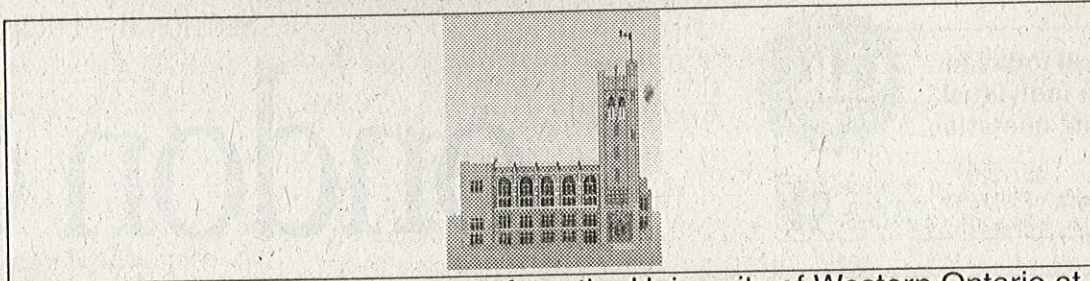


UWO CONVOCATION



About 1,500 students will graduate from the University of Western Ontario at ceremonies this week. The university's 265th convocation began Tuesday and concludes Friday.

Today's graduating classes: Faculties of arts, science, and Brescia, Huron and Kings colleges. Total: 458.

Friday:

Faculties of social science and part-time and continuing education.

GRADUATE PROFILE

Anne O'Neill, bachelaurate of arts, women's studies

Age: 51

Home town: London

Long time coming:

O'Neill started at Western in 1972, taking sociology courses, but only for six weeks because her husband was transferred out of the city. She returned to university in 1991, after her three children had grown and received post-secondary educations of their own. O'Neill, who works as a life skills coach at Fanshawe College, says she returned because she felt she had "something left undone" and because of "my coeducational experience . . . I needed to add some points of information that I didn't have. I needed to honor the female parts of who I am."



ANNE O'NEILL

About her program: O'Neill, who is the first of the 14 children in her family to earn a degree, says she "loved" the women's studies program. "Choosing that major, it just helped ground all my life experi-

ences. . . . It was a remarkable experience."

Job prospects: O'Neill has worked at Fanshawe while earning her degree and will continue at the London community college. She said what she learned in the women's studies courses expands what she brings to her job. "It provides an environment where you can develop a different perspective on all the different environments we all experience."

What it cost: O'Neill estimates about \$16,000 for four years of part-time study. Part of that was covered by a loan.

JOB OUTLOOK

O'Neill says graduates with a women's studies degree can find work as counsellors, but that many continue in university to earn teaching or masters degrees.

HONORARY DEGREE

Linguist **Julia Kristeva** will receive an honorary doctor of letters degree today. Kristeva, a native of Bulgaria now living in France, is one of the most prolific and influential theorists in the fields of literary theory, semiotics, psychoanalysis, women's studies and aesthetics. She is also a practising psychoanalyst. Her work is significant to the new interdisciplinary humanities program at Western.



JULIA KRISTEVA