

Dr. Peter G. Bietenholz  
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University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0W0  
Canada.

Dear Dr. Bietenholz,

Thank you for your recent letter of inquiry in which you asked if I would be willing to participate in the CWE project by writing a number of biographies for the Biographical Register. The answer is an emphatic yes. I am delighted that Janos Bok gave you my name and I hope that I will be able to make a meaningful contribution to the project. My research specialization has been Hungarian Humanism and I am in the process of preparing a monograph on the Age of Matthias Corvinus.

The guidelines you enclosed are very clear and will be easy to follow. The deadline is reasonable and I promise to deliver the articles well ahead of time.

You are correct in indicating that Nicolaus Olahus needs more extensive treatment. Would you please indicate how long his bibliography should be. In the case of the others, the limit of 400 words is very reasonable.

The list for Hungary which you sent me contains 12 names. Of these I feel very comfortable with 9, but have some problem with 3. To be more specific: I could write, without problems, short biographical sketches, in accordance with the guide lines, for the following individuals

1. Brodaries, Istran
2. Fortunatus, Matthæus
3. Henckel, Johann
4. Louis II of Hungary
5. Matthias Corvinus
6. Pannonius, Janus
7. Piso, Jacobus
8. Szalkay (not Szalkan), Ladislaus
9. Zapolya, Johann

Henckel

The three I am not ~~enthusiastic~~ so certain about are:

1. Gritti, Luigi
2. Petryllus
3. Puglioni of Burgio

Although I am naturally acquainted with their role in Hungarian history, their complete biography would require more research on my part.

To sum up: I would be enthusiastic about the <sup>writing</sup> biography of Nicolaus Olahus and the above mentioned nine individuals but ~~take~~ not so keen on the other three. If you want to give the three biographies to somebody else, it would be fine, if not, I would do them.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I  
remain with best wishes for the coming  
Holiday Season,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Dowanikos  
Professor of History.

LABEL

Dr. Rado L. Lencek  
Institute on East Central Europe  
Columbia University  
420 West 118th Street  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Rado,

Thank you for your kind telephone call and your letter of December 6. The program which you are organizing ~~sound~~ sounds very good and should arouse considerable interest. This past October I was in St. Louis at the AAASS meeting and was very much impressed by the quality of papers and the whole atmosphere. I found it much more interesting and stimulating than the HHA meetings of recent years. The Am. Ass. for the Study of Hung. History had two special panels at the St. Louis meeting and I participated <sup>in</sup> ~~on~~ the session on the Battle of Mohács. The paper will probably be published in 1977 and when it is, I will send you a reprint. Enclosed you will find several studies in the general area of Hungarian intellectual history of the fifteenth century.

I am looking forward to meeting you personally. Until then I send best wishes for the approaching Holiday Season,

Sincerely yours,

LABEL  
Dr. Eva S. Balogh, Dean  
Department of History  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Eva,

First of all let me thank you for having the good sense to suggest that we use a more familiar form of address and salutation. If a genuine and close friendship develops between us, which I sincerely hope, formalism is only a barrier. Especially we, who know the intricacies of East Central European forms of address, know what ~~difficulties~~ difficulties of social intercourse they can create.

Every time I am in Budapest or Wien I have to remember who is "Du" or "Sie" who takes a "Te" and naturally who is an "Elvtárs". The English "you" certainly makes things much easier.

To turn to matters more serious. I enjoyed reading your study on Istvan Friedrich very much. Everything I have ever read concerning him has always been so negative. Your study is a balanced account and the subtitle "A Revolution" is most fitting. Your study again points out one of the recurring themes of 20th century Hungarian history i.e. the failure to move into the direction of true democratic government, the missed chances for social and economic justice. We seem to have been cursed by either the insanity of the radical right or the radical left.

There is only one small question I raise in your study. On p. 270 you write rhetorically: "But who is this man [Friedrich] who would shape Hungary's future?" I am left with the feeling both from your excellent study & other, general histories, that whatever the intentions of Friedrich, his presence on the stage of Hungarian history was to shunt to "shape Hungary's future." I would be interested to know how you ~~would~~ interpret that phrase in your paper.

I enjoyed reading the brief account you gave about your undergraduate and graduate education at Carleton and Yale. At the time you were finishing your AB at Carleton I was writing my dissertation. ~~It~~ You should be highly complimented for your excellent work in the few years you have been in the profession. Although I have tried to be a productive scholar, my research time is limited. I have a family (wife and 3 children) and the university does not do much to encourage scholarship. This is a teaching oriented institution and the teaching load is 12 quarter hours. Yet publications, papers, grants, etc are recognized in promotion. This is how I managed to move from Instructor to Full Professor in 12 years. I do long to go to an institution with greater research emphasis and a more cosmopolitan atmosphere. Once I have my book on Mathias out, I will look actively for a new position at a better university. Until then I am not unhappy here and have no desire to move until the right opening occurs.

You inquire if I will be in Washington for the AHA - AASHH meetings. Unfortunately not. Travel funds in the Department are tight and since a number of my colleagues plan to go to the AHA and I have already used funds for the St. Louis trip, I will stay home and finish a number of projects which are overdue. I have 3 articles in various stages of completion which demand my time and attention during the vacation as well as several book reviews. I hope, however, to see you at next year's AAASS meeting in Washington.

I just got a call from Columbia Univ., from Prof. Rado Lencek, asking me to participate on a panel devoted to the subject of "Humanism in the Lands of the Habsburg Empire".

Enclosed you will find <sup>a reprint from</sup> an old publication from a Festschrift I edited for my former mentor at Notre Dame, Prof. A.L. Gabriel, on the subject of the University of Oludá. It was a reworked portion of my dissertation and has all the shortcomings of that type of writing. I hope that the Yale Library does have a copy of the Studium Generale, which was the title for the Festschrift.

Wish you the very best for the coming Holiday Season, I remain with

Best regards and friendship,

The Department of History

November 16, 1976

Mrs. Mercy Dea Thomas  
1418 Wilson Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio 44506

Dear Mrs. Thomas,

It was with the greatest pleasure and joy that I read the news item in the Vindicator that you were hired by the School Board to teach in the local system. The Board has made a wise decision and the children of Youngstown will be the beneficiaries of this act.

It is always gratifying to see a former student advance in this world. In your case my joy is enhanced by the fact that I had gotten to know you better and have a sincere desire to see you succeed. You are a woman of remarkable drive and ability. Your family and all who know you are proud of your accomplishments.

May your years as a teacher bring you joy and personal satisfaction and may God keep ~~and~~ bless you with health, perseverance and strong nerves. If you are ever on campus, please come to see me. My door is always open to you.

With sincere best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Dmonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf



The Department of History

November 16, 1976

Miss Ruth E. Foster  
406 Garfield Avenue  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46393

Dear Miss Foster,

It was a delight to hear from. I do remember you very well and was greatly impressed that you had shown such interest in the Hungarian language and culture. I am very sorry that we could not stay longer at the ITT-OTT Conference in August and thus get to meet more people, but we were invaded by out-of-town visitors that same week and had to return to Youngstown to prepare ourselves for their arrival. This is why you did not find me after Panni's presentation. I am glad, however, that Bela Liptak did give you our address.

Your question about Karoly Lazar is very interesting. The answer that everything in the inter-war period "has already been done" is obviously an attempt to keep people from finding out things which the authorities might not want publicized. It is important to note, however, that a number of historians from the West have had access to the National Archive materials for this period.

Among the scholars who might be able to give you an answer to your inquiries on the life of Lazar, the best possibilities are the following:

Dr. Peter Pasztor  
Department of History  
Montclair State College  
Upper Montclair, N. J. 07043

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger,  
Department of History  
Royal Military College of Canada  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2W3

Dr. Eva Blahgh  
Department of History  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut

take translations from Brodarics, Szeremi or Burgio. I hope you will find somebody or can do this part yourself.

To sum up my points. I will deliver to you a printable article by February and am willing to translate one or two Hungarian articles this spring. Naturally, you can also depend on me to read critically the other articles. As you know, I have done editorial work before and have read both articles and books for publishers. In whatever way I can be of help to you Janos, I will be happy to assist you in getting this thing out.

In the hope of hearing from you soon again, I remain

P.S. A very dear friend of mine Paul W. Knoll of the University of Southern California visited me two days ago. He admires you greatly and would like to get to know you. You undoubtedly know of his work on Medieval Polish history. He will be in Vancouver on November 29 and said that he plans to get in touch with you. I hope that the two of you will be able to get together, even if it is for a short time. Paul is a very fine scholar and a charming chap.

The Department of History

November 16, 1976

Dr. Paul L. Csonka  
Institute for Theoretical Sciences  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Kedves Pali,

First of all, thank you for the beautiful embroidery you sent to me before your departure for Europe this summer. It is very much appreciated and my wife has made good use of it in decorating our family room.

I hope that you did not faint when you received the telephone bill after our very long transcontinental call last summer..

In our lengthy conversation you mentioned that the Patriarch of Alexandria made some very complimentary remarks concerning the characted of king Nagy Lajos. I indicated that something was "fishy" since Alexandria was in Moslem hands in the 14th century. I have since then checked this out and found my huge nose to have been correct in smelling something wrong. The remarks which were inserted in my paper came from a "Juan de Cardailhac, papai kovet, cimzetes alexandriai patriarcha, Braga-i ersek (Portug.)." For the sake of accuracy, either this whole sentence or at least "cimzetes" should occur in the text that you have.

Another problem has come up which I want to discuss with you before I take any further action. In the summer Ludanyi Andras asked me to address a meeting of the ITT-OTT conference at Lake Hope, Ohio in late August, and speak about the reign of Matyas. With some small changes I gave the paper I wrote for you at the conference and it was met with great enthusiasm. In fact, Ludanyi and Elteto would like to reprint it in the ITT-OTT. Is there any reason that you feel should prevent its publication. I submitted the paper to you anonymously and you indicated that it would be printed in that way. Now the text would appear in the ITT~~0~~OTT with my name. Does this, as far as you can see, cause any problems? If for any reason it does, I will then ask Andras and Lajos not to print the text of my paper. I have enough publications in journals of various types and therefore the printing of my text in the ITT-OTT is certainly not an ego trip. I am looking forward to hearing from soon on this matter.

Miss Ruth E. Foster

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November 16, 1976

All three have done work on the inter-war period and thus would be able to direct you to some reliable source.

I wish you continued success in your Hungarian studies. If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please feel completely free to write to me and I will gladly help in whatever way I can. In the hope of hearing from you again, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 15, 1976

Dr. Joseph Held  
Department of History  
University College  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Kedves Joska,

Just a brief note to thank you for your very kind letter of November 5. Your complimentary comments are greatly appreciated and warmly returned.

I wrote recently to Bak and promised him that I would send him a reworked and expanded copy of my paper by February 1. I do understand your feelings in view of Janos' possible desire to edit the book himself.

It was indeed a pleasure to make your acquaintance and I hope we will be able to keep in touch and exchange ideas in our field. Please extend my warmest greetings to your dear and most charming wife, I remain

LSD: sf

P.S. Hope Deak Pista and you were able to bag a few pheasants last week. If you see Pista, extend my greetings to him. I am very fond of him.

The Department of History

November 15, 1976

Prof. Dr. Joseph S. Roucek  
395 Lakeside Drive  
Bridgeport, Connecticut 06606

Dear Professor Roucek:

Excuse the long delay in answering your kind request for a copy of my article "Ecclesiastical Patrons as a Factor in the Hungarian Renaissance" which was published in the New Review.

It was only recently that I received sufficient reprints to be able to send out copies to those who have shown interest in the article, or whose field of specialization would indicate that they would find a use for it.

