

HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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WINTER, 1979-80

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

L. S. DOMONKOS was on leave from the department during the entire 1978-79 academic year. During most of the fall and winter quarters he was working on his monograph on fifteenth century Hungary and also finished two articles, one to be published in Warsaw, Poland, the other by Columbia University Press. He served on the Planning Committee of the Ohio Program for the Humanities and was commentator for six sessions on a series entitled "The Changing Faces of Spirituality." In early March the Domonkos family left for a six-month European trip on a grant from the International Research and Exchanges

Board, sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies. During the six months abroad as guest of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Domonkos was able to gather additional research materials in various archives and libraries for subsequent projects. His manuscript, *The Renaissance in Fifteenth Century Hungary*, was accepted for publication by the Press of the Hungarian Academy as a possible cooperative venture with an American university press. He was also able to have two articles accepted for publication in Europe. One of his articles appeared in the *New Hungarian Quarterly* while he was in Budapest. The Domonkos family also managed to take a swing through Austria, Germany and France before returning to Youngstown in early September.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTARY

by Dr. George Beelen

Greetings to all alumni. I am happy to report to you that enrollment in history courses at YSU is up. Many people seem to conclude, as we do, that a history background is good preparation not only for law, government, education, and the clergy, but also for the world of business, medicine and even the sciences. Needless to say, we want to encourage this trend.

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying productive and satisfying work and leisure time. Let us hear from you. We would welcome a visit to the campus and to our offices.

IS HISTORY "THE BUNK?"

by Charles Darling

Henry Ford once wrote that "history is more or less the bunk," but his later actions denied these words. Ford not only collected books and antiques, he also constructed Greenfield Village to put history into a form, Ford wrote, "where it may be seen and felt." The same transformation that Ford went through appears to be at work today among students, faculty, graduates, and even the general public. Today's undergraduates are less hostile to history than their counterparts of a few years ago. Then they seemed to reject history as irrelevant in the modern world. Today they seem eager to discover their own roots and the foundations of our national heritage.

The faculty is taking advantage of this renewed interest by changing directions in the traditional courses, throwing out old lecture notes and adding new ones, and offering special courses designed to whet the appetites of the students: World War II, the Vietnam War, Leisure in 19th Century England, Women in American History, and the Holocaust to name a few. Other departments are beginning to recognize the need for a historical framework for their students. Recently Dr. H. Robert Dodge, Dean of the School of Business, began implementing a decision to require courses in United States history for all recipients of the B.S. in B.A. degree.

Our own graduates tell us of the value of a history degree. Check the Alumni Notes in this issue, as well as past issues, of the Newsletter and note the number of successful careers that have been launched with a major in history—often in unusual areas. Even more startling is the news that the tightness in teaching positions for history and social science majors is easing. Reports from around the country as well as our own Placement Office indicate a growing demand for such teachers.

Finally, there appears to be a growing realization by the public of the importance of history courses in the public school curriculum. At the university level enrollment in our course offerings is rising slowly from the low point of several years ago. The trend is encouraging. It would seem that the country is undergoing the same transformation that many years ago caused Henry Ford to begin his own recreation of history at Greenfield Village.

RONDA CO-EDITS BOOK



JAMES P. RONDA

The popular professor of colonial and Indian history, Dr. James P. Ronda, has co-edited a modern edition of a long out-of-print document: *John Eliot's Indian Dialogues:*

A Study in Cultural Interaction (Greenwood Press, Westport, Conn. 06881). Henry W. Bowden, the other co-editor, is professor of religion at Douglass College, New Jersey. The work details the social, economic, and intellectual life of colonial Indian tribes as seen through the eyes of John Eliot, a Puritan missionary in 17th century New England. James Axtell of the College of William and Mary, in a review of the work, writes: "The editor's thorough introduction and restrained annotations multiply the value of this timely reprint and sensitive index to an important phase of cultural interaction in early America."

