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## are hitting the books



**HITTING THE BOOKS** is what Bernice Huinink has been doing for the past five years as she works towards a university degree. Huinink, an Embro resident, is enjoying her return to school even if the occasional subject proves difficult.

degree almost within her grasp, life seems very good to the Woodstock resident.

It hasn't been an easy road for Brown — between work and night school classes — she has invested the last nine years of her life to reach this point. She's within 3½ courses of completing her degree in sociology.

"I didn't go into this with the idea of changing the direction of my work," said Brown, who works in financial administration.

area with a goal in mind," she explained.

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ie said the important g for people to remember is they don't have to necessarily be smart to attend university, but rather the drive to learn.

Some cases university is easier when the person is older, she suggested.

"Sometimes a person isn't ready for university when they're younger, they're more prepared when they're older," she said.

But learning is something Brown has been doing her life — even before returning to school she was always taking different courses.

"The problem was they aren't getting me anywhere. Now that effort is being concentrated in one

Since the birth of her son, Garrett, she has found the concept of continual learning becoming even more important.

"An interest in learning is something my husband and I want to instill in our children," she explained.

Donna Moore, mature student adviser at UWO, said increasing numbers of adults are returning to school. There are 130 students enrolled in part-time classes in Oxford County.

Anyone interested in returning to university on a part-time basis should check out the information session being sponsored by the University of Western Ontario taking place in Woodstock on Tuesday, March 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Woodstock Collegiate Institute.

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