I sincerely thank you for your kind comments on the article and hope to be able to send you subsequent material as other of my publications appear. With best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 15, 1976

Dr. Eva S. Balogh  
Department of History  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your kind and long letter of November 1, 1976 and for the two reprints which you sent. I read them with great interest and commend you on your erudition. Both articles show meticulous scholarship, something that even a medievalist can immediately detect.

I was also very pleased to see in your footnotes, in both articles, the name of one of my former professors, Alfred D. Low. During the period of 1956-1959, I attended Youngstown University as an undergraduate and Alfred Low was my professor of Russian history. He also gave a course in American Civilization, and it was an interesting experience to listen to lectures on Cotton Mather and the Puritan from a professor with a thick Viennese accent. After I got my AB degree in History and French at Youngstown University, I went to Notre Dame and got my graduate education there. In 1960 I earned a MA in Early Modern History and later transferred to the Medieval Institute and got another masters as well as a doctorate in medieval studies. After a year as a Fulbright student in Vienna I was looking for a job. Just at that juncture Dr. Low decided to leave Youngstown for the Jesuits of Marquette University and his departure left a vacancy on the YU faculty. I was invited to come and teach here, and accepted with the idea of staying a year or two. Twelve years have passed since and I am still here. At this point I don't think I can blame Dr. Low for landing up in Youngstown. If and when my book on Matthias Corvinus is published, I hope to move to a better university but, unlike Al Low, will avoid the Jesuits.

I am eagerly looking forward to receiving your latest article from the Slavic Review. The New Hungarian Quarterly has an article on Archbishop Vitez Janos which they promised to print this fall after a 4 year delay. When it appears and I have reprints, I will send a copy to you.

In the hope of hearing from you soon again, I remain

Cordially,

The Department of History

November 15, 1976

Mr. Louis Reigh  
1015 W. Benton, Apt. 56  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Dear Colleague,

Almost two years have passed since we met in St. Louis at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference held at Concordia. Although you were kind enough to keep in touch since and even sent your abstract for the Chicago AHA meeting, I have not responded. Please accept my apologies. Ill health and much backed up work has resulted in a huge pile of unanswered mail, which I am now finally getting answered.

Enclosed are a few reprints, which I hope will be of interest to you. I would be delighted to hear from you and to read some of your publications since we are working in roughly the same chronological period. I hope that all is well with you and that you are now settled in a good teaching position. Please let me know how your life has been shaping up.

With best regards, and in the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf



The Department of History

October 19, 1976

Dr. Kenneth Rock  
Department of History  
Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Dear Kenneth:

Enclosed you will find the draft copy of my Mohacs paper, which you requested at the time of our meeting in St. Louis.

Please take note that the paper is a draft and needs considerable reworking before it will be published. If you have any suggestions I will be very happy to incorporate them in the final paper. I will probably work on this paper between now and January 1 and would appreciate any comments.

It was nice seeing you in St. Louis and I hope that we will meet again at some convention in the near future. Keep in touch.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

November 4, 1976

Dr. Zelimir B. Juricic, Chairman  
Department of Slavic and Oriental Studies  
University of Victoria  
Victoria, British Columbia V8W 2Y2

Dear Professor Juricic:

Enclosed you will find the draft copy of my paper delivered at the A&ASS Conference in St. Louis.

Please take note that the paper is a draft and needs considerable reworking before it will be published. If you have any suggestions I will be very happy to incorporate them in the final paper. I will probably work on this paper between now and January 1 and would appreciate any comments.

Thank you for your inquiry. I am looking forward to hearing your reaction to the paper.

With sincere good wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

Dr. Sidney I. Roberts

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October 28, 1976

If Miss Martha Pallante is granted a Rhodes Scholarship for study in Britain, she will be a credit to our department, the university and would make an excellent "ambassador" abroad. I, therefore, recommend her most enthusiastically and without reservations.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 28, 1976

Alfred F. Zambelli  
Scholarly and Rare Books  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10010

Dear Sir:

My field of specialization is in the history of universities, especially foundations prior to 1500.

I have before me your excellent catalogue and plan to place a major order through our university library. The catalogue I have is No. 82. Please send me a new edition, if there is one, so that I do not order items which have been sold long ago.

I would appreciate, if you would place my name on your mailing list. I hope to become one of your best customers.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos, Ph.D.  
Professor of History

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## INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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Hungarian

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Prof. Lee Congdon was doing research in Budapest in 1970-71 ~~at the same time as I was there on an IREX grant.~~ at the same time as I was there on an IREX grant. I had the opportunity to see Dr. Congdon in a completely Hungarian setting and was immensely impressed by his ability facility in the language and his ability to communicate with the natives on both an academic and social level. As a native speaker, I feel that I can judge his abilities fairly and accurately. His Hungarian is excellent on all levels of communication. He will not only be able to conduct his research in the language but will continue to amaze his Hungarian colleagues with his linguistic ability.

The finest command of the language ~~and from~~ I have seen ~~of a~~ native speaker from a non-

The Department of History

October 21, 1976

Dr. Lawrence E. Looby  
Special Assistant to the President  
Youngstown State University  
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear friend,

For sometime I have been planning to write to you about a matter which I consider to be important to the welfare of this university. I am addressing myself to you not only because I consider you a trusted friend and colleague but because I believe that you are the kind of person who will understand the point I am trying to make and will use your influence to solve the problem I am raising.

Both President Pugsley and Dr. Coffelt have repeatedly emphasized the need for the improvement of the image of this institution and much has been done in the past few years to accomplish this. That this was greatly needed is something that both you and President Coffelt do not possibly know as well as some of us who were here when this institution was a private university. The general low esteem in which Youngstown University was held in the past is an undeniable fact, and this institution had a lot to live down. Fortunately since we have become a state school things have changed rapidly and, in my view at least, radically for the better. Generally competent administration and many new and qualified faculty members have changed the image of the institution where it is much more respected than the old UCLA, or "University at the Corner of Lincoln Avenue."

It is my view that we are in fact much better than we appear and this is the object of my letter to you. We should emphasize the accomplishments of our faculty and bring it to the attention of the community in much greater degree than has been done in the past.

You know me well enough to realize that I am not a wild-eyed radical who is dedicated to faculty power and wants all other segments of the university to be subordinated to the interests of the faculty. Far from it. At the same time I also know that the reputation of a university does, to a very large degree, depend on the excellence of its professors. Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Stanford, or for that matter Nebraska or Notre Dame, did not become great universities because their administration or student body was good, they became first rate institutions because they had world famous teacher-scholars on their faculty. Nobody has yet won a Nobel prize for competent administration or for being a good stu-

dent. It is the scholarly reputation of a faculty which brings recognition in various forms, on the local, national or international level. Although I am not so naive that I equate the Youngstown State University faculty with that of the above mentioned institutions, yet I also believe that this university has come a very long way in the last decade and that the faculty, as a whole, has improved immensely. Recognition of this vast improvement has not been given the proper emphasis and this is where I feel that the university can do far more than it has done in the past.

In my criticism of the lack of recognition of faculty achievement let me be more specific, in the hope that something can be done to rectify these shortcomings. I will cite a number of instances where we are missing an opportunity to show that this institution has faculty members who are making major contributions to the world of learning, and whose presence on this campus brings prestige not only to the institution but to the community as well. The following instances of needed change could serve as a starting point:

1. Commencement. During the Spring and Summer Commencement exercises two forms of recognition are announced. At the June graduation the ten "Distinguished Professorships" and in August the C. Watson Awards are handed out by the President. While in the past the recipients of the C. Watson Awards were always recognized in the ceremonies for their distinguished services, this year the ten Distinguished Professors were announced in a very cursory fashion, with no real indication why they were "distinguished." If the President can spend 20 minutes to introduce the Board of Trustee members (who are generally well known in the community anyway), would it not be proper to indicate why the ten Distinguished Professors were given this honor. With 4-6000 parents and relatives and 1000 graduates present would it not be a marvelous opportunity to show both our students and their relatives that we have at this institution, scholars and teachers who have done an extraordinary job in their teaching and research? Those students who were taught by a "Distinguished" professor, who was being publicly recognized and whose accomplishments were enumerated, would feel that extra pride that their instructor was an individual recognized by his or her peers, and not some part-time incompetent, dragged in from the street and pub before a class room. You would also be surprised how many parents know the name and reputation (both positive and negative) of their children's instructors. To hear publicly that the person who has taught their child was a well known, respected individual would reassure them that they were wise in choosing Youngstown State University as a school for their sons or daughters because there are some first rate instructors here.

Not only should the Watson and the Distinguished Professor Awards be given with increased emphasis on the accomplishments of the recipients, but ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~University~~ Relations Office should prepare an extensive press release which would give the proper publicity to the event. The recipient of this years Watson Award received one sentence in the Vindicator this summer. We should be able to get far better coverage than that!

2. Promotions. Almost daily the local paper carries stories about the promotion of individuals to various positions.

offetRed Barn, head of a shoe department at local discount department store and most of these announcements even include photographs of the men or women along with the usual biographical write up. In the last two years the promotions at Youngstown State University did not even make the Vindicator. I find it hard to understand why it is newsworthy for somebody to become manager of McDonald Hamburgers but not newsworthy to be promoted to Associate Professor of Chemistry. The number of promotions (36) in all the ranks are not so large that the University Relations Office could not make up three stories in which the individuals promoted to each of the three ranks would be given some coverage.

3. Retirement. The Vindicator has carried in the past lengthy articles on teachers who have recently retired from the public or parochial school systems. The same coverage should be given to our faculty members, many of whom have given years of devoted service to this institution and to the community. Several of these faculty members are distinguished members of their profession and the university could only gain from the publicity it would gain from having had a recognized authority on the staff. This is aside from a strictly human consideration of honoring an individual who is leaving the ranks of the academic community.
4. Publications and Conferences. In the last few years it has become increasingly difficult for the faculty of Youngstown State University to receive any publicity on publication of articles and attendance of national conferences in the local newspaper. When I questioned the staff of the University Relations Office on this matter the answer was that the Vindicator feels that such publications and conferences are of no general interest and thus not newsworthy. I personally feel that this is a completely erroneous attitude. To have an article in the paper showing that Youngstown State University faculty member is attending and participating in the program of a national or international conference and presenting a paper, would be an excellent reflection on this university. Furthermore, thousands of alumni also read this newspaper along with all those who are enrolled at the university now. A news release of this type is of interest to thousands of readers of the Vindicator and is not an ego trip of some faculty member. Because of our previously poor reputation for scholarship, we at Youngstown State University need this recognition far more than a well established, "big name" University. I would like to urge you to explore this problem in some depth. If in fact the Vindicator does feel that the faculty's scholarly activities are not newsworthy, it should be explained to them that it is read with interest by far more people than they seem to realize. The importance of Youngstown State University to the community is well known to the publishers of the paper and if a reasonable person, such as you, would show how the publication of this information reflects positively on the public image of this institution, I am certain that they would comply with your request. President Coffelt and you would have far greater influence in getting this point across to the Vindicator than the Office of University Relations, whose members are not greatly respected by the Vindicator staff. This is most unfortunate.

These are just a few areas where I feel that we have not taken full advantage of the human resources which we have to promote the reputation



of our university. I fully support the President's efforts in his goal for the All-Sports Complex as a great opportunity to improve the image of Youngstown State University. There is, however, another area where we can slowly build the reputation of this institution. It requires no major investment of funds or outlay of capital, only the realization that we can do far better in promoting one of our great human assets, the excellence of so many of our faculty.

In the hope of hearing from you on these matters, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 19, 1976

Dr. Joseph Held  
Department of History  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Kedves Joska,

After hearing about you so much and having exchanged correspondence with you, it was delightful to make your acquaintance personally and to meet your charming wife as well.

My impression was that our panel on Mohacs was very well received. A number of people talked to me subsequently and expressed their pleasure with the papers which were presented.

