

# Last call

## Circuitous routes on way to the bar

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For most of the 99 law students called to the bar Monday in London, the road had been fairly straight — from high school to university to law school.

But for several candidates, the path toward the legal profession had a few unique twists and turns.

Take Jerry Richardson, for example. He is 34 and for eight years it appeared that teaching elementary school was to be his lifelong profession.

At the same time, Richardson was

working on his BA at the University of Western Ontario and graduated in 1970.

A law career "was always there in the back of my mind" and he entered UWO's law school in 1973.

With a family of four to support, he manoeuvred his schedule to allow for some part-time teaching and took on "everything and anything, including house painting," to stay solvent. And somehow in between he managed to find the long and necessary hours for studying.

Richardson has accepted a position with a London law firm. "I'm really glad

it's all over," he said. "It'll be nice to have a steady income again."

For radio personality Roger West, 41, opening his own law office here won't mean the end of other interests. He said he intends to continue doing "a bit of radio" and other entertainment work as well.

The weekend stints at CFPL-FM while he earned a general BA at UWO followed by a law degree were "a source of relaxation" as well as income.

A freshman at UWO at the age of 33, West said the academic routine didn't pose insurmountable problems. "It was a

## University to eliminate older student entry test

The University of Guelph will drop admission tests for mature students in an attempt to get a bigger slice of the part-time student market.

Beginning in May, Guelph will implement a general studies program for persons at least 21 years old and with a minimum of two years experience in the work force. Students may apply for a degree program after completing five courses.

The university plans to use results from the five courses as a measure of whether a student should go on. Credits from the general studies program could count towards a degree.

Students may continue taking general studies courses without being required to work towards a degree.

foreign environment but I didn't find it difficult to adjust . . . I suppose it's easier when you come back to education with a purpose."

Ninety members of the UWO bar admission course participated in the two-part ceremony. They were first called to become members of the Law Society of Upper Canada, then took oaths entitling them to practise in the Supreme Court of Ontario.

They were the second class to graduate from the UWO program, which duplicates the course at Osgoode Hall in Toronto.