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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 69 OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

To the Academic Affairs Committee,  
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it held a meeting on Wednesday, August 12th, 1981, at 2:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Faculty of Pharmacy, at which the following were present:

Professor J.B. Dunlop (In the Chair)  
Mr. Robert J. Aiello  
Professor J.T. Mayhall  
Mrs. Joan R. Randall

Professor R.M.H. Shepherd  
Professor Victor G. Smith  
Ms. Christine M. Vercoe  
Miss D. Taynen, Secretary

In Attendance:

Mrs. H.

Mr. A.R. Waugh  
Vice-Principal and Registrar  
Woodsworth College

Ms. Darlene Myers  
Student Counsellor  
Woodsworth College

THE MEETING WAS HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

1. Mrs. H.

At a meeting on August 12th, 1981 the Academic Appeals Board heard the appeal of MRS. H. from a decision of the Petitions Committee of the Woodsworth College Council refusing to allow her to write a final examination either before or after the scheduled date. The appellant did not write the examination on the scheduled date and consequently the course (Organizational Theory) shows on her transcript as a failure.

The reason that the appellant wanted to write on a different date was that the date fixed in the timetable was three days after her wedding. The wedding had been planned for a year. However, it is Woodsworth policy, which is also that of the Faculty of Arts and Science, to allow special examination dates to be set only when people are unable to write on the appointed date for reasons beyond their control. Such reasons include illness, accident and unavoidable absence from the city at the direction of an employer. They do not include personal commitments.

The appellant said that she did not discover the problem until March of 1981. However, when she enrolled in the course in the fall of 1980 it would have been plain from the calendar that the date she was planning for her wedding fell within the period allocated for examinations. Thus the possibility of conflict was patent. The Board sees nothing unreasonable in the College's policy and no reason to make an exception in the particular case. Thus the appeal must be dismissed.

In the circumstances, however, it also seems rather harsh that the course should be shown on the appellant's transcript as a failure. Mr. Waugh for the College suggested that this might be avoided by an application to withdraw without penalty from the course. The Board sees no reason why such an application should not now be presented to the Petitions Committee of the Woodsworth College Council and suggests that the appellant follow that course.

Appeal dismissed.

Secretary  
September 3rd, 1981

Chairman