It would be most fruitful if we could have the papers published in a little volume. You could write a fine introductory essay and the four articles, plus possibly a translation of an excellent paper by Barta Gabor of Budapest, making up the book. I have written to Janos Bak, urging him to get the panelists to work up their papers into printable articles. If you and Janos would cooperate on this project and you could use your excellent connections with Rutgers University Press, this whole project could be completed with success. For my part, I will extensively rewrite my presentation and hope to have it published either in your volume, if that works out, or somewhere else if that excellent idea does not materialize.

You will probably hear from me again, in the meantime I hope you and Bak will continue to push this project to completion. Joska, please extend my warm greetings to your dear wife. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

November 10, 1976

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 East Fifty-Ninth Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Enclosed is a reference for a very dear friend, Professor Paul W. Knoll, of the University of Southern California, who has applied for an IREX grant to Poland. He is an excellent candidate and I sincerely hope that he will be successful in receiving support from IREX.

It was delightful to see you again at St. Louis and regret that we did not have an opportunity to chat at great length. The paper I read at the AAASS conference was well received and will probably be published. If and when it is, I will send you a reprint.

My wife and I will visit New York in the spring and I hope that we will be able to have our long delayed lunch together. Greetings to Miss Carmichael. With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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Name of reference	<u>L.S. Domonkos</u>	Address	<u>Dept. of History, Youngstown State Univ. Youngstown, Ohio 44503</u>
	(to be filled in by applicant)		

Please include in your comments 1) a statement of how long and in what relationships you have known the applicant, 2) your evaluation of the applicant as an individual, and as a scholar, and 3) your evaluation of the significance, scope, and feasibility of the applicant's proposed program of research. The fifth copy of the form may be retained for your records.

In the course of the last seven years Prof. Paul W. Knoll and I have corresponded extensively and have participated together at several scholarly conferences. I am acquainted with his many excellent publications and have had the opportunity to discuss scholarly problems with him on a number of occasions. Since both of us have done research in East European Late Medieval and Renaissance history, a close bond of professional and personal friendship has developed between us.

Prof. Knoll is a superb scholar. There are few individuals on either side of the Atlantic, who are as well versed in Late Medieval and Renaissance Polish History as he is. He is in command of all the necessary tools of historical research and uses them well. Dr. Knoll, a native American, with no Polish ethnic connections, has mastered the Polish language and has used it with proficiency in both scholarly and private life, during his previous research trips to Poland. His publications are characterized by meticulous scholarship, a thorough understanding of events and ideas in their proper historical context, and a graceful style. Scholarship, however, is not the only area where Prof. Knoll excels. He is not only a student of humanistic learning, but is one of the finest representatives of that noble tradition. He is a cosmopolitan, polished and most charming gentleman, in the best sense of that word. All who are acquainted with Dr. Knoll, both here and in Europe, have consistently expressed admiration and sincere affection toward him.

The research project which he plans to undertake in Cracow is not only feasible, but of great interest. His extensive work on the 15th century University of Cracow gives him the proper foundation for the analysis of the intellectual trends, especially the influence of humanism, at this great institution of learning. The three levelled approach, which he plans to utilize, is logical and sound. His work will be a major addition to the understanding of the intellectual history of Eastern Europe in the 15th century.

It is with the greatest enthusiasm that I recommend Dr. Paul Knoll for a grant which would enable him to undertake this most valuable research.

*L.S. Domonkos*  
Signature

November 10, 1976  
Date

Professor of History  
Title or Position

Title or Position

The Department of History

October 19, 1976

Mr. Daniel E. Miller  
1600 W. Bradley Avenue B26  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed is a Xerox copy of my paper from the Mohacs Panel, which you requested at the time of our meeting in St. Louis.

I hope you will find it useful but please keep in mind that this is just a draft and not a final copy. When the paper is submitted for publication I will let you know, and if possible, send you a reprint once it is available.

With best wishes on your work, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

October 19, 1976

Dr. Paul W. Knoll  
Department of History  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Paul,

It was so good to hear your voice over the telephone last week and we hope that your swing through the Midwest will result in a visit with us sometimes this fall. We have no unchangeable plans from now until Christmas except for a trip to New York on November 19-21. Our home is always open to you, and to paraphrase Henry VIII's invitation to Erasmus:

"Come to us, dear Paul, and let your presence among us be the answer to our invitation."

I am looking forward to hearing about your project for an IREX grant. I will do all in my power to help your application. You can count on my most enthusiastic support. I will also write to John Matthews, Executive Director, and mention your application. I know Matthews quite well, and met him at St. Louis a few days ago. It is unfortunate that we could not meet at the A&ASS meeting this year. It was an excellent convention and I enjoyed myself very much. Our panel on Mohacs was well received and there is a chance that the papers will be published in a little volume by Rutgers University Press. Just a few days ago I also sent to Gabriel the proofs of my ill fated San Francisco commentary. It should appear in print soon after Christmas.

As far as the Warsaw-Cracow trip for this fall is concerned, it has been rescheduled for the spring, and shall take place, Deo volente, in March. Gabriel assures me that a formal invitation is forthcoming but emphasises that our Polish brothers can never be accused of doing things precipitously. The problem is that there are deadlines for application to the ACLS for grants and unless something does materialize soon, I will miss the November 1 cut off date for application. Paul, dear friend, I will have to call upon you in all probability for a letter of support, if and when the time comes.

All is well with us this fall and we are enjoying our freedom from illnesses. Eva is in excellent health and so are the children. Priscilla our youngest, will probably have her tonsils out before the middle of November. She is a tough little kid and will rebound fast.

Dr. Paul W. Knoll

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October 19, 1976

I am in excellent health and have not felt better in years.

Please give our love to Sue and the children. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

October 19, 1976

Dr. Eva Balogh  
Department of History  
Yale University  
New Haven, Connecticut 06520

Dear Colleague,

It was delightful to make your acquaintance at St. Louis and I only regret that we did not have a chance to talk at greater length at the convention. I attended your excellent presentation on Thursday afternoon and was very impressed by your paper. My field ~~of~~ specialization, which is late Medieval-Renaissance intellectual history, is far removed from modern diplomatic studies yet your paper was most interesting.

Your comment on my paper is much appreciated. In my discussion of cultural parity between Buda, Vienna, Prague and Cracow there are areas where I will have to show how the parallels did exist but at the same time it will be necessary to show in what areas parity was never achieved. One fact which is inescapable is that in social development, in the rise of a culturally receptive middle class of learned lay professionals and comfortably established bourghers, Hungary was far behind its neighbors. The cultural repercussions of this are undeniable. I do not, however, share your view that the lack of success in establishing viable universities in Hungary are the result of cultural backwardness. My own studies in the history of universities lead me to the conclusion that it is the failure of the founders to provide a sound economic infrastructure which caused the failure of all the Medieval and Renaissance universities of Hungary and not a lack of interest in education. Your comments will be most useful when I prepare my paper for publication. Obviously it will be necessary to show where cultural parity did exist, and where it did not. I am very grateful to you for raising this question and forcing me to be more specific. If and when this paper will be published I will send you a reprint and ask you to please do the same with yours.

Enclosed you will find a few reprints which might be of interest to you. I do hope that we will meet again at another convention and will have the opportunity to get better acquainted. Until then, I remain with best wishes

Sincerely yours,



Dr. Eva Balogh

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October 19, 1976

P.S. Somebody told me that you were a student of Prof. Wandycz. Although he probably does not remember me, I have very fond feelings toward him and am very grateful to him. In 1970-71 I spent a year in Hungary on an IREX grant doing research for my book on Matthias Corvinus. Prof. Wandycz was the main interviewer in New York on my project. He not only asked very pertinent questions about the subject but also exhibited personal kindness and human qualities which made the interview one of the most pleasant I ever had. I presume that his recommendation was instrumental in getting the IREX grant to Hungary. I greatly admire him and am grateful for his actions.

The Department of History

October 19, 1976

Prof. Janos M. Bak  
Department of History  
University of British Columbia  
Vancouver, British Columbia

Kedves Janoskam!

It was a delight to see you again and I am very happy that we did have at least a few minutes of uninterrupted time at the "Smoker" to talk about matters academic and private.

My feeling was that the Mohacs panel turned out well and that the papers, on the whole, complemented each other. As the spiritus rector behind the whole program, I hope you will continue your labors and carry it to the point where it could be published. Held acted most receptive but seems like the type of person who needs to be encouraged and pushed. If we could get the four papers and possibly a translation of B. Gabi's paper together, have a good introduction, the result could be a very fine little volume. Please try to use your excellent organizational skills in the promotion of this project. Knowing how I work and the other commitments I have, it would be a good idea if you would get a deadline when all of the papers should be submitted to you in as complete form as possible. I know that I have to make changes, revisions in my presentation before I would ever submit it for publication. Balogh Eva's comment was very good and I know that there are areas in my paper where I have to be more specific as to how I see the common cultural heritage of Buda, Prague, Vienna and Cracow and to what degree the parity between them existed in the generation before Mohacs. I feel that my basic position is generally sound but it needs further elaboration which would clearly show where the parity existed and where it did not. ~~work~~ The obvious result of this would be the fact that the original 14 pages which were designed for oral presentation, would almost double, even without the footnotes. The complete, revised, and printable article would be about 40 pages.

Thank you for bringing the Pitt matter to my attention. I am going to pursue it.

Please give my regards to your wife and I hope she is not discouraged with her progress in Chinese, malgre Vardy Agnes and her remark in Budapest.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Almost ninety years have passed since the publication of the German translation of Bishop Vilmos Fraknói's study of Matthias Corvinus (1458-1490), the Renaissance monarch of Hungary. Although a large number of books and articles have been published on the cultural history of Hungary during the reign of this energetic king, no major new study has been devoted to the diplomatic activities of Matthias Hunyadi. Fraknói's book, with all of its shortcomings, its excessive national and clerical orientation, has remained the major source of information, in a western language, for the diplomatic history of Matthias' reign. This new study by Dr. Karl Nehring of Munich will largely replace Fraknói. Nehring has written an excellent book on the clash between the dynastic interests of the House of Hapsburg and the newly rising power of the Hunyadi family in Hungary. His work is of great value

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and is the result of meticulous scholarship. Written as a doctoral dissertation at the Sudost Institute in München, it has all the virtues associated with a dissertation and none of its shortcomings. Based on extensive new archival findings, as well as a judicious use of secondary sources, the volume is written with lucidity and objectivity. Nehring shows how the Emperor Fredrick III forced Matthias Corvinus to accept the Treaty of Wiener Neustadt in 1463 in which the Hungarian king recognized the right of the Hapsburgs to the Crown of St. Stephen in case Matthias died without a legitimate male heir. Until his death in 1490, Corvinus attempted to reverse this situation through diplomacy, military means and all the considerable craftiness at his command. Frederick III, on the other hand, stood his ground, although usually out-manuevered and militarily humiliated by the Hungarian monarch, he managed to survive and outlived his opponent. This, in essence, sealed Hungary's fate and led to the eventual incorporation into the possessions of the House of Hapsburg.

Nehring traces the clash between the Hunyadi and Hapsburg interests in three chapters and designates his final chapter as a conclusion. This fourth chapter, is however, much more than a summary of the previously discussed material. The author makes an attempt to place Matthias Corvinus in the perspective of a Renaissance prince, shows how the Hungarian monarch used pomp and ceremony, the cultivation of friendship with humanists, and even his position as a great patron of the arts, as a buttress and extension of his statecraft. A study on Renaissance Hungary, which would give a fuller treatment of the cultural policy of Matthias, coupled with the fine

diplomatic history written by Dr. Nehring, is yet to be written.

One annoying feature of this study is the constant germanization of all personal and geographic names mentioned by the author. Why Bohemian, Polish and Hungarian place and family names have to be given in German, is difficult to understand, although the author does provide a concordance of geographic names in the appendix. The appendix also contains the complete text of documents relating to the Treaty of Wiener Neustadt and an excellent bibliography and index.

