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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 53 OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

October 2nd, 1979

To the Academic Affairs Committee,
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it held a meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1979 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Faculty of Pharmacy, at which the following were present:

Professor J.B. Dunlop (In the Chair)
Ms. Beverley A. Batten
Professor Margaret C. Cahoon
Professor W.E. Grasham

Professor J.T. Mayhall
Dean John C. Ricker
Mr. Mark K. Wax
Miss Marie Salter, Secretary

In Attendance:

Miss *H.*
and counsel Miss Judy Lung

Mr. Neil H. Dobbs
Associate Registrar (Student
Services)
Scarborough College

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

1. Miss *H.*

At its meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1979 the Academic Appeals Board heard the appeal of Miss *H.* against a decision of the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals of Scarborough College refusing to defer her one year suspension. The decision of the Board is that the appeal should be dismissed.

Appellant was suspended because of her academic performance. In two winter sessions and one summer session she took eleven courses and obtained a total of two Cs. Her cumulative grade point average was 1.1. The appeal was based on compassionate grounds. There was evidence that the appellant was suffering from physical stress and family pressures. Where pressures are intense they can certainly distort a student's performance and there is a basis in such circumstances for the granting of relief. One is more likely to be persuaded that the pressures have indeed had such an effect if there is what might be called a record of "normal" performance with which to make comparison. This case fell short on both counts. The Board did not feel that these pressures were extraordinary nor was there any basis for believing that in their absence the appellant would have done better. Her record over three sessions was consistently poor.

Appeal dismissed.

Secretary
October 29th, 1979

Chairman

