

Among the year's graduates...

Western presented the first posthumous degree in the history of the University during the 246th Convocation.

Before her death in February, Janet Louise Miller had satisfied all of the requirements for her PhD in Microbiology and Immunology, with the exception of writing her final thesis and defending it in front of an examining board. Much of her work had already been published.

On June 13, her husband accepted the doctorate on her behalf.

Among the graduating class of 1986 were three students from the People's Republic of China, who became the first persons from the Chinese mainland to earn Master of Library and Information Science degrees from Western.

The students were sent to Canada because of a lag in the information field and a shortage of library personnel in their homeland. One graduate, Jian Qin, has already returned to China to teach library and information science at Wuhan University, with school from which she graduated prior to coming to UWO.

Xin Lu, another Wuhan University alumnus, also graduated with his classmates June 13. He will begin PhD studies in the School of Library and Information Science this fall.

Lingja Li earned her MLIS degree after attending Western on a fellowship awarded by the Interna-

tional Development Research Centre (IDRC) in Ottawa. Before returning to a previous post as an information officer in China's Ministry of the Machine-Building Industry, she will spend a training period with IDRC and the National Research Council in Canada's capital.

Some graduates overcame physical handicaps to obtain their degrees this year. Despite a hearing and speech impediment, Maureen Walsh graduated from the Faculty of Education June 7 with a Bachelor's degree in the primary-junior program.

Ann Patricia Blue surmounted the congenital defect of spina bifida to earn her BA from the Faculty of Social Science June 10. Prior to beginning her studies, Blue worked for three years as a secretary in the UWO Department of Biochemistry.

On June 12, Tracy Valvasori received both the Dorris (Billie) L. Ransberry Memorial Gold Medal, given to a legally blind student with the highest standing in a graduating year of any program, and her BSc from the University.

Among mature and part-time students there were a number of accomplishments. Cecil Hillier, who enrolled at Western with a Grade 9 education, graduated June 10 with a BA from the Faculty of Social Science. He is the first member of his family to obtain a university degree.

Marie Agnes Henry received her

Bachelor of Fine Arts degree after enrolling at Western in 1979. The mother of 10 children and wife of former UWO Examinations Officer John Henry, she picked up her degree at the June 11 ceremony.

Following in family tradition is William Tillman, who emulated both his father and grandfather by graduating June 6 with his MID from Western.

Carolyn Bush also followed a family tradition by becoming the sixth Bush to obtain a UWO degree. She graduated with others from the Faculty of Social Science on June 10.

A number of husband-wife teams also graduated this spring. Thomas and Catherine Faulds obtained their MDS June 6; Percy Ostroff and wife Shelley Appleby-Ostroff received law degrees June 6; and Peter and Nancy Cookson both graduated June 12 with Honors BSc degrees in Computer Science.

Father and daughter Thomas Moore and Anne Henry both graduated June 13; he with a MEd and she with a Master of Physical Education in Coaching degree.

Several members of the University community also obtained degrees at Convocation.

Ted Jarvis, a technician in the Department of Biochemistry, received his BA June 10 after beginning part-time studies in 1973. Donna Moore, an academic counsellor in the Faculty of

Part-Time and Continuing Education, received her MEd degree in counselling June 13. She was hooded by her father, Professor Emeritus Don Moore.

David Johnston, eldest son of UWO Business Dean C.B. Johnston, was hooded by his father as he received his MBA June 11. Brett Downe, grandson of the Business School's most senior faculty member — Professor Emeritus Walter Thompson — obtained his MBA.

Three outstanding Mustang athletes also took home degrees. Swimmer Heidi Thompson, the 1985-86 recipient of the F. W. P. Jones trophy, and quarterback Steve Samways, this year's G. Howard Ferguson Award winner, obtained Honors BAs in Physical Education June 10. Track star Kent Theoxon, winner of the 1985-86 Claude Brown trophy, graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering Science degree the following day.

Among the children of politicians graduating this spring were Sarah Davis, daughter of former Ontario Premier William Davis, who received an Honors BA, and David Caplan, son of Ontario Government Services Minister Elnor Caplan, who obtained a three-year BA, and Linda Van Horne, daughter of London North MPP Ron Van Horne, who received a BA from King's College.

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