HISTORY DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The department of history congratulates the winners of the following awards for 1980:

The B'nai B'rith Graduate Award for the outstanding graduate history student: MARILYN KAY LEES

The B'nai B'rith Undergraduate Award for the undergraduate student with the highest point average: THERESA RITA VECCIA

The Chairman's Award for the best undergraduate research paper in any field of history: IRA CAMPBELL

FACULTY NEWS

FREDERICK J. BLUE was on leave from the department during the last academic year. He was engaged in research for his proposed biography of Ohio's Salmon P. Chase. He spent time in Washington, Columbus, and Philadelphia searching through the large Chase collections of primary materials in those cities. He is now engaged in the long, slow process of organizing and writing the biography.

OLIVER MUSUKA has joined the history department replacing Lawrence Amadi. Musuka will teach courses in both African and United States history. He is currently completing work on the Ph.D. degree at Northwestern University. Welcome aboard!

JAMES P. RONDA was promoted to full professor last year. He presented papers at meetings of the American Historical Association and the Society for Church History. He is co-editor, with Henry W. Bowden, of *John Eliot's Indian Dialogues: A Study in Cultural Interaction*, and is working on two other books relating to American Indian history. Last May he presented a two-day seminar on early American Indian history at Hiram College. This past summer Ronda and his wife travelled along the original Lewis and Clark route in the Far West gathering material for his forthcoming Lewis and Clark Indian book.

LOWELL SATRE researched material for a forthcoming article which will focus on major violations of factory work laws by Bryant & May, the giant match-producing company located in East London. He has given several lectures on English politics based on his personal observations while in England in 1979.

SAUL FRIEDMAN was in Europe researching his projected work on the Oberammergau Passion Play as well as visiting the Dachau concentration camp. He has completed work on a new book: *Land of Dust: Palestine at the Turn of the Century*. Also completed is the chapter "Jews in Eastern Europe" for Victor Le Vine, ed., *A Model for Sensitizing Jewish Communities to Their Environment*; and a chapter devoted to the Zionist Organization of America for Michael Dobkowski, ed., *Jewish American Voluntary Organizations*. Friedman prepared a thirty-page

informational paper on the role of East Europeans in the concentration camp system for the American Jewish Congress which is preparing an *amicus curiae* brief for the U.S. Supreme Court in the Federenko case. He has reviewed two books: Marc Raphael's *Jews and Judaism in a Midwestern Community* in the *Journal of American History* and Bernard Wasserstein's *Britain and the Jews and Europe in American Jewish History* (Spring, 1980). Friedman participated with Howard Sachar and Melvin Urofsky at the American Historical Association Winter meeting on the topic "American Reactions to the Holocaust." Friedman has lectured to professional groups in Pittsburgh, New York City, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Toledo, Cleveland, Kent, and Warren; and given talks to school groups in Austintown, Liberty, South Range, Poland, St. Edward's, and St. Brendan's.

WILLIAM JENKINS spoke to Canfield High School history classes on the Ku Klux Klan in Youngstown and addressed the National Honor Society of Nordonia High School at its induction ceremonies. He was appointed Research Professor for the 1980-1981 academic year.

CHARLES DARLING delivered a paper "There is No Energy Crisis" to the Youngstown Torch Club. He was engaged in reading and research for his special course on the Vietnam War which was offered during the Fall Quarter. He continues his "Folk Festival" program over WYSU-FM, 88.5 MHz., every Saturday evening at 9.

MARTIN BERGER contributed material to an anthology on 19th and 20th century socialism being edited by Louis Patris. Berger has presented several slide shows at area schools on the Nazis movement and World War II. He received a faculty-improvement leave for 1980-1981 and is researching material for his World War II classes. He finds time to present "Now's the Time," a jazz program, over WYSU-FM every Saturday from 10 until 11 P.M.