Nehring's book is indispensable to all scholars who have a serious interest in the diplomatic history of East Central Europe in the late fifteenth century.

L. S. Domonkos  
Youngstown State University

The Department of History

September 28, 1976

Dr. Robert F. Byrnes, Editor  
The American Historical Review  
Ballantine Hall  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Professor Byrnes:

Enclosed you will find the review of the book of Dr. Karl Nehring of Munchen. The volume is very well written and of great value. My review is slightly longer than the 250 words permitted, but I hope that it will not be cut.

Although we have never met, I know of you through Prof. Kertesz of Notre Dame, who always spoke very highly of you. Please be so kind and extend my greetings to Dr. Sinor, if you see him on campus.

In the hope of meeting you personally at some convention, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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Dr. Earl E. Edgar, Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

9/21/76

L. S. Domonkos, Department of History

Thank you for your kind note of September 17, 1976.

In order to bring to the attention of all faculty and students the possibilities under the Fulbright-Hays Program, it would be wise to have a story in both the Vindicator and the Jambar. This would enable those who are interested to get in contact with me, and I could advise them on the best program that would be suitable to their needs.

It would be appreciated if your office would contact Mr. Phil Snyder and ask him to prepare a press release on this matter.

The Department of History

September 21, 1976

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Ambrosiana Microfilm Collection  
P. O. Box 578  
The University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Magister Gabriel,

Enclosed the corrected proofs. Sorry for the delay but I was out of town on university business and had to take care of that. The printer did a very good job and there are few corrections on the proofs.

We were sorry that it was impossible to see you in Cleveland but Piroška had a fever the night before and Istvanka was also feeling ill. I am glad that you received my message at the Red Carpet Lounge.

Thank you for your beer "Unterlage" which you sent from Munchen. It is always delightful to hear from you, and we hope that your lecture at Salamanca, the "Queen of Spanish Universities," was a great success.

Knowing you, you probably will return with many books, among them a few early printed gems. Hopefully you will be able to fill the one year lacuna you have in magnificent 16th century book collection.

We will call you in early October, when you return to the great emptiness of northern Indiana. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

With filial devotion,



The Department of History

September 14, 1976

Dr. Earl E. Edgar  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Dr. Edgar:

On Monday, September 13, I attended the meeting for new Fulbright Campus Advisors held at the Indiana-Purdue Medical School campus of Indianapolis. The meeting was attended by over sixty faculty members, deans and administrators. It was a very informative meeting and was well worth going to.

The Fulbright-Hays program has to be brought to the attention of both our students and faculty. There is a wide range of academic areas as well as geographic distribution of grants and our institution should take greater advantage of these opportunities. Publicity about the availability of grants, will, in all probability, bring a number of inquiries.

Unfortunately most of the deadlines for application for grants for the 1977-78 academic year have already passed. In the spring of 1977, when the new application deadlines are announced, we should make every effort to encourage outstanding students and interested faculty members to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Because of economic pressures brought about by inflation as well as other problems, the Fulbright program has shrunk in the last decade and the number of grants has significantly decreased. Yet there is still a great area of opportunities in countries other than Western Europe. While the chances for a Fulbright grant to Britain is about 1 to 30, in some Latin American countries it is 1 in 3, in several African and Asian nations it is 1 in 2. There are, in fact several grants which are unfilled each year because of the lack of qualified applicants. Both our student body as well as our faculty has many individuals who would receive serious consideration if they applied. It is really a matter of getting the right person for the right opening. There are programs which are available in almost every imaginable field, many of which are part of our curriculum.

With your help I would like to give the Fulbright-Hays programs as much publicity as possible to bring to the attention of both students and faculty the opportunities which do exist. Early next spring it would be beneficial to hold a seminar, sponsored by the University, at which time I could explain to students and colleagues what is available

Dr. Earl E. Edgar

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September 14, 1976

and how to apply. We should also make a major effort to contact by mail those juniors and seniors whose academic average and intellectual orientation would indicate Fulbright potential. Your encouragement and aid in this whole matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you again for your trust in my abilities to handle the job of Campus Co-ordinator and for sending me to the seminar at Indianapolis. I received your note and will be at the general faculty meeting on Thursday.

Cordially yours,

Leslie S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 26, 1976

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger, Editor  
Canadian-American Review of Hungarian Studies  
Department of History  
Royal Military College of Canada  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2W3 CANADA

Kedves Nandor,

Since our meeting at Bloomington, I have not heard from you and hope all is well. Some time ago I promised you a book review, which I am enclosing. This book is a seminal work and deserves a full review, which I think I gave it. Please try to squeeze it into your publication schedule soon.

As you know, I am giving a paper in St. Louis in October at the American Assoc. Adv. Slavic Studies. It is to a large degree a continuation of the article you published in the Review. If you are interested maybe I can submit the paper to you for possible publication, since it would be a logical continuation of the previous article.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

The Department of History

August 24, 1976

Mrs. Joy Winkie Viola  
Senior Editor  
Northeastern University  
360 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

Dear Mrs. Viola:

Enclosed you will find the requested corrections. Your queries were very reasonable and, I hope that my answers will be satisfactory.

Since the only rewriting occurred in connection with queries 1-3, that page (7) was retyped entirely.

On page 9, I rewrote the last paragraph which deals with Pre-Columbian education. See No. 5.

The only question which you raised and where no changes should be made, is in query 25 on the French "academies." I think that the sentence should stay.

If there are any further questions please call or write. We were away on vacation when your queries arrived, this is why I could not respond immediately. We will be home with the exception of August 30-31, and will be able to answer any further questions you might have.

Thank you for all your patience, your excellent queries and your attention to every detail of my article. Dr. Knowles obviously has a treasure in you, his Senior Editor. I am looking forward to hearing from you concerning the progress of the project and hope that you will not have to cut the length of my article very much, although I realize that it is far longer than the originally agreed length. To do justice to such an important subject in fewer words would be almost impossible.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

August 19, 1976

Sister Joseph Damien Hanlon, S.S.J.  
Saint Joseph College  
245 Clinton Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11205

Dear Sister Joseph Damien:

Thank you for your kind telephone call of a few days ago. I was happy to have had the opportunity to at least talk to you and explain the situation which had prevented me from responding to your letter in May. Thank you for your sympathetic understanding.

The slate, especially with the corrections you mentioned on the phone, seem fine to me. I know Prof. Philip Gleason well and I think that he would be an excellent First Vice President.

Your attempts to balance the slate, both by regions as well as specialties, is excellent.

I feel that the question about the number of years that the candidate for office has been a member of the ACHA, the offices he held or committees on which he served is most germane. I would very much like to see these questions included on the form sent out to candidates.

Hopefully we will meet in person sometime soon at a convention and I will have the opportunity to make your acquaintance. Thank you for all your hard work on the committee. With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domanos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

August 19, 1976

Mr. James R. Millar, Editor  
Slavic Review  
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Colleague,

Enclosed is the review of Hungarian Society in the 9th and 10th Centuries by Antal Bartha. It was a delight to review and I hope that my evaluation will be acceptable.

If in the future you need reviews in Hungarian Medieval-Renaissance studies, especially cultural history, please feel free to turn to me. I am also going to submit an article to you in the near future for possible publication.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

HUNGARIAN SOCIETY IN THE 9TH AND 10TH CENTURIES.  
by Antal Bartha, translated by K. Balazs. *Studia Historica  
Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae*, vol. 85. Budapest:  
Akademiai Kiado, 1975. 147 pp. (price ??)

The author of this detailed and scholarly study is a member of the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Hungarian Academy in Budapest, and is one of the most competent Marxist historians, specializing in early medieval studies. This volume is an English translation of Dr. Bartha's work, which first appeared in 1968 and was reprinted in 1973. The book shows an impressive acquaintance with sources, ancient and modern, Eastern European and Western.

Bartha's work contains only three chapters, the first of which describes in broad terms the conditions in Eastern Europe at the time when the Hungarians resided in the regions north of the Black Sea. The author discusses the Khazar Kaganate, the Principality of Kiev, with whom the early Hungarians were in contact. The very extensive and detailed notes indicate that the author has a wide familiarity with archeological work done in Russia, with comparative linguistics, and that he is acquainted with the contemporary sources, especially Greek and Arabic.

In the second part of the study, Bartha turns his attention to the life of the Hungarian tribes in the ninth century. He clearly shows that the Magyars practiced not only animal husbandry in this period, but agriculture as well. He also discusses social customs and the political forces which shaped the fate of the Hungarian tribes, especially their relations with the Khazar Kaganate and the Pechenegs, as well as other factors which led to their migration west.

The third and final chapter deals with the changes which followed the conquest of the Carpathian Basin and the metamorphosis from tribal federation to medieval state. Bartha makes an attempt to estimate, through analogy, not only the size of the Hungarian population at the time of the Conquest, but also the number of their animals. After the middle of the tenth century, Hungary underwent an important period of reorganization. The rise of the power of Otto I in the west and the collapse of the Khazars in the east, forced the Magyars to make a number of adjustments in order to insure their survival. Cut off from their former eastern home, and faced with a strong Holy Roman Empire in the west, the society based on clan organization gave way to a stronger tribal confederation, which in turn becomes the nucleus of the medieval Hungarian state.

This is an excellent book, especially in its original Hungarian version. Unfortunately, the English translation is often awkward and unclear. Some of the mistranslations are rather annoying and misleading, for example "the ancient chronicle" /sic/ is supposed to be the Primary Chronicle. It is commendable that the Publishing House of the Hungarian Academy (Akadémiai Kiado) is making more historical studies available in English. It would be doubly welcome if these translations would be equal in quality to the excellence of the Hungarian originals. An index and a bibliography would also have been useful, as well as the illustrations which appeared in the Hungarian edition. Even with these shortcomings, this volume is a valuable addition to our knowledge of early medieval Hungarian history.



The Department of History

August 19, 1976

Mr. Paul Pulitzer  
P. O. Box 2203e  
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Paul,

Your letter arrived when we were away on vacation, this is the reason for my delay in answering.

I am delighted that our project is progressing so well, and that hopefully the film script will be accepted when John Eckenrod finishes it. We all have much time tied up in it, it would be great to have some of its fruits.

On your two requests for information:

1. The information you seek in English on how people lived in Hungary during the 15th century is just not available. The only thing that I can recommend is for you to make a rough translation of the pages I sent you some time ago from the book entitled Magyar muvelodes a XV szazadhan Bonfini alapjan by Csaszar Mihaly. That book has some information you are looking for. Also send to John some of the illustrations I had gathered for you. In them he can see for himself such things as dress, weapons, hair style, etc. . . Unfortunately there is no other source to which you could turn.
2. The problem of getting a grant is also most difficult. Most insitutions, in their narrow mindedness, do not like to give grants to individuals outside of the academic community. This is stupid but is nevertheless general practice. All I can do is recommend to you a number of possibilities. Write to the following places for information:
  - a. American Philosophical Society (Philadelphia)
  - b. National Endowment for the Humanities (Washington)
  - c. IREX (New York)
  - d. American-Hungarian Studies Foundation (New Brunswick)
  - a. Institute of International Education (New York)

Dear Paul, I hope that you will be able to use some of this information and that this will help promote our project. I am ready, as always, to render you any assistance that I can.

The Department of History

June 11, 1976

Miss Holly Ann Warchol  
5020 Sheridan Road  
Boardman, Ohio 44514

Dear Miss Warchol:

Although I have called your house and left a message to reach me by telephone, you have not responded, nor were you in class, so that I have no alternative but to write to you.

When you missed the second examination and indicated that you had been ill. I allowed you to make up the test at your convenience. I subsequently administered the test to you and left explicit instructions to leave the exam in the History Office with the secretary.

Not only was your paper never turned in, but you apparently took both the question and answer sheets with you, contrary to my instructions. This is a very serious matter and constitutes academic dishonesty. Not only did you fail to complete the assigned exam, but, you, in essence, stole material which was not yours.

