

## DISCIPLINE CASE SUMMARY

- **a.** Darlene Joy Smart (DOB: 64.02.11)
- **b.** Professional Misconduct.
- **c.** The report and recommendations of the hearing panel were presented to Council on April 15, 1993.
- **d.** The citation alleged that Darlene Joy Smart committed professional misconduct by establishing and maintaining a sexual relationship with two students.
- e. On January 17, 1992, Ms. Smart was found guilty of two counts of sexual exploitation of young persons, contrary to Section 153 of the Criminal Code. Between January 1988 and February 1991, she initiated and maintained sexual liaisons with two of her female students, both of whom were fifteen years old at the time of the initial contact. One relationship lasted for approximately thirteen months, and the second for approximately two years. These activities led to criminal charges and Ms. Smart was suspended by her board. She resigned following her conviction. She was sentenced to two consecutive six month prison terms and the sentence was upheld unanimously by the Court of Appeal, May 6, 1992. The College of Teachers found Ms. Smart guilty of professional misconduct for exploiting the pupil-teacher relationship.
- **f.** The College terminated her membership in the College and cancelled her certificate of qualification.