

8-17-86

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

I am sorry that your cat got out when I came over to feed it last week. You are probably sad that your cat ran away, but I wanted to remind you that you never paid me for the first two days I fed it (before it ran away). Just drop off my money when you get a chance.

Sincerely,
Roger Haskell

THE WRONG WAY TO APOLOGIZE

FROM THE DESK OF
ROGER A. HASKELL

May 3, 1995

Dear Susan,

Principal Thorpe has asked me to contact you regarding the recent contest for the editorship of The Academician. I am sorry to hear that you interpreted my efforts to secure the position as a "smear campaign" against you personally. I felt that the yearbook staff deserved to be given as much information about each candidate as possible before they made their decision. You may have preferred to forget about that time you threw up in the cafeteria in fifth grade, but if so, you should not have entered the political arena. As for the newspaper editorial I wrote in support of my candidacy, I am certain that if you reread it you will see that I never named you directly, and that the phrase "untalented hack brown-noser" could apply to any number of people in our school.

I am prepared to let bygones be, and I hope you will not allow your hurt feelings to interfere with our working relationship or to affect the content of The Academician now that you have been elected its editor. Remember that if you neglect to include as many photos of myself as my achievements merit, it will only reflect poorly on you.

Your Friend,
Roger Haskell

Dear Susan, that you try to make me feel sorry for the incident. But you left it in our common room. Which was leaning up after the small party I had before. Submission night. I asked at that time if you'd be willing to have a bit of... I had been spilled about it. I doubt you would have wanted to use it as an example. I think I did it up so that I could show it was always that party that you bustled, and it was... I'm sure for your benefit. I look at tonight's... I'm sure you'll be... I'm sure you'll be... I'm sure you'll be...

Your Mommie
Roger

So if you need someone to help you pick out a... I'm sure you'll be... I'm sure you'll be...

Thursday April 4, 1998 4:52 PM

Dear Jenna,

I am sorry I missed our dinner date on Friday - I have been really busy with my classes and stuff lately, and I completely forgot about our reservation until I was over at Doug's late Friday night and he asked me if I'd seen you lately. I hope you didn't wait too long at the restaurant. Anyway, when I remembered, it was kind of late to call your room, so I figured I'd just wait for you to get in touch on Saturday. I just now realized I haven't heard from you yet - I guess you must have called while I was out, and you know how irresponsible Artie is about taking messages. I have a paper due on Monday, so I'll be working really hard for most of the weekend, but I can probably take time out to grab dinner if you want. Just call when you have a chance - and tell Artie to be sure to write me a note, if I'm not there!

Yours,
Roger Haskell
CC '99

"Oh well, whatever, nevermind." - Nirvana

12/19/99

Dear Professor Berkowitz,

I am sorry that my final paper is late. I had a lot of other stuff due during the last week or so, and frankly, your assignment required a lot more attention than I was able to give it. It was simply impossible for me to research and write ten pages for you in addition to the other work I had to do (don't forget, I was taking three classes besides yours this semester!). You might want to consider simplifying the paper topics somewhat next time you teach the class; then your students might be able to turn in higher-quality work, and on time too.

Anyway, I would have had it in sooner, but the drop-off location was quite inconvenient for me, and so I know you will not mind waiting these few days extra.

Sincerely,
Roger Haskell

P.S. If you find yourself near Calhoun College, maybe you could just drop my graded paper in the mailbox for room 490. That'd be great.

Peter Shubert
Vice President, Marketing
Liescart Industries

Dear Pete,

I am writing to congratulate you on your promotion. As you know, I was up for the same position, and so I appreciate the qualifications it requires. Mr. Stone and the rest of the Board of Directors must have deliberated for a long time before deciding to give the title to you.

The atmosphere in the office has been understandably tense during the past few weeks, but I hope we can all move past that now and work together harmoniously and productively. As for the incident in the parking lot last week, I am sorry if the collision appears to have been "intentional" on my part; I am surprised to have to tell you that the damage I did to your car was entirely accidental. I would have mentioned it sooner, but I was unaware that my car had even struck yours until your attorney showed me the footage from the security cameras. If you and your attorney would care to go over the footage again, I believe the camera also shows that your car was not completely centered in its parking space, but I am willing to overlook that and compensate you for the damages if you so desire—allthough, with your new salary, you will be far more able to afford the repairs than I can!

Sincerely,
Roger Haskell
Marketing Representative
Liescart Industries

P.S. If you need any help getting settled in your new job, you know where to find me.

FROM THE DESK OF
ROGER A. HASKELL

January 11

Dear Susan,

Hello again! I am sorry we have not really kept in touch since high school, but I guess we've both been very busy. I recently decided my job at Liescart Industries was not challenging me enough, so I have moved back home to my parents' company while I'm looking for something better suited to my talents. That's how I heard about your success in the publishing industry - who would have guessed you would end up in such an influential position so soon after college? I bet you even have a say in determining whom your company employs. If so, I thought you might like to know that I am on the market, so to speak, and I would be glad to consider taking a job with your company if one happened to be available. I know it would probably be weird for you to be working in a position of "superiority" over me, but I'm sure things would even out after a few months (and I promise not to tell any embarrassing stories to your co-workers - ha ha!).

I'll be looking forward to catching up with you, and talking about old times!

Yours,
Roger

-WILSON