

Move south, marriage couldn't halt studies

CONVOCATION

It took a little longer than she had planned, but Sandy Mincborg didn't let life in Florida and a family keep her from getting her degree from the University of Western Ontario.

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Sandy Mincborg completed her studies in a place many students go for spring break — Florida.

The Barrie native went to the University of Western Ontario from 1982 to 1984, spending summers working at her sister's graphics store in Florida. During the second summer she met her husband, Steve.

"I stayed down there the rest of the year and then got engaged," said Mincborg, whose name was Walsh before she married in 1987.

"I decided to get my degree because it was important to me to finish something I'd started."

BUSY MOM: Mincborg flew

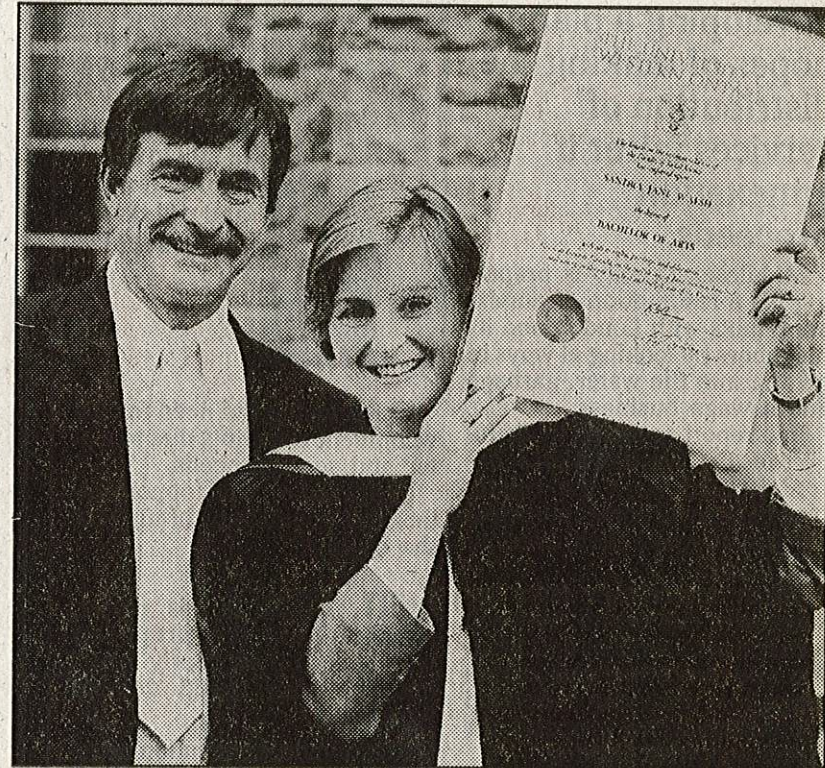
up to London one spring and one summer for eight-week intersessions, did fall-winter correspondence and took two courses through Florida Atlantic University.

In 1989 her son Paul was born and she became a volunteer for Planned Parenthood and on a hot line for abused women, which she continues to do.

Although she had originally been taking science courses for pre-medical studies, she received a general bachelor of arts degree Tuesday.

"I couldn't take lab courses through correspondence, so I had to go with general courses. But we're moving to Boulder, Colo., this summer so I might go on in science at the university there."

UWO convocation ceremonies continue until Friday.



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Getting a degree from the University of Western Ontario took special effort by Sandy (Walsh) Mincborg, who commuted from Florida for some sessions. But she shows off the results on Tuesday, accompanied by her dad, Paul Walsh of Barrie. He graduated from UWO in 1957.