

## **Honor Board Academic Abstract**

**Case # 0309**

Jill and Jane were in the same 300-level economics course. Jill was going to be out of town the day the last exam of the semester was due in class, and so Jill asked for (and got) a one-day extension, Jill claims that she went by her professor's office the day she was supposed to turn in her exam, but the professor wasn't in. So Jill help on to her exam over the weekend, and turned it in when she saw her professor the following week.

Jane, on the other hand, turned her paper in on time, during class when it was originally due. When the professor was grading the exams, he noticed that Jill's and Jane's exams were very similar, including some rather unusual mistakes. Jill was the weaker student, and the professor believed that Jill had cheated, though the professor was not sure whether Jill cheated with or without Jane's consent.

When asked about their exams, Jill and Jane both claimed not to know the other very well at all, claimed not to have studied with anyone including each other, and both adamantly denied cheating.

In the end the Honor Board decided that even with the irregularities surrounding turning the exams in, there was insufficient evidence to either implicate or exonerate Jill or Jane of cheating or misconduct. The matter was left undecided.