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Graduation

1,403 students eligible

Approximately 1,403 students will be eligible to graduate during Western's Autumn Convocation today (October 30) and October 31.

This afternoon in Alumni Hall, about 749 students will be eligible to receive degrees, diplomas and certificates. An honorary Doctor of Science will be conferred upon Dr. Claude T. Bishop, distinguished scientist and leader in the development of Canadian scientific journals.

Approximate number of graduates that day by faculty are: Graduate Studies — 342; Applied Health Sciences — 29; Education — 3; Engineering Science — 28; Law — 5; Music — 12; Nursing — 1; Physical Education — 39; Science — 187; Diploma in Journalism for Native People — 1; Brescia College — 15; Huron College — 33;

and King's College — 54.

On Friday, October 31, about 654 students from the Faculties of Arts and Social Science will graduate. The Faculty of Arts will have approximately 119 graduates and Social Science will have 535. An honorary Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on Clark W. Davey, publisher and eminent contributor to Canadian newspaper journalism.

Western's 247th Convocation also will represent an important milestone for the Faculty of Graduate Studies. A total of 48 PhDs will be conferred, making 1986 the first year in which the University will have had 100 PhD graduates. A total of 52 PhD degrees were conferred at the Spring Convocation.

Previously, the highest number of PhDs graduating in any single year was 97 in 1971. Since then,

Graduate Studies has averaged about 85 PhD graduates a year.

In addition to degrees, diplomas and certificates, three students will be receiving medals for outstanding academic achievements.

Colleen Westman is the winner of the Angela Armitt Medal, awarded to a part-time student with the highest graduating average in a 15-course program. At age 24, she is also the youngest person graduating this fall who has completed a degree totally on a part-time basis.

The W.A. Townshend Gold Medal for the M.Ed. program will go to Bastiaan Abbink. The University Gold Medal will be awarded to Cheryl Lynn Antoniuk, Occupational Therapy.

Convocation ceremonies will be held at 3 p.m. in Alumni Hall both days.