Unless both the "Answer Sheet" and the "Question Sheet" for Examination II, in Western Civilization 655 is returned, (personally or by mail) to my office by Tuesday, June 15, 1976 at noon, I will take immediate and drastic steps against you for your behavior. I will request the Discipline Committee to order your expulsion from the University for academic dishonesty and stealing. I shall also place a letter explaining your behavior into your personal file.

If, however, you return the examination material immediately, I will carry the matter no further, will give you an "F" for the course, and hope that you will learn from this experience.

With the expectation of hearing from you by Tuesday noon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

The Department of History

June 7, 1976

Mr. Fred Marzulla  
1745 Tod Avenue, N. W.  
Warren, Ohio 44485

Dear Mr. Marzulla:

Although you misspelled my name and for mysterious reasons transferred me to the Geography Department, your letter of June 1 did reach me.

The problems you describe in your letter are obviously major and I certainly sympathize with your case and hope that you will be awarded a major sum for damages in the Federal Courts.

Unfortunately the options I have in your grade are rather limited. Under the rules governing the conditions when a grade of "I" (Incomplete) can be given, it is impossible for me to give you an "I" for the course. "Incomplete" can only be given in cases where the performance of the student has been satisfactory and where the student is expected to complete the course in the near future. You will obviously agree that this is not applicable to you.

When I process your grade I will therefore be given no alternative but to give you an F. However, you can petition the Dean of Arts and Sciences to have the F grade changed to a W. (This is what you should have done yourself when you saw that you could not complete the quarter.)

In your letter to the Dean explain your circumstances and ask that your academic records be changed from F to W. Strictly speaking you did not fail the course because of inability to perform but because I was unable to judge your abilities.

Upon receipt of this letter I recommend that you immediately get in touch with Dean Robert Smith and petition for a change of grade for the Western Civilization course you took in the History Department (not in Geography).

I sincerely hope that you will succeed both in this and in your damage suit against Terry Knight Enterprises Ltd. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

June 7, 1976

Capricorn Books  
G. P. Putnam's Sons  
200 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10016

Gentlemen:

Please send me examination copies of the following titles for possible course adoption.

Munz, Peter, Life in the Age of Charlemagne Cap. 344

Rowling, Marjorie, Life in Medieval Times Cap. 363.

These titles will be seriously considered for my courses in Medieval Civilization I and II, with the usual enrollment of 25-30 students per quarter.

Also send for examination for possible adoption in Renaissance History the following titles:

Gage, John, Life in Italy at the Time of the Medici  
Cap. 320

Machiavelli, Niccolo, The Letters of Machiavelli  
Cap. 40.

The enrollment in the Renaissance class is usually the same as in Medieval Civilization.

Your prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Damonkos  
Professor of History

L.S.D/ck

The Department of History

May 17, 1976

Dr. R. Varkonyi Agnes  
MTA Tortenettudományi Intezete  
Uri utca 51-53  
H-1250, BUDAPEST I  
Hungary, Europe

Dear Colleague and Friend,

It was with great joy that I received your kind letter but was distressed to hear that you had health problems as well. We sincerely hope that all is well with you now and that your whole lovely family can enjoy many happy and generally carefree years ahead. Fortunately I am happy to report ~~hhht~~ all is well with us. Since last fall I had no major problems with my health and the loss of 11 kgs. has made a welcome difference in the way I feel. My only problem is that I tire much faster than before thus my capacity for work has decreased somewhat.

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During the coming summer I plan to complete several projects which have remained unfinished for some time. Among these are about six book reviews and the finishing touches on three articles. Next October I have to give two presentations at major meetings and naturally have to prepare for them. It seems like the summer will be mainly devoted to reading, writing and research. My work on Matyas is not going as well as I had hoped, mainly because of lack of time. I do want to finish it soon, however, since I have so much material amassed and so much time involved in the project. My plan is to finish the book within 18 months and then start on a new project, related to Hungarian history. At that time I hope to get a new IREX grant and come to Hungary for a longer stay to do research and collect material. The kindness I received from you and all the members of the Institute in the past, has reinforced my lifetime love affair with the history of any predecessors. Although such a trip to Europe is still in the distant future, if it materialized at all, but Eva, the children and I are eagerly looking forward to such a possibility.

In closing may I ask you to please do me a small favor. Until about a year ago, the Institute had always sent me copies of books appearing in Medieval-Renaissance history as part of an exchange program. Although I dispatched about a dozen books last year to the Library, and received a card from the Librarian indicating that they have arrived, yet no book has been sent to me in return for almost a year and a half. A number of important publications in our field have

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been published, among them the book by Dr. Szucs, and if possible, I would like to continue the exchange we had. I, on my part, will get a shipment of books together and send them to you, as I have in the past. Because of the general economic decline in the U. S., the number of new publications has drastically dropped here But I will try to assemble a shipment of material for the Institute Library. If you would be so kind and talk to somebody to encourage them to send a few Medieval-Renaissance publications to me, I would very much appreciate it. I am grateful for all your effort in this matter in my behalf.

Please extend my greetings to your husband, as well as my many dear friends at the Institute, but particularly Gabor. Wishing you continued good health and success, I remain

The Department of History

May 18, 1976

Dr. Aleksander Gieysztor  
Profesor Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego  
Instytut Historyczny U. W.  
Warszawa, Poland

Dear Professor Gieysztor:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. I was delighted to read that you received the reprints of articles I had sent to you, and appreciate your comments on them.

It was with special joy that I heard the news that I will receive an invitation to attend the meeting of our Commission at Warszawa in October. As soon as the academic year ends here at the University, I will begin research for the presentation which I am supposed to give on the Hungarian Universities of the Enlightenment.

Although I have travelled extensively in both Western and Central Europe, spent a year as a student at the University of Vienna and a year in Budapest as an exchange professor, I never had the opportunity to visit Poland. While in Hungary in 1970-1971, my wife and I planned to go to Krakow and Warsaw, so I went to the Polish embassy in Budapest to secure a visa. I was received with kindness and the usual Polish friendliness. When, however, I tried to get a transit visa from the Czechoslovak authorities, the behavior of the consul was so antagonistic that we gave up on our plan and never got to see Poland. I sincerely hope that this fall I will be able to finally make the delayed visit.

As soon as I receive an official invitation from you, I will immediately try to secure a travel grant so that I will be able to participate in the meeting.

Thank you again for your kind invitation and I hope to be able to make your personal acquaintance next fall. Until then, whenever you write, please be free to use French in our correspondence if that is more convenient for you than English.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

May 13, 1976

Mr. James R. Millar, Editor  
Slavic Review  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Millar:

Enclosed you will find the manuscript of Dr. Held's article which you sent me last month to reread.

I was very much gratified by the fact that the author has incorporated almost all of the extensive suggestions for revision which I made in the original article. Both the text and the footnotes have been revised extensively.

To be more specific, the corrections made by Dr. Held, eliminate all of the major reservations about the article.

Although there are still a few passages, which are a bit awkward, the text does read far better and it is a considerable improvement over the first draft.

The inclusion of references to peasant uprisings in countries other than Hungary places the whole study in a broader context.

The author has considerably modified and gave uniformity to the footnotes.

Most important of all, Dr. Held has eliminated a number of passages to which I objected, particularly those dealing with the right of peasants in the period of "ancient tribal and clannish communities of Pre-Christian days." Here the author was incorrect in his interpretation, but has rectified the problem.

By omitting some material in the last part of the original article, the author has "tightened" his whole presentation, improved the essay.

There are a few minor suggestions which I would like to make in the hope that they can be adopted.

1. It would be very wise if a map could be included with the article. The geographic knowledge of most non-East-Central Europeans of that part of the world is unfortunately often weak. A map showing at least the towns and cities mentioned



by the author as well as a few arrows indicating the movement of the peasant armiew would make the whole article clearer to even the specialists. Few of your readers will know where Babolna is and even fewer where Des, Deva, Diosd, etc., are located.

2. The format of Dr. Held's text is unusual. His first subtitle (1. The Revolt) comes on page 6. Is the section from page 1-5 Introduction? This type of subdivision seems awkward to me. This is a minor problem that could be corrected without much difficulty.
3. 3. On page 14 first paragraph "It was suggested. . ." This is unclear. Who suggested this? Why? Author should clarify.
4. I did mark a few places in the text where small revisions should be made.

As the article stands now, I encourage you to publish it in the Slavic Review. It is a valuable contribution, well worth reading.

In the hope that my comments will be useful to you as well as the author, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

May 12, 1976

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Ambrosiana Microfilm Collection  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Cher Magister Astricus,

Yesterday evening, May 11, Eva and I drove to Cleveland to meet you at the airport and personally had you the corrected material. Flight 357 from Washington, D. C. did arrive but unfortunately you were not on it. I checked for messages at UA desk and the Red Carpet Lounge, but to no avail. Since I know what a punctual and well organized scholar you are, I am worried as to what happened and sincerely hope you are well.

Since we returned late last night from Cleveland, after visiting Eva's very ill father, I did not call, but will try to reach you today. We hope nothing serious has happened to you.

The Department of History

April 16, 1976

Dr. Asa Knowles, Chancellor  
Northeastern University  
360 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

Dear Chancellor Knowles,

Enclosed are two items pertaining to my article on the "History of Higher Education."

- a. A detailed outline from which I have developed the article. I made an effort to include Non-western material and attempted to give a chronological balance to the paper. Since separate countries will be dealt with in the Encyclopedia, I tried to give a "sweep" of events as much as it is possible in the space given to me. My main problem is length. I still have an excessive amount of material and my rough draft has 12,000 words. I am valiantly working to cut it back to between 8,000-10,000. Will send you the text in a few days.
- b. A select bibliography. I included only books in English but again tried to have at least one major item for all of the major Non Western areas. The list might be long, and I presume that your editor will cut some of the items. Most of the books are standard works for this field with good bibliographies which can guide the reader to more detailed information.

As soon as I have managed to put the finishing changes on the text, I will send it to you. I did feel, however, that at least this much of the material should reach you, indicating that the project is very near completion!

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

April 15, 1976

Dr. Paul W. Knoll  
Department of History  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Paul,

The program of the Western Michigan Conference arrived yesterday and seeing your name on it prompted me to do what I have delayed so long, write a brief note to you.

First of all I am happy to report that both Eva and I are in fine health. Since her operation last fall, Eva made an excellent recovery, looks and feels well. I am also doing fine. My weight is down from 183 in San Francisco last fall to 156 lbs. and holding steady. The only problem I still have is a tendency to get tired quicker. Children are all fine and looking forward to the end of the school year.

Enclosed you will find a clipping from the local paper with the picture of Prof. Gabriel. After a series of mediocre Commencement speakers I finally got so sick of the usual nonsense that I wrote a letter to the Vice President of Academic Affairs and told him it was time we had a scholar give the address. He consulted with the President, and they extended an invitation to Gabe to speak at the Winter Commencement. This was the first time he was in Youngstown and at our home. Naturally Eva went out of her way as hostess to greet the dear old friend. I must confess that I was a little apprehensive how all would go but it was a superb success. Gabriel arrived the day before graduation, the President invited us to the Country Club for dinner with a small group of administrators and trustees. Eva and I later took him home with us to see our home and meet the children. (He knows them well and they love him). After a few drinks, I took him back to his hotel. Next day the exercises went smoothly and this address was very well received by both faculty and students. That evening we held a reception at our home in Gabriel's honor, invited the creme of administration and faculty. Eva, I must proudly declare, did a superb job of preparing for the event. There were 26 of us all together. The evening was enjoyable and Gabe was in his best element. Having seen him in such condition, you know what I mean. Next day, after lunch, we drove him to Cleveland and put him on the plane for South Bend. After all the efforts he had made in my behalf while at Notre Dame and since, I was so very happy to have had the opportunity to do something for him.

