



Gabriele Hopf, left, who also graduated from the art therapy program, came to Canada in 1985 from West Germany where she studied medicine. Above, Teresa Allen of London and Jim Sullivan of Montreal attempt to figure out where Sullivan's son and Allen's boyfriend, Christopher, will be hooded on stage during convocation.

Brahmoh came to Western to study art therapy after earning a degree in psychology from Laurentian University in Sudbury.

"I got to know myself better through this program," said Brahmoh. "I'm more sensitive to people around me."

Brahmoh is working as an art therapist at the Children's Psychiatric Research Institute in London.

"Now that I'm finished I want to help other people. The reward comes from seeing in their eyes that I'm getting my message across."

**'NICE FEELING':** The expression on the face of Gabriele Hopf certainly communicated her feelings about graduating.

"I feel like laughing," said Hopf, a West German native, who also received a diploma in art therapy. "It's a nice feeling."

"What made it (the art therapy program) interesting is that we came from different professions and specialties," said Hopf, who studied medicine at the University of Heidelberg before coming to Canada.

## UWO's first art therapists graduate

The first four students to graduate from UWO's art therapy program were among about 600 from the faculties of business administration, social sciences and part-time and continuing education to receive diplomas Monday at Alumni Hall.

Art therapists encourage patients to communicate their feelings and thoughts non-verbally through pictures and with clay. **Page B3**