AGNES SMITH was promoted to full professor last year. She received a faculty-improvement leave for this year as well as a grant from the University Research Council to assist in her studies in England and this country on the topic: "The Spread of Mormonism in England, 1837-

1860." She attended a four-day conference at Canandaigua, New York, sponsored by the Mormon Historical Society and the New York State Historical Society. Smith and **MORRIS SLAVIN** have signed a contract with Wilfrid Laurier University Press (Canada) for the publication of *Bourgeois, Sans-Culottes and Other Frenchmen: Essays on the French Revolution in Honor of John Hall Stewart*.

ALVIN SKARDON is completing work on his history of Youngstown University. He has given several talks on the subject to local organizations.

GEORGE BELEN published a book review in the Spring, 1979, issue of *Ohio History* and has an article accepted for publication in *The Americas*. He hosted the two-day Hueston Woods Conference at YSU for history department chairmen and graduate directors of Ohio's state universities. He served as chairman of the Los Buenos Vecinos Scholarship Committee or the academic level, and as chairmar of the Eastgate Development and Transportation Agency on the political level. Beelen found his summer rewarding by participating in a study tour of Cuba and interviewing leading politicians in Puerto Rico. He was a speaker at numerous gatherings including the Boardman and Austintown Rotary Clubs, the Youngstown meeting for National Hispanic Week, and various high schools, television and radio stations in the area.

L.S. DOMONKOS presented a paper in April at the Midwest Slavic Conference hosted by the University of Cincinnati. The paper entitled "The Problems of Hungarian University Foundations" is being submitted for publication in England. He also lectured at Ohio Northern University in Ada on the problems of ethnic composition of the Carpathian Basin in the fifteenth century. This lecture is the basis of an article "The Multi Ethnic Character of the Late Medieval Hungarian State" which will appear in a volume entitled: *Transylvania: The Roots of Ethnic Conflict*, to be published by Kent State University Press in 1981. Domonkos finished fourteen biographical essays on central European humanists who had corresponded with Erasmus, which will be included in the two-volume *Biographical Register of the*

Collected Works of Erasmus, published by the University of Toronto Press. As a member of the Advisory Board of the American-Hungarian Federation, Domonkos was invited in May to a briefing and reception at the White House held by President Carter for community leaders nationwide.

JOSEPH MAY was moderator at a Duquesne History Forum presentation of "The United States and Cuba during the Roosevelt and Truman Era." He participated in two debates sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown under a grant from the Ohio Program in the Humanities: "Salt II, Pros and Cons," and "The Draft: Yes or No." "Where We Stand: A New Call to Action" was the title of a speech given before the Princeton seminar on Velikovsky, the Decade Ahead. May spoke at the YSU Faculty Forum on the topic "Implications of the Iranian Revolution for the United States." He was commissioned to write the biography of George H. Bender for the *Dictionary of American Biography*. He was elected first vice-president of the YSU-OEA for the 1980-1981 academic year.

PEI HUANG has been named guest editor for the journal *Studies in Chinese History*. He was commentator on a paper relating to the Ch'ing dynasty at the Tri-State Seminar in Modern Chinese History at the University of Pittsburgh. He spoke before the Youngstown Chapter of the United Nations Association of the USA on the subject "Human Rights and the Individual Child in Asia." Huang continued his research activities at Columbia University and the Library of Congress during the summer and quarter breaks.

GEORGE KULCHYCKY had a busy year presenting papers, for example, at Harvard: "Insurgency in Official Documents of 1919-1921," at Youngstown and Kent: "Salt II, Pros and Cons," and at the American Historical Association meeting: "Antics and Semantics in American East European Textbooks and Readers." He appeared on Toronto TV talk shows and at community functions while carrying out research in that city. He was elected to the Intercollegiate Academic Council.

ALUMNI NOTES

JOHN R. PRELOCK, '69, has been appointed General Agent for The Midland Mutual Life Insurance Company in Pittsburgh. He is a graduate of the Purdue University of Life Insurance Management Institute.