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The only negative matter in all this was the fact that on the very day he was speaking here I was to give a paper at the Catholic Historical Association meeting in Dayton. With the Gabe here and still recuperating from a bout with pneumonia in early March, there was no way in hell that I could do both. I asked a friend, who chaired the session, Prof. John Patrick Dolan, to read the paper for me. The subject was "Mariology in Late Medieval Hungary" and dealt with the problem of the Immaculate Conception especially among the Franciscans. After some expansion on the paper I plan to publish it.

How are Sue and the children. As I told you last year, we would be very happy if in the course of your "Bicentennial Tour" you stopped here for a visit. Please let us know if you plan to come, and if yes, when.

Our summer plans are very simple. We are staying home almost all summer, with the possibility of a short excursion in the last week of August and a trip to South Bend to do research. I have two papers to present next October. One at the American Association for Slavic Studies in St. Louis, the other is in Warsaw. Prof. Gieysztor wrote to me from Paris and indicated that an invitation to the meeting of the Commission on Univ. histories will be forthcoming. To tell you that I am very excited would be an obvious understatement. If you have any suggestions on where I can get a travel grant I would be eternally grateful, Paul.

Having rambled on for so long, I will close now. Please convey my warmest greetings to your family. Do write, when you have a few moments,, With best wishes for a Blessed Easter, I remain

April 14, 1976

Dr. Jacques Verger  
Universite de Nancy II  
23 Boulevard Albert Ier  
Nancy, France

Dear Professor Verger:

Since our very brief meeting in San Francisco last fall I hoped to establish contact with you and after much delay I am taking this opportunity to write to you. I was very disappointed that we did not have the chance to get to know each other better but my unexpected illness changed so many things. I had prepared a detailed summary of your excellent paper and was disappointed in not being able to present it. In case you would want my English summary and comments of the paper, I will be delighted to send them to you.

Fortunately my health is pretty well back to normal although I have the tendency to get exhausted far faster than before. Upon the advise of my doctors I am on a diet and have lost 12 kgs. which has been beneficial in the recuperation of my heart.

Our mutual dear friend, Prof. Gabriel, was here at our University and delivered an excellent address. I only hope and wish that I will have his energy, agility and mental alertness when I reach his age.

Prof. Gabriel has a very high regard for you and considers you an excellent scholar. Based on the work you have done, with which I am familiar, I agree with Gabriel completely.

Now that my health has returned close to normal, I am engaged in a number of projects mostly related to the intellectual history of Hungary in the Renaissance. Enclosed you will find a few reprints which I hope will be of some interest to you.

Please be free to write to me in French when we correspond. I did attend a school for French children in the Zone d'Occupation Francaise en Allemagne during the years 1948-1951. At that time I was quite fluent in French and although I still read it well and can carry on a conversation, writing is a more difficult problem. So if it is convenient for you, cher collegue, you write in French and I will reply in English.

In the hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain, with best wishes.

April 14, 1986

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
Ambrosiana Microfilm Collection  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Tres cher Magister Astricus,

Your presence at Youngstown State University is still very much in the mind of all those who met you. Many have expressed their pleasure with the excellent Commencement Address you delivered, and wanted to convey their feelings to you.

To tell you how delighted we were to have you here is such an understatement. There is no day that passes without your name being mentioned in our house. The children have almost completely expropriated you and usually refer to you as "our Asztrik bacci."

Enclosed I am sending two more copies of your picture and text from the Vindicator. Your picture will probably appear in other university publications, such as alumni newsletter, and I will naturally forward it for your files.

Thank you for the valuable Summary Bibliography you gave me and the kind dedication.

In the near future, as soon as I have a few loose ends tied up, I would like to send you the text of the paper on Late Mediaeval Mariology which was read at the Catholic Historical Association Meeting in Dayton. I would like to get your reaction to it and find out if you think it is worth developing into a publishable article.

We plan to come to Notre Dame with the children some time after they are out of school. Hopefully we can arrange it so that we can see you before you go on one of your many trips to Europe, fleeing from the great waste land of Indiana.

With warmest wishes for a Happy Easter, I remain

April 13, 1976

Prof. Dr. Tibor Klaniczay  
Accademia d'Ungheria  
Via Giulia 1. (Palazzo Falconieri)  
00186 ROMA-Italia

Kedves Tibor,

Please forgive the long delay in answering your kind and long letter of January 19, 1976. With a number of pressing projects, plus a bout with pneumonia, I was unable to answer sooner.

It was with disbelief and apprehension that I read your account of the disorganization which had greeted you at your arrival in Rome. Hopefully the Italians finally got around to formalizing your appointment at the University and most important, I hope that they have started paying your salary. With the inflation rate in Italy, by the time you get your money, it will be worth less than the day before. Everytime we see the news on TV concerning the newest crisis, strike, street fight, demonstration and disorder in Rome, Eva and I remark "Szegeny Tibor!" If there is anything I could do to ease your problem, please feel at liberty to turn to us.

Since I last wrote to you, I had the chance to meet with a mutual friend of ours, Prof. Sinor of Indiana University. The Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies held a symposium on the problems of Hungarian teaching and research in the United States, and Sinor invited me, as an example of a person who pursues work on a Hungarian subject basically in isolation, since there is no instruction at this university either on Hungarian Literature, history or linguistics. It was a good meeting and I was delighted to make his acquaintance. Denes is a very fine scholar and a charming human being.

I found that we had much in common with each other in our "Weltanschauung." We share a profound love for the culture of Hungary, want to share this affection with non-Hungarians on a scholarly level. Sinor as well as I do not like to play an active role in the affairs of the American-Hungarian community, mainly because of the petty behavior of so many emigre groups, their conservative, often reactionary views, on so many problems. Denes and I even wrote you a post card, which I hope you have since received. Sinor speaks in the most glowing terms about you and considers you one of the finest scholars in all of Hungary.

Our other mutual friend, Asztrik was here at Youngstown State University and delivered an excellent address at the closing ceremonies for the Winter Semester last week. At my recommendation he was invited by the University and was very warmly received by the academic community. Since this was the first time that he visited Youngstown and our home,



Eva and I naturally were very pleased to have him here. We held a reception at our home in his honor and invited about 24 members of the faculty, deans and the President of the University (Rector). All went well, and Asztrik was very pleased. I was particularly happy that I was able to arrange this for him, since he has always been a most ardent promoter of my career. A great expert on books, he was very pleasantly surprised by my fine collection both in mediaeval-renaissance and in Hungarian history. Gabriel is going to Europe again, but when and where will probably change a few times before departure.

Thank you for your very kind remarks concerning the reprints I have sent to you. Your learned opinion is of utmost importance to me. The problem of the dioceses you brought to my attention is something I am familiar with but apparently did not convey clearly enough in the text. On page 101 of the Ecclesiastical Patrons article I note: ". . .the two archdioceses and nine dioceses with the kingdom of Hungary proper, (excluding Croatia and the southern border-regions). . ." In the State of Education article this is simply contracted to "eleven dioceses" and the source of problems. Thank you most sincerely for bringing this to my attention. I have another article in preparation and if this problem rises again, I will be very careful to indicate clearly the exact ecclesiastical structure of Hungary.

On the question concerning the Canadian-American Review of Hungarian Studies, all I can tell you that it is a new journal, its editor is a young man, Dreisziger Nandor, who has written some studies on the bombing of Kassa. The aim of the journal is to publish articles by both American and Hungarian born scholars dealing with Hungarian studies. If this venture will work out, is hard to know so early in its development. They have printed only 3 issues as of this date.

All is well with us and we are looking forward to a pleasant summer, although we have no plans for any major vacation trips. During the first part of the summer I will teach an accelerated course on the Renaissance and hope to be able to finish a number of projects which I have in various stages of completion.

I sincerely hope that your dear wife is now with you in Rome and that you have a "permanent" residence where you will be able to live during your Rome appointment. When you write please indicate roughly when you will be in Rome, when in Budapest, so that I can keep in touch with you. Please convey my greetings to your wife, I remain

April 12, 1976

Mr. Ivan Boronkai  
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi u. 11-13  
H-1118, Budapest XI, Hungary

Kedves Ivan,

Thank you for your brief note of March 15. Please excuse me for writing to you in English but I am always reluctant to write in Hungarian since I make unforgivable grammatical errors and feel ashamed of my ignorance. Thus writing in Hungarian becomes a task I leave for last and most of my Hungarian letters are not answered for months. Since your letter does require a quick reply I hope you do not object to the English epistle.

First of all I want to thank you for your kind words concerning my articles. Coming from a person who is well versed in this field, I am very pleased that you found them interesting. Enclosed you will find another reprint which is of a general nature but might be of interest to you.

On the problem of the Huntovich-Vitez correspondence, the situation is as follows. When I was writing my dissertation of the degree of Doctor Scientiarum Mediaevalium at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, I ordered a microfilm of the Cod. Ottob. Lat. 689. This was ten years ago. At that time I did go through the whole codex to find information of anything which was related to Pozsony or Vitez but do not think that there were any letters from Vitez to Huntovich in the collection although the volume does contain a few letters of the Viennese Dominican to the Archbishop.

Unfortunately I can not get to the microfilm until this summer when I intend to drive to Notre Dame (500 km) for a few days of research. The best and most expeditious method to get to the problem would be to write to Rev. Isnard P. Frank at the following address:

Rev. Isnard P. Frank, O.P.  
Pestegassa 4  
A-1010 Wien, Austria

Since he knows the codex well, he might be able to tell you if the volume contains any letters written by Vitez or not. Based on memory, I do not think you will find any Vitez epistles in the codex, but since you are collecting all of his works for your edition it might be wise to check this out. I am looking forward to the promised reprints as well as the appearance of your book on Vitez. The New Hungarian Quarterly is about to publish a short study on Vitez which I wrote back in 1970 and which was read by the late Prof. Kardos in 1971.

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Kardos liked the article and recommended its publication but it has taken the NHQ this long to get it into print. It obviously will not be as detailed or scholarly as your planned book, but is designed to acquaint the English speaking reader with this most fascinating and important character of Hungarian history.

Please convey my greetings to all my friends at the institute, but particularly to V. Kovacs Sanyi and tell him to at least write a post card to let me know that he is well and alive.

Greetings to your wife and numerous children. It was delightful to hear from, let us keep in touch.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

July 14, 1976

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 East Fifty-ninth Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

It looks as if our long delayed trip to New York will finally materialize and we would be delighted if we could have lunch together during our stay in the city.

We plan to leave Youngstown on Friday afternoon, July 23 and will arrive at my sister's residence on Long Island that evening. We plan to return, probably on Wednesday morning, July 28.

If it is convenient for you, Eva and I would love to meet you for lunch on Monday (26) or Tuesday (27).

Would you please let me know if we could get together on those two days, so that we can also finalize our plans.

Looking forward to your letter and to the chance of seeing you again. With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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March 12, 1976

Mr. John P. C. Matthews, Deputy Director  
International Research and Exchange Board  
110 EastyFifty-ninth Street  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews,

It was with greatest reluctance and sadness that we had to abandon our trip to New York in early March. When I found out from my sister that you had called and that the luncheon meeting could have materialized, both Eva and I were deeply disappointed.

As it happened, the trip would probably have ended unpleasantly anyway. By Sunday evening Eva was ill with flu and next day I came down with it as well. Since we both felt terribly miserable we went to the doctor who diagnosed our condition as the first stage of pneumonia. The next few days were wretched and it took some time for us to get back into shape. With the end of the Winter Quarter, final exams, etc., March turned out to be quite eventful. To complicate matters, I had to prepare a paper for delivery at the Annual meeting of the Catholic Historical Association and last week flew to Bloomington to a meeting called by Prof. Sinor of Indiana University to discuss problems related to the teaching of Hungarian History, Literature and Language.

