandchild girl Chelsea (Blad- ine) Nichol ‘01.

Eugene Parsons ‘40 of Portland, Jan. 11.


Roy Dancer ‘47 of Brea- urrent, Jan. 7. Survivors include his wife Betty (Maxwell) ‘57 and daughter Dana (Dancer) Vandewater ‘83.

Richard Cox ‘49 of Corval- is, Apr. 30.

Kay Bredleau ‘51 of War- rington, March 11.


Melvin Sprecher ‘55 of McMinnville, March 9.


Janice (Helm) Titterly ‘63 of Oregon City, April 5. Survivors include her husband Leonard ‘62, daughter Tronda (Titterly)

Quin ‘89 and sister Jennifer (Bailey) Brown ‘89.


Jon Fresberg ‘65 of Boise, Idaho, Nov. 20.


Jack Quaintance Sr. ‘70 of Molalla, Jan. 16. Survivors include his wife Helen ‘70.

Margaret MacGregor- Turner ‘77 of Ellensburg, Wash., Feb. 27.

Shirley (Williams) Archer ‘80 of Salem, April 4.


Judith (Louty) West ‘86 of San Fr., N.M., Apr. 8.

Kathryn (Wambach)’82 of Sherwood, Mar. 3.

Mandy Robybrode ‘92 of Coquille, Wash., Jan. 5.

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Marjorie (Young) Astell GSH ‘34 of Portland, Feb. 29.

Laura (Potter) Gardner GSH ‘37 of Corvallis, March 18.

Kathleen (Stimson) GSH ‘32 of Lynwood, Wash., Dec. 17.

Donna (Ewan) Ott GSH ‘34 of Portland, Mar. 3.


Heidi (Winter) Patterson GSH ‘62 of Redmond, Jan. 27.

Friends

Clemens Ady of Portland. Jan. 25. He was vowing assistant professor of business.

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