

June 19, 1984

Dr. John Ruskiewicz  
Director, Freshman English Program

Dear Dr. Ruskiewicz:

On June 15 I received a letter from the department chairman offering me a three-quarters-time lecturer appointment for the fall and spring semesters.

Taking a quarter-cut in salary would make it virtually impossible for me to keep up with my financial obligations--in particular, my house payments and my savings to adopt a child later next year. Unless some arrangement can be made to hire me at full-time, I will be forced to look for work elsewhere and to decline the three-quarters-time appointment.

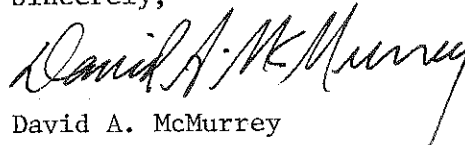
I should also point out that a three-quarter appointment would jeopardize my ability to run the Lab effectively if, as I assume, I'd be expected to teach a three-quarters equivalent of my past teaching load this coming fall and spring.

I certainly would regret having to leave the Lab, especially on such short notice to you, and especially now that members of the staff and I are preparing to create computer-assisted programs in composition which I believe will have national importance.

If there is any chance that I can be returned to full-time, please let me know because I do want to continue as director of the Writing Lab.

Considering the sacrifices I would have to make with a quarter salary reduction, however, I must begin looking for work elsewhere.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. McMurrey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

David A. McMurrey