We plan to visit New York sometime in May, and as soon as our plans are developed we will let you know, well in advance, in the hope that we will be able to get together.

We are looking forward to seeing you again and thank you for your kind note of March 5. With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos

LSD:sf

March 12, 1976

Dr. Julian G. Plante, Director  
Monastic Manuscript Microfilm Library  
St. John's University  
Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

Dear Professor Plante,

Thank you very much for your kind note and the request for an offprint of my "State of Education" article. I am delighted to send you a copy and two other reprints as well. I have always admired the excellent work you have done as Director of the Monastic Microfilm Project, and was delighted to have had the opportunity to meet you at Notre Dame a few years ago.

I hope that the articles will be of interest to you and others at the Library.

With sincere best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domanos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

April 12, 1976

Rev. William Hinnebusch, O.P.  
Dominican House of Studies  
487 Michigan Avenue, N. E.  
Washington, D. C. 20017

Doctissime Pater,

Thank you for your kind letter and please excuse the delay in my response. I am swamped with work and find it difficult to keep up with correspondence.

Your suggestions concerning my work on the Buda Studium Generale are most appreciated. As soon as I will "dig out from under," to use your excellent expression, I plan to finish the article and send it to the Arch. Frat. Praed. in Rome. It does not look encouraging at this point, however. I have about 6 book reviews to complete as well as two major papers to prepare before this Fall.

I was pleased to read in your letter, that based on your research, you tend to agree with me that the Buda studium never developed into a full university as Matthias Corvinus had expected. One aspect of the problem, seldom stressed by Hungarian scholars is that after 1485 the need for an institution of higher learning in Hungary was greatly reduced by the annexation of Vienna and lower Austria to Hungary by Matthias. The relations between the University of Vienna and the king of Hungary were excellent and the number of students in the Natio Hungarorum was impressive. Someday I really hope that I can devote some time to this subject, it does interest me very much.

Enclosed you will find the reprint of my article which I send you with my compliments and in sincere friendship.

It was with delight that I read that you are from ~~from this~~ region and occasionally pass through Youngstown. We would be delighted to be able to welcome you in our house and meet with you personally. If you plan a trip to Ohio, please let us know in advance when you could stop here or call us a few days in advance (216-783-0501).

In the hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos

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March 12, 1976

Dr. Zoltan Halasz, Deputy Editor  
The New Hungarian Quarterly  
Rakoczi ut 17  
H-1365, Budapest VIII, Hungary

Medves Zoltan,

Thank you for your kind letter of March 18, and the most welcome news that my Vitez article will be published soon. Thank you for all you have done in promoting its publication, I realize that the delay was in no way your responsibility.

In order to facilitate the quick production of reprints of the article I will need a brief letter from you, preferably in English, giving me permission to have the pages reproduced. The letter can be very short and does not have to include more than a few lines in the following manner:

"As Deputy Editor of the New Hungarian Quarterly, I authorize Dr. L. S. Domonkos, to have 100 copies of his article on Archbishop Vitez reproduced with our consent and without any infringement on copyright laws."

This, on official stationary and with your signature should be more than sufficient and would prevent any further delays.

All is well with us and we are looking forward to a pleasant summer vacation. Last week-end I flew to Indiana University in Bloomington and met, for the first time, Prof. Denes Sinor of the Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies. He spoke with admiration of your publication, which I naturally echoed.

Sorry that you plan no voyages to the United States. There is a possibility that I will be in Poland for a week in October, and if this materializes, will try to fly to Budapest for a few days. Naturally all depends if I can get some funds or a travel grant to accomplish this. If it works out, I will let you know and hopefully we can at least talk at your office.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, and receiving the pages of my article, I remain

Sincerely yours,

LSD:sf



April 8, 1976

Prof. Dr. Denis Sinor, Chairman  
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

Kedves Denes,

With the events of last weekend still fresh in my memory, I am taking this opportunity to write to you to express my most sincere thanks for having invited me to the In-Service Institute for Hungarian Studies. I was especially delighted to have had the chance to meet you personally, and to make the acquaintance of your lovely and charming wife, Jean.

It was a delight to attend a meeting which was not over-structured and rigid. Most of the functions I usually attend have this problem, and your meeting was such a welcome change. I was also happy to finally meet, face to face, a number of men with whom I have long corresponded or was familiar with by reputation.

Personally, I was very interested in your remarks the first night, about your affection for Hungary, but not necessarily Hungarians, and your general disinterest in emigree affairs. This has been basically my position as well. My interest in Hungarian history is motivated by a love of that particular culture and my feeble efforts in publication and reading of papers has been spurred on by a desire to share this love. I receive my share of criticism for not being "involved" but each of us has to determine for himself how our cultural heritage can be best served. There is nothing as obnoxious as a Professional Hungarian.

In the near future the New Hungarian Quarterly will publish an article I wrote some time ago on Vitez Janos, the humanist archbishop. Kardos reviewed the article back in 1971 and wrote a most complimentary critique of it. Unfortunately the NHQ is very slow in getting its material into print. Finally I asked Klaniczay to put pressure on them and I received a letter from the Associate Editor (Halasz Zoltan) that it is now finally at the printer. As soon as I have a reprint I will naturally send you a copy.

This summer I have a number of projects to complete. In early October I am giving a paper at the American Association for Slavic Studies in St. Louis and later that month will travel to Warsaw and Cracow to attend the meeting of the Organisation Internationale pour l'histoire des universites and speak on Hungarian Universities of the Enlightenment. Naturally, the second trip will only materialize if

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I can get a travel grant from the ACLS or IREX. If all works out according to plans, I will visit Budapest for a few days during that trip. It is also imperative that I get some work done on my Matyas book this summer.

Thank you again for your hospitality, your personal kindness toward me, and I sincerely hope that we will be in touch with each other for many years to come. Please extend my greetings to your dear wife. I remain, with warm personal regards

Sincerely yours,

To: The Karl W. Dykema Scholarship Committee  
From: L. S. Domonkos, Professor of History  
Subject: Miss Martha I. Pallante

Miss Martha Pallante has been a student in my history classes for the past two years and I had the opportunity to judge her academic abilities in three upper division classes.

Miss Pallante is a superb student and her intellectual abilities place her among the best students I have taught in my teaching career of eleven years. Since the candidate was in my ~~upper~~ advanced history classes, where considerable amount of written, interpretive work had to be done, I ~~did~~<sup>have</sup> ample opportunity to see her perform. Her essays are perfect examples of logical construction, she expresses herself well and her style shows a high degree of literacy. This student is capable of, and has performed on a level which we expect from graduate students. Not only does she write well but is able to express herself in an intelligent fashion, with assurance and poise. There are few students on this campus who deserve recognition for their intellectual excellence as much as Miss Martha Pallante.

What makes this student even more remarkable is the fact that her superb mastery of academic material has not made her into an arrogant, intellectual snob. On the contrary! She is one of the most charming young women imaginable, with a pleasing personality, able to win the respect and affection of both her professors and peers. She is a lovely young lady in the most noble sense of the word. I recommend her without any hesitation and with utmost enthusiasm.

March 31, 1976

Mrs. Elizabeth Story Donno, Editor  
Renaissance Quarterly  
1161 Amsterdam Avenue  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Mrs. Donno,

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 1976 in which you inquire if I would be interested in writing brief reviews of two Hungarian publications for a forthcoming issue of the Renaissance Quarterly.

My reply is an enthusiastic yes!

If it is agreeable with you, I could complete one of the reviews by September 15 for the Spring issue, and the second review by February 10, for the Summer issue.

Thank you for keeping me in mind for these reviews. Both fall into my field of interest and specialization, in fact I personally know (or knew, Dr. Kardos has died recently) two of the authors. This naturally will not influence my review.

Please send me the review copies and I will return the reviews before the above deadlines.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

April 1, 1976

Dr. Nandor Dreisziger  
Department of History  
Royal Military College of Canada  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2W3, Canada

Kedves Nandor,

Enclosed is the copy of the Bethlen article which you sent to me for review a few weeks ago. I am sorry it took me so long to respond but I just recently overcame a bout with pneumonia plus the beginning of the new quarter at the University did not leave much extra time.

On separate sheets I am enclosing comments on the article page by page indicating both major and minor problems.

Let me here give my general impressions of the study as I see it. My criticism at times might sound harsh, it is, however, not meant to be malicious.

1. The study does not reflect a real depth of understanding of the historical problems presented. The author brings to light a lot of material but somehow it is not really solid. Even his narrative on occasion contains unclear passages or misconceptions.
2. An examination of the footnotes reveals partially the reason for the above problem. There is an excessive reliance on Homan-Szekfu (which the author often quotes simply as Homan, which is doubly outrageous since the volumes he quotes so faithfully were written by Szekfu and not Homan).
3. His only "recent" source is a general history of Hungary published in 1964. The author makes a complete mess of the bibliographical data he gives in footnote 18. These volumes were written by a number of authors. I think the section he quotes is by Makkai Laszlo. The whole reference, as it stands, makes no sense whatsoever. It is unfortunate that he quotes this work at all. There are far better sources than this. The textbooks published for use by university students is far better written and more useful, if the author was looking for a recent text to quote.
4. The author is completely oblivious to the wealth of new material dealing with Bethlen specifically, and the age in general, which has been published since Homan-Szekfu. Two important bibliographical sources give a large number of entries which show how far the author has fallen behind times in his scholarship.

April 1, 1976

A Magyar Tortenettudomány valogatott Bibliografiája 1945-1968. Budapest, Akadémiai Kiadó, 1971; items number, 2240, 2283 and 2769-2778.

There are over a dozen items written since W W II on Bethlen and associated problems.

Also illustrative of the new scholarship in the field are the items in:

A Magyar Irodalomtörténet Bibliografiája 1772 ig Budapest, Akadémiai Kiadó, 1972. Several dozen entries.

5. In order to bring the work up to publishable standard the author should rework the article, incorporate the results of recent scholarship and somehow "tighten up" the whole presentation. Otherwise the publication will not reflect well on the scholarly level of the Review. From our conversation on the telephone I got the impression that you were yourself not very keen on this study and I can see why. Your editorial instinct is excellent. How you can tell the author that in this form the article is not really publishable is a real problem and I do not envy you. It is so hard not to offend good and decent people, yet one has to strive for intellectual and scholarly excellence at the same time. Good luck, dear friend.

I will keep in touch with you concerning other matters. Now I must bid you Isten veled. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

March 30, 1976

Professor Denis Sinor  
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Professor Sinor:

It is with great joy that I am looking forward to this coming week-end and the opportunity to meet with you personally.

Due to my heart problem last fall, I am not driving to Bloomington, although the distance is not so very great but I am flying from Cleveland to Indianapolis.

I will arrive in Indianapolis at 12:34 P.M. Friday (Flight 135 Allegheny Airlines) and will make my way to Bloomington. In all probability I will call you on Thursday night to inquire as to the best method to get to Indiana University from the Indianapolis airport.

With best wishes and warm regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

March 1, 1976

Mr. John P.C. Matthews  
Deputy Director  
International Research and  
Exchange Board  
110 East Fifty Ninth St.  
New York, New York 10022

Dear Mr. Matthews:

This coming week-end (March 5-6-7) Eva and I plan to visit New York. We probably will drive into town late Friday night and will return to Youngstown on Monday.

Would it be possible for us to have lunch together on Monday, March 7? We both have such fond memories of the evening we spent with you in Budapest and would be delighted to be able to see you, even if for a brief lunch, realizing that you are probably full of work at IREX.

