

# He worked four years for 12 steps to success

Fred Tyndall, 42, finally made it to graduation Thursday, joining 739 others at Western's fall convocation.

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It was the final climb. "There are six steps up (to the stage) and six steps down, and all I can tell you

is I wanted to walk on them," said 42-year-old Fred Tyndall, one of 740 students who graduated Thursday at the University of Western Ontario's fall convocation.

Tyndall, a Londoner, wanted to walk the steps for four years "and I finally made it." With his hood came the distinction of being the first, last and only male ever to graduate from the administrative office management studies program at Western.

For Tyndall, a former manager at a printing company, the stairs were nothing in a long, uphill climb to convocation. Working and studying part-time for

four years to earn his three-year degree in a program that was discontinued last April, he says he worked "summer, winter, spring, fall, night and morning."

**'NO SOCIAL LIFE':** He had "no social life (but) I had a lot of support. And I had some great professors."

About 30 per cent of the three-year bachelor of arts graduates hooded at Thursday's ceremony were part-time students—a figure the dean of part-time studies and continuing education says is probably the highest ever.

The frequent cries of "way to go, mom" from the audience as older stu-

dents were hooded is characteristic of a growing trend, Tom Gunsburg said. "People are coming back to university" after they've worked for a few years. And employment prospects are good for the graduates.

"There are more companies that are accepting applications from all disciplines (than ever before) this year," said Ruth Siberry, co-ordinator of on-campus recruiting.

"Employers are starting to recognize the skills that the arts and social science students possess," mainly their "flexibility and willingness to change when they get out into the working world."

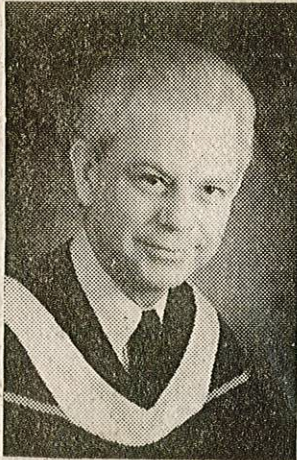
## Graduate



**Fred Tyndall**

Pat Tyndall proudly announces the graduation of her husband from the University of Western Ontario on October 26, 1989 with a B.A. in Administrative Office Management Studies. Fred is presently attending Althouse College of Education to pursue a career in teaching.

## Graduate



**Frederick Bruce Tyndall**

On Saturday, June 9, 1990, Fred Tyndall received his Bachelor of Education from the University of Western Ontario. Fred was on the Dean's Honour List. He has accepted a position with the Elgin County Board of Education. Congratulations Fred! Your wife, family and friends are very proud of you and wish you success in your teaching career.

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