P. NICK KARDULIAS, '74, M.A. '77, has worked as an archaeological field assistant with the Illinois State Museum and the Ohio Historical Society. He was crew chief for Dr. John White of YSU in the excavation of a historic site near Cincinnati. In May of 1980 he received an M.A. in anthropology from SUNY-Binghamton and is a limited service member of the YSU Sociology/Antropology Department.

JAMES P. WANCHISN, '74, is a sales representative in the northern New Jersey and lower New York area for Diamond Shamrock Corporation.

THOMAS CHARLES SINOWSKI, '77, graduated in June from the Fullerton State Law School in Fullerton, California. He is associated with the law firm of Bellard, Brockett, Weimer and Edwards.

VALERIE (GULA) YAUGHN, '74, writes: "I'm so proud of all of you. I want to thank you for four good years of learning and enthusiasm." She is a Librarian at Draughon's Junior College in Savannah, Georgia. Thanks for the kind words, Valerie!

FRED BRUDERLY, '73, teaches social studies and coaches football at Beaver Local High School in Columbiana County.

VERNON L. VOLPE, '77, M.A. '79, is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Nebraska where he has a teaching assistantship.

DAVID J. HARASYM, '75, is Advertising Director and Assistant Purchasing Agent for the merchandising department of Sunshine Industries in Cleveland which is a distributor for discount, hardware and grocery chains.

JAMES C. ELLIS, '79, is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio.

GENE DONOFRIO, '75, was appointed Assistant City Prosecutor in Youngstown. He practices law with Attorneys Joseph Gardner and James A. Philomena in the Realty Building, downtown Youngstown.

METRECHIA ANNE SOPER, '71, taught math and history at Buckeye Central Junior High in Dillionvale, Ohio. She returned to YSU and received an M.B.A. degree in 1979. She is presently an instructor at the Salem campus of Kent State University as well as Coordinator of Business Technologies.

TED CARCHEDI, '76, is a history teacher and assistant football coach at Leetonia High School.

THOMAS MANGINO, '66, is Executive Director of the Beaver County Children and Youth Services and a part-time instructor at the Beaver campus of the Pennsylvania State University. He was chosen as a delegate to the President's White House Conference on Families and is a coordinator for the Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators.

MICHAEL KOPANIC, JR., '76, taught western culture courses at the University of Akron and then went on to the University of Pittsburgh where he is a computer assistant and graduate student. He married **REBECCA KOCUREK, history '76**, in June of 1980.

TOM MATIJASIC, '76, received a M.A. in history from Kent State University in 1978. He co-authored an article on the Kent State gym crisis in the Fall, 1977, issue of the *Left Review*. Currently he is a teaching fellow and doctoral candidate in history at Miami University of Ohio.

JANET (KAHRER) TE BRAKE, '74, M.A. '76, was in Ireland doing research for her dissertation in Irish history at the University of Maine.

PATRICIA (BECKWITH) RUZGA, M.A. '79, teaches social studies at the Seneca Valley Junior High School in Harmony, Pennsylvania. She accompanied Dr. Agnes Smith to Canandaigua, New York, to attend a four-day conference sponsored jointly by the Mormon and New York State historical societies in celebration of the 150th year of the publication of the *Book of Mormon*.

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ROGER P. DAVIS, '72, taught a Latin America survey course at the University of Arizona last summer. He delivered a paper "The Quito Revolt of 1809-1812: An Inquiry into the Reconstruction of 19th Century Political History" at the Latin American Studies Association conference held at Indiana University. He is in the process of completing his Ph.D. dissertation.

RONALD SLIPSKI, '74, joined the limited service faculty of the YSU history department to teach American history survey courses. He is a member of the Youngstown law firm of Green, Schiavoni, Murphy and Haines.

DONNA DE BLASIO, '74, M.A. '76, was awarded the Ph.D. degree in history at Kent State University. Her dissertation topic was "Down from the Pedestal—Kate Chase." She is currently working in community relations for the Oral History program at Indiana University at Bloomington.

MARK CONNELLY, '73, M.A. '75, is alive and well in Houston, Texas, where he is a claims adjuster for SAFECO.

