

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

REPORT NUMBER 111 OF THE ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD

September 11th, 1987

To the Academic Affairs Committee,
University of Toronto.

Your Board reports that it held a hearing on Friday, September 11th, 1987 at 2:00 p.m., in the Council Room, Main Floor, Faculty of Pharmacy, 19 Russell Street, at which the following were present:

Professor J. B. Dunlop (In the Chair) Ms. Irene Birrell, Secretary
Professor J. Berger
Mr. Michael Bilaniuk
Mrs. J. Philpott
Professor F. A. Sherk

In Attendance:

Mr. *K.* appellant
Professor Eleanor Irwin, Associate Dean - Academic, Scarborough College

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

At a meeting on September 11th, 1987, the Academic Appeals Board heard the appeal of *MR. K.* from a decision of the Subcommittee on Academic Appeals of Scarborough College dismissing his appeal to be granted a grade equal to the class average in COMC50F (Advanced Financial Accounting) for the final examination he had unavoidably missed in December 1986. The appellant had undergone eye surgery and was unable to prepare for the examination.

To the extent that the same remedy is requested, the appeal is dismissed. The remedy provided by the College regulations in such circumstances is a special examination and there could be no justification for assigning the grade requested. As the appellant had not completed 60% of the course requirement, the possibility of aeqrotat standing could not be considered.

The appellant presented two other possible courses of action to this Board: that he be allowed to write a special examination, or that he be entitled to withdraw from the course without academic penalty so that the failure now registered on his transcript would be erased. The first of these options is one which the appellant had, both before and after his appeal to the Subcommittee. However, this fact was never made clear to the appellant. He now says that after such a time lapse he is not sanguine about his chances of passing an examination. He is working and would need a considerable amount of review.

In the circumstances, it is the Board's view that the appellant should have the option of writing an examination or of withdrawing without academic penalty. To ensure that the issue is settled expeditiously, the appellant should notify the College registrar within 14 days of receipt of these reasons of his intention to write an examination and should immediately arrange a convenient date. Otherwise it should be assumed that he intends to withdraw without academic penalty and the failing grade recorded on his transcript should be erased.

Secretary
October 20th, 1987

Chairman

