



When I later became an IT consultant at Whittman-Hart, these skills helped me be successful even through the economic downturn that put many of my peers out of work. I am still in IT consulting, now in a management and advisory role where communication and presentation skills are even more important than technical skills.

There is an incident with Dr. Brommel that has stayed with me all these years. While I was attending his Interpersonal Communications class, I was ironically confronted with the awkwardness of being in a class with a woman I had recently broken up with. We initially ignored each other and sat on opposite sides of the classroom, but as the term went on we started dating again. Inevitably she left me for someone else, then stopped coming to class. I thought there had been no outward indication of the whole affair, but after her first absence Dr. Brommel asked me what had happened to her. How did he know? I told him the story and