HISTORY DAY '80

Over 500 hundred students from nearly forty schools in a five county area traveled to the YSU campus to participate in History Day '80 to demonstrate their excellence in a series of academic contests on both the junior and senior high level. The theme of the program was "The Individual in History," and was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the George Gund Foundation, the Cleveland Foundation, the Zionist Organization of America, and the YSU History Club. Presenting the awards were Dr. Martin Berger, Dr. Lowell Satre, Marilyn Lees, Jeanne Ontko, and Dr. George Beelen, chairman of the YSU history department.

First place winners and their schools were:

Historical papers, senior division: Donna Jean Smith, Trumbull Vocational School.

Historical papers, junior division: Stephanie Mylan, Poland Junior High.

Individual projects, senior division: Tania Gabriele, Mathews High School, Vienna.

Individual projects, junior division: Suzanne Piecuch, Washington Junior High.

Group projects, senior division: Doug Pusser, Paul Vespa, and Mike Canaday, Boardman High.

Group projects, junior division: Lisa Redd, Glynis Wheeler, Natalie Fonda, Demetria Wintera and Joseph Caffey, Lincoln Junior High, Youngstown.

Individual performances, senior division: Jim Youll, Washington.

Individual performances, junior division: Trenton D. Merricks, Glenwood Middle School.

Group performances, senior division: Sharon Roncone and Linda Gustinella, Boardman.

Group performances, junior division: Joy M. Ochman, Anna M. Smesko, Lori L. Murray, Sandy L. Ramson, and Shari Neff, Boardman Center.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

This is your newsletter and many of your former classmates would like to know what you are doing these days. Satisfy their curiosity, as well as that of the faculty and staff, by taking a few moments to write to the newsletter editor. List any awards, achievements, promotions, educational advancements, trips, or anything else you think might interest other alumni. We have enclosed a special prepaid postcard to facilitate your response. Send it in today!

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tory.

L. S. DOMONKOS ended the 1977 academic year by receiving a Distinguished Service Faculty Award. During the past year he served as chairman of the Nominating Committee of the American Catholic Historical Association, and reported the election results at the annual meeting of the ACHA which was held in Dallas in conjunction with the AHA. At the same meeting he was elected to the Executive Council of the American Association for the Study of Hungarian History and will serve a four-year term. He is also serving as secretary-treasurer of the U. S. Subcommittee for the History of Universities and is involved in the preparation of sessions for the International Congress of Historical Sciences to be held at Bucharest in 1980.

Domonkos published an article entitled "The History of Higher Education" in the new ten-volume *International Encyclopedia of Higher Education*. Another article on "The Enlightenment and Early American Universities," based on a paper he read in Warsaw, Poland has been accepted for publication by the Polish Academy of Sciences. He has also reviewed a number of books for various journals. This spring he participated in a seminar on Uralic and Altaic Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, and presided over a session on university history of the Midwest Conference of Medieval and Renaissance Studies. During the 1978-79 academic year Domonkos will be on leave, finishing his book on the Hungarian Renaissance. With a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies, he will be doing research in Europe during the spring and summer of 1979.

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PROFILE

by Luree Harley



When **DR. LESLIE S. DOMONKOS**, history, arrived in the Valley with his parents at age 13 he didn't know a single word in the English language.

So after having attended grades 1-6 while living in Hungary, Germany and France, he had to start school again in the first grade.

But, according to Domonkos, who arrived

here in August 1951 under the displaced immigration quota, he admitted they kept him in the first grade only one day.

"They couldn't fit me into a seat in the first grade room," he said. Seats in the second grade room were a bit more comfortable for a growing 13-year old boy so they moved him up a grade.

Language problems didn't slow Domonkos down one bit. Six weeks after his enrollment, he said, he had already advanced to the fourth grade and in 1956, five years after his arrival in the Valley, he graduated from Farrell High School.

That was only the beginning of Domonkos' success story.

