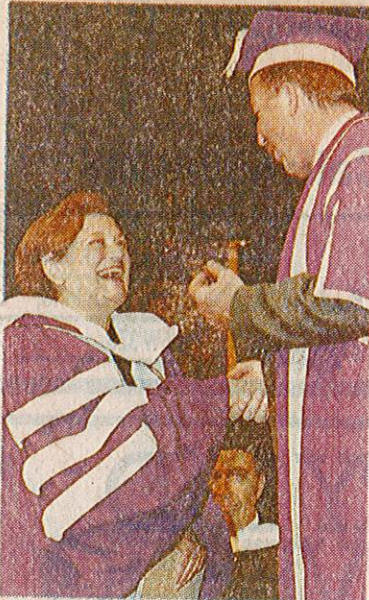


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Convocation a happy day

Author Mavis Gallant, left, shares a laugh with University of Western Ontario president George Pedersen after receiving an honorary degree at convocation ceremonies Friday afternoon. One of the students who studied her work, Gertrude Crossman, also received a bachelor of arts degree, 40 years after she first started working toward it. In the interim, she raised two daughters and overcame a stroke. **Page C3**

HONORARY DEGREE: Determination wove like a theme through Friday's convocation ceremony, where 750 students graduated from the faculty of arts, social science and part-time and continuing education.

Mavis Gallant, an internation-

ally renowned Canadian author whom Crossman studied in her English courses, received an honorary degree and told the crowd "the only course I ever took was in typing."

Gallant has written eight volumes of short stories, two novels, a play, and won the Govern-

or General's Literary Award for her book *Home Truths*.

"If I wish anything," Gallant said, "it is that someone, just once, had said: 'Trust your basic belief in your own life. Be faithful to your talents, if you believe you have any. Follow your instinct.'"

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