Domonkos, who was born in Budapest and who experienced the trauma of being bombed and shot at while fleeing for his life, said that he lived in a homeless existence for six years prior to arriving in the Valley.

Fortunately, by the time he had reached the ninth grade, he said, he was able to handle his feelings of nostalgia for his homeland and develop an orderly pattern of life.

Scholastically, Domonkos soared to the top and in ten years he earned his A.B. degree with top honors from the University, his M.A., M.S.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Notre Dame with a year off to study as a recipient of a Fulbright Research Grant at the University of Vienna in Austria and two years of teaching history here.

Perhaps one of the foremost experiences in Domonkos' life happened in early January, 1964. He said at that time he married his childhood sweetheart whom he had met while they were living in Germany in the displaced persons camp with their families.

Eleven months later, during the year he started teaching at the University, Domonkos and his bride, Eva Oszlanyi Domonkos, became parents of twins, Steven and Kathryn, who are currently in the freshman class at the University.

Since that time, he admitted that he has received his share of grants, honors and opportunity for career advancement. He and Eva have had two additional children, Priscilla and Andrew, and Domonkos said there is nothing in his life that he would change. "I am very happy and I am at peace with myself."

Domonkos, who is highly supportive of his wife's interest, said that she puts her bachelor of science in nursing degree to good use at the St. Elizabeth Hospital where she teaches the Lamaze technique of infant birth.

When Domonkos isn't researching his book, *The Renaissance in Fifteenth Century Hungary: Political and Cultural History in the Age of Matthias Corvinus*, he is either assisting the Publishing House of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest in editing another book or, he said, he enjoys travelling both here and abroad.

He said he enjoys establishing contact with scholars in his field. He said it is a great honor for him to participate by giving the keynote address for the inauguration of the *Astrik L. Gabriel History of Universities Collection* on Dec. 10 at the Mediaeval Institute of Notre Dame on the 76th anniversary of the birth of the world reknown distinguished scholar.

Other favorite pastimes include either oil painting or using water colors to copy some of the old masters. He said he enjoys reading literary works and enjoys listening to classical music from the Baroque period.

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L.S. DOMONKOS read a paper at the Washington, D.C. meeting of the AHA. The study will be published next year by Duquesne University Press in a special volume co-edited by Domonkos. He also presented papers at the Central Renaissance Conference held at Indiana University, Bloomington and at Cleveland State University. At the invitation of President Theodore Hesburgh of the

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University of Notre Dame, he gave the main address at the inauguration of the A.L. Gabriel History of Universities Collection. Among his recent publications are the following: "The Enlightenment and Higher Education in Early America" in *Universitates Studiorum*, University of Warsaw Press; "The Battle of Mohacs as a Cultural Watershed" in *Brooklyn College Studies on Society and Change*; and "The Problems of Hungarian University Foundation in the Middle Ages," *East European Monographs*.

Domonkos serves as secretary-treasurer of the U.S. Subcommittee for the History of Universities and was recently elected to the executive board of the American Association for the Study of Hungarian History. He has participated in local civic and cultural programs and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Service League of Youngstown.

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L.S. DOMONKOS assumes the duties of chairperson of the history department during Dr. Beelen's administrative improvement leave for the 1985-86 academic year. Domonkos was a recipient of a distinguished professor award for 1984-85. He was appointed by President Humphrey as YSU's representative to the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. In April, he attended a three-day seminar on international education and a briefing at the State Department in Washington, D.C. He is co-editor and contributor to a volume of studies entitled *Louis the Great, King of Hungary and Poland*. Five of 14 entries written for the three-volume *Biographical Register of the Contemporaries of Erasmus* were published by the University of Toronto Press in early 1985; the remainder will appear next year. At the XVIth International Congress of Historical Sciences held at Stuttgart, West Germany, this past summer, Domonkos delivered the paper "Chancellor Robert Hutchins of Chicago: In Search of the True University." While in Europe, he did research in Vienna and Budapest.



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L.S. DOMONKOS served as acting chairperson for the past academic year. Last fall he attended the XVIth International Congress of Historical Sciences in Stuttgart and delivered a paper on Chancellor Robert Hutchins of the University of Chicago. At the meeting of the International Commission for the History of Universities at the University of Tübingen, he was elected treasurer of that body. He was a participant in a symposium on Latin literature in medieval Hungary held at Indiana University-Bloomington. Domonkos has been asked to contribute an article to a commemorative volume for the late Oskar Jaszi of Oberlin College, to be published by Columbia University Press. He delivered an illustrated lecture, "Medieval Hungarian Saints: a Historical Perspective," in the Cleveland State University Ethnic Studies Series. He has been involved in various local, civil and cultural events including the Medieval Festival of St. John Episcopal Church, where he spoke about the historical significance of the Middle Ages.

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L.S. DOMONKOS presented three papers at various meetings and conferences. At the International Renaissance Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, he spoke on "Matthias Corvinus: Some Reconsiderations." The transactions of this meeting will be published in a special volume by Indiana University Press. At the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, held at the University of Toronto, he presented a paper, "The Unpublished Sources of the Medieval University of Paris." He also lectured at Cleveland State University. Domonkos was the recipient of a University Research Professorship and was named Distinguished Professor at YSU for the fourth time. In the late spring he received notification that he had been awarded two fellowships to do research in Europe this academic year. They are: an International Research and Exchange Board Award and a Fulbright Faculty Research Abroad Grant. He has written two articles to be published in forthcoming *Festschriften*.

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L. S. DOMONKOS was on sabbatical during the 1987-1988 academic year. He was the recipient of a Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Grant as well as a fellowship from the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX). During the spring and early summer, Domonkos spent four months in Europe as guest of the Historical Museum of the City of Budapest and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. He did extensive archival research and visited excavation and restoration sites in and around Budapest, while gathering materials for a book on the cultural history of the medieval Hungarian capital. During his European trip, Domonkos traveled to Italy where he represented the United States at the meeting of the International Commission for the History of Universities held at the University of Siena. He also delivered two lectures in Hungary, one on Medieval Higher Education at the Faculty of Paedagogy of the University of Pecs, the other entitled, "Major Trends in the Growth of American Higher Education, 1636-1988" at the University of Budapest. His most recent article, "The Portrait Bust of a Hungarian Queen in the Art Collection of an American University" was published in the journal, *Acta Historiae Artium*. After a year away from students, he is eagerly looking forward to the beginning of classes in the Fall Quarter.

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L. Baird-Lange and T. A. Copeland (eds.), Youngstown State University, 1989. "The Hungarian Royal Chancery, 1458-1490. Was it a Center for Humanism" was published in *Triumph in Adversity. Studies in Honor of Professor Ferenc Somogyi*, S. B. Vaardy and A. H. Vardy (eds.), Columbia University Press. In 1988 Domonkos lectured at two Hungarian universities: the University of Pecs and the University of Budapest.

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book, I also had the opportunity to write a number of articles on various specialized aspects of the Hungarian Renaissance. Several of these studies have already been published or are in various stages of readiness. If all goes well, four or five articles should appear in the course of this year here and abroad. Most of the articles are refined versions of papers I've read at various universities or at conventions.

In order to carry out my research, I have been to Europe four times in the last decade, three of these were extended stays made possible by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), which is funded primarily by the Ford Foundation. IREX is the umbrella organization coordinating faculty exchange programs with Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. My work in Budapest was carried out as guest of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

During these trips, my aim has always been three fold. First and most important, I've searched for new materials in the major archives and libraries of Hungary as well as other places where I was hoping to find information such as Vienna, Cracow, Munich and Paris. Most of this type of research is time consuming and difficult work. The majority of the materials is in medieval Latin and a good knowledge of paleography and diplomatics is necessary.

The second phase of my research is equally important, namely to consult with the best-known scholars in my area of study, discuss various interpretations, and exchange views. This is especially valuable for me since here at YSU I work essentially in isolation and it is imperative to keep open the lines of communication and contact with specialists in my field. I have found my European colleagues to be top notch scholars and enthusiastic in their support of my work. This has facilitated my research immensely and at the same time led to the development of close personal friendships.

The third area of activity during my trips abroad has been the acquisition of materi-

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THE RENAISSANCE IN AN UNLIKELY PLACE

by Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
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For over a decade I have been involved in research into the history of the Renaissance in Hungary. Although the study of the Italian Renaissance has been extensive and intensive, the diffusion of this cultural trend beyond the Alps, and especially to the countries of East-Central Europe has been a relatively neglected field of study. Because of close political and economic ties between Italy and the regions of Austria, Bohemia, Poland and Hungary, the penetration of the Renaissance into these areas during the 14th and 15th centuries preceded the appearance of humanistic culture in Western Europe, especially France and England.

I was first attracted to this field of research many years ago when I was a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame. Since then most of my work has been in the intellectual history of Hungary in the late Middle Ages and the Renaissance. I am presently in the process of completing a massive volume entitled: *The Renaissance in Fifteenth Century Hungary: Political and Cultural History in the Age of Matthias Corvinus*. This study is designed to give an insight into the working of the Hungarian State from about 1450 to 1490, the period which corresponds roughly to the reign of King Matthias Corvinus, the great Renaissance ruler of Hungary. Matthias was a patron of the arts, a builder, book collector, and one

of the most exciting personalities in East-Central European history.

The book isn't a biography or a political history in the traditional sense. Personalities and political events can't be understood unless they are presented in the socio-economic setting, and this is what I've attempted to do. A major portion of the volume deals with the development of humanistic culture in Hungary.

The penetration of the Italian Renaissance was most evident at the royal court in Buda (Budapest) but spread from here to important ecclesiastical centers and even among the education aristocracy. Since Hungary lacked a vigorous middle class, a group which is usually receptive to new intellectual trends, this narrowed the social base upon which the New Learning could depend. Even with these socio-economic shortcomings a small but avid group of *literati*, bibliophiles, collectors of art objects, and patrons of learning emerged and laid the foundations upon which later generations could build.

The volume should be completed this year and has been accepted for publication by the Press of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest. It will be printed in English and there is a very good possibility that it will be distributed in Europe and the U.S. by Columbia University Press. Negotiations on this are still not finalized.

In the course of doing research on the

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als indispensable to the writing of my book and for the preparation of articles and scholarly papers. Each time I have returned from Europe, I've always been able to bring back documents on microfilms, Xerox copies of articles from hard-to-locate journals, as well as hundreds of volumes containing printed sources or monographic studies. The result is that I have acquired an excellent specialized professional library containing almost all sources necessary to complete my book or several books. What I have not been able to buy abroad, Mrs. Hildegard Schnuttgen from the Maag Library has been able to get for me Inter-Library Loan. This is an

invaluable service which the University provides for the faculty and is very much appreciated.

Nothing has been written in Western languages concerning the Renaissance in Hungary. My work, therefore, is intended to fill a major lacuna which has always existed. I hope that the scholarly community will welcome my book as an attempt to throw light on a subject which has been neglected for so long.

Editor's Note:

Dr. Domonkos, who was born in Budapest, Hungary, became a U.S. citizen in 1959, the same year he was graduated cum laude from YSU. He received his M.A. in

1960 and his M.S.M. in 1963 from the University of Notre Dame. From 1963 to 1964, he attended the University of Vienna in Austria and, in 1966, he received his Ph.D. in Medieval Studies from Notre Dame. Domonkos has also received numerous fellowships and grants, including a Fulbright Research Grant. He has been a faculty member of YSU since 1964 and a twice Visiting Senior Scholar at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Domonkos has also been asked by the Publishing House of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest to be their editorial consultant on English language/publications in the field of Medieval and Renaissance studies.