If meeting with us would be convenient for you, would you please call us or leave word at the residence of my sister who lives on Long Island. Since the mail service is so slow, I am not certain that your written reply would reach us here in Youngstown before our departure Friday afternoon, and obviously we would need to know if we can get together or not, so that we plan our day on Monday accordingly. You can reach us at our home address until Friday 2:00 p.m., or leave word with my sister:

Mrs. Victor Fischer  
12 Dome Lane  
Wantagh, New York 11793 Tel. 516-679-9385

Eva and I both sincerely hope that we can meet next Monday and spend a brief time together before returning to Youngstown.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

L.S. Domonkos



The Department of History

February 27, 1976

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, Director  
The Ambrosiana and Kress Collections  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia Sacra,

Thank you for sending me the copy of the note ~~you~~ you have sent to Paris in my behalf. I have since written a letter to Prof. Gieysztor, and have included a number of my articles as well. Hopefully, Prof. Gieysztor will place me on the program in Warsaw and will extend an invitation to come to Poland next October. Next, I hope to be able to convince some learned society or grant giving organization that they should subsidize my travel to this meeting.

I have made an appointment with Dr. Looby, Special Assistant to the President, to talk about your stay here during the Winter Commencement. It will be delightful to welcome you here and I most sincerely hope that you will find your reception from the University Community warm and friendly.

I will keep in touch with you and will probably call you on the telephone in the near future to talk about definite plans for your stay here in Youngstown.

Eva and children join me in sending you warm greetings and we all hope to be able to welcome you in our home.

Thank you again for all your efforts in my behalf in Paris, and even if I lived another 50 years, I don't think I would be able to begin to repay you for all the many kindnesses you have shown toward me in the many years that we have known each other.

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

February 27, 1976

Dr. Zoltan Halasz, Deputy Editor  
"The New Hungarian Quarterly"  
Rakoczi ut 17  
H-1365 BUDAPEST, Hungary

Dear Zoltan,

It has been quite sometime since we exchanged correspondence and I was delighted to hear through my friend Tibor Klaniczay that The New Hungarian Quarterly is finally going to publish my article on Archbishop Vitez. Klaniczay and I met in San Francisco during the meeting of the International Congress of Historical Sciences, and I had every intention of talking to him concerning the delay of publication that has occurred since 1970, when you initially accepted the Vitez article for publication. Unfortunately, during the San Francisco meeting I became ill with a heart condition and Klaniczay and I did not have a chance to resume our conversation concerning this problem. Subsequently I wrote to him in Budapest asking that he contact you or the Editor in an attempt to have the article finally published. I was delighted to receive news from him in December stating that he has talked with Ivan Boldizsar and that the article is already at the printers. As I had indicated to you several times before, this study on Vitez has been widely expected by a number of American scholars, whose vague familiarity with this noted Hungarian Humanist Archbishop, has been prompted them to seek further information.

As I indicated to you above, unfortunately my health has suffered somewhat this fall when during the course of the meeting of historians in San Francisco I suffered an attack of angina pectoris. After several days of observation in the hospital, I was released and have made very good recovery. My electro-cardiogram has greatly improved, and my doctor is most optimistic that I have not suffered any permanent heart damage. Hardly had we recovered from this episode when Eva had a serious operation in November, but that too is now behind us and she is well. The children are growing very nicely and are able to maintain, at least to some degree, their ability to speak Hungarian.

We sincerely hope that you are well and it would be delightful to see you again in the United States. Do you have any plans of visiting America in the near future? If yes, we would be delighted to see you again in Youngstown.

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As far as other news from us is concerned about the only thing I can report to you is that in the last year or so I had two fairly long

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articles published, both in the field of Hungarian cultural history, and I was also promoted to the rank of Full Professor. I have an invitation to deliver a lecture next month as well as an engagement at the American Association for Slavic Studies to talk about Hungarian cultural history subsequent to the Battle of Mohacs. This meeting will probably be held in St. Louis, Missouri in October, 1976. Unfortunately it does not seem likely that we will be visiting Hungary in the near future, for it has become extremely expensive for us to travel, unless we have the support of some foundation or exchange program. Eventually, however, we do plan to apply for another grant for a 8-10 month stay in Budapest if and when my book on Matthias Corvinus is completed.

When the NHQ publishes my article, I would very much appreciate if you would be so kind and send me either a complete copy or the pertinent pages Air Mail to my University address. When I last visited you in Budapest and questioned you pertaining to reprints of articles from the NHQ, you indicated that you do not provide any to the authors, however, you have no objection to the article being reproduced. Is this still the policy of the journal? If yes, I would need a letter from you stating that, as Associate Editor, you have no objection to the reproduction of the article for distribution among colleagues and fellow scholars. The University here has a policy that they will reproduce up to 100 copies of any article written by faculty members. I would avail myself of this service and have a 100 copies made for distribution among scholars both here and in Europe. Naturally any reprint will clearly indicate that the article is taken from the NHQ. If your journal would be able to provide me with some reprints at a reasonable cost I would be more than delighted to make use of that opportunity as well.

In the hope of hearing from you soon concerning both yourself and the fate of my article, I remain

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

February 11, 1976

Prof. Denis Sinor, Chairman  
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Dear Professor Sinor:

It was with great joy that I opened your letter of January 28, 1976 and found the invitation to participate in the planned Institute on Hungarian topics. In the correspondence we exchanged last summer you indicated that you were making plans for such a meeting and I am delighted that it will materialize.

It is with anticipation that I am looking forward to meeting you personally. How was your trip to Hungary? Our mutual friend Tibor Klaniczay told me that he saw you and had a chance to talk to you in Hungary. Tibor now is in Rome, fighting Italian inefficiency and attempting to teach a course on Hungarian Literature at the university.

Only one problem can prevent me from the trip to Bloomington, namely finances. Our department travel budget is limited and I have drawn upon it this academic year to the extent that I can no longer request funds from Youngstown State University. Last August I participated in the 14th International Congress of Historical Sciences in San Francisco and used up all my travel allotment. I have checked with my travel agent and the round trip ticket to Bloomington would cost \$ . I realize that your funds are limited, but if possible would like to receive a grant to be able to attend.

Enclosed are two reprints of articles I wrote since we last exchanged letters. Another short article in Hungarian also appeared in the periodical Vigilia in Budapest, but I do not have reprints of it yet.

In the hope of meeting you in April, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of Medieval History

The Department of History

February 10, 1976

Mr. Paul Pulitzer  
P. O. Box 2203  
Union, New Jersey 07083

Dear Paul,

It was with great joy that I read your recent letter in which you are sharing the good news concerning the Raven and the Ring. After all the time, money and effort that you have put into this project, I hope with all my heart, that you will realize some commercial profit from this. Although that seems probably a little remote at this point, yet the first major steps have been taken. You certainly can take pleasure in the fact that the project will bear fruit.

Upon receipt of your letter I immediately set out to select pictures for you. I have come up with some good ones which I hope will please you. There are about 25-30 pictures, some well known, others less famous, which depict life in Hungary in the 15th century.

I am having Xerox copies made of the illustrations and will send them to you, along with a full description in what book or manuscript or museum the original is to be found. Once you decide which illustrations please you, you can write to them, requesting glossy photos either in color or black and white, depending on the subject. The information should reach you in 3-4 days.

As always, I am up to my neck in work but finally all seems well with Eva's health and my heart. After all the troubles of last year, I hope that 1976 will bring us less anxiety and greater peace of mind. Things are well at the university and I am enjoying my teaching assignments. I have to complete an article before the end of March to be delivered at the Spring meeting of the Catholic Historical Association. For next fall I have two tentative invitations to major conferences. I have also accepted several local speaking engagements for the simple reason that I am trying to collect enough money to expand the size of my library. As you saw last summer my library room is very small, the space limited. Eventually I want

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to build on to the library and add an expansion of about 7 by 20 feet toward the driveway on the side of the house. This obviously is far in the future because the cost will be at least \$2,500 to \$3,000, even if we do it with the help of a neighbor who is in the construction trade. But it is always good to at least dream about future projects.

Well dear Paul, you will hear from me very soon and I hope that the work I have done in connection with the illustrations will be of use to you. Naturally, you can call on me anytime for assistance of this type and I will do my best to be of help, time permitting.

With warm personal regards, and greetings to your dear wife, I remain

January 23, 1976

Dr. Nander Dreisziger  
Royal Military College of Canada  
Kingston, Ontario K7L 2W3  
Canada

Dear Nander:

Thank you for the reprints. Fortunately I was able to persuade the Dean of Graduate Studies to pick up the \$20,00 charge. You should be receiving a check from YSU in the near future. If it would be delayed beyond reason, please notify me and I will see where the tangle in the red tape is located.

Enclosed you will find a check for my yearly subscription. I will also order the journal for the University Library as soon as an order freeze is lifted. Because of finances the University Library has not allowed ordering new journals since January 1, 1975.

I was greatly annoyed by the news that we have stupid enough people who would raise objections to what I wrote about Szalkai. What is wrong with telling the truth? Some Hungarians seem to think that we are always faultless and the victims of somebody's evil intentions. I hope you told the overzealous gentleman that far more risque stories about Hungarian prelates could fill a whole issue of the Review. Incidentally, that would certainly increase the circulation!

I will be in touch with you and hope to meet you sometime. If you need a book review for the CARHS of Caposti Csaba's The Library of Matth as Corvinus, please let me know. While in Budapest in 1973 I acted as advisor to the Akademiai kiado on this publication, am well acquainted with the work and would easily write a good review for you.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:ck

January 22, 1976

Colleagues in the History Department  
Ohio University  
Athens, Ohio

Dear Friends:

In all probability you will have collective bargaining at your institution in the near future and some of you might feel uneasy about this prospect. We at the Youngstown State University History Department have been living under a collective bargaining situation for several years and can reassure you that it has brought many benefits to our department without any real loss of our professional status or diminution of our academic prerogatives. In fact, the opposite has occurred.

Since the advent of collective bargaining the feeling of collegiality has increased among the history faculty and harmony prevails. The chairman, who was elected by the faculty, functions as first among equals, who shares his authority with the faculty in most academic areas. Two major means of possible abuse by the chairman have been removed from his direct influence, i.e. salaries and promotions. In the past, control over these two important areas had given the chairman undue authority and on occasion led to inequities within the department, thus leading to faculty discontent.

The contract which was negotiated by the YSU-OEA for the academic years 1975-76 and 1976-1977 give the faculty more power to determine its own destiny than at any previous time in the history of this institution.

Under the articles of the contract, the history department elected a departmental promotion committee which examined the performance of each member of our faculty who asked to be considered. It was a situation where the elected members of the department examined the credentials of those who had requested consideration for promotion, and made their recommendations accordingly. A committee, democratically elected, based its decisions on sound academic criteria and made its recommendations to a large committee, also elected by the faculty. A more intellectually honest and fair system is hard to imagine.

The contract which was negotiated under the superb guidance of our chief negotiator, Dr. Thomas Shipka, provides not only for sound academic practices but also for excellent protection of both tenured and non-ten-



ured faculty. Although the number of students in history have declined in the last 6-7 years, and although there was a threat of retrenchment a few years ago, the advent of the faculty union has prevented any member of the department from losing his teaching position. The trend in enrollments now is reversed and all talk of retrenchment has evaporated.

The financial benefits of our contract have lifted our faculty from the lowest salaries in the state to a position where our compensations in almost all ranks are among the best. The first major step in this direction was taken during the first contract negotiated by the YSU-OEA which provided for considerable salary adjustments for the members of the History Department. Many of us had salaries which were much smaller than those with equal years of teaching and same degrees teaching in other departments or schools. (Example: faculty members in the sciences and engineering made higher salaries than historians, sociologists and others in the Liberal Arts). The new two year contract, which we signed, will provide for an increase of over 28% during the contract period. Since excellence is to be rewarded under all fair systems, our contracts provide for renewable grants of \$750 to those members of the faculty whose performance in teaching, research and University service warrants this recognition.

Since the contract we negotiated is long and involved, I can not enumerate all of its positive features. If any of you in the Department of History would like to have further information on its workings and implementation, please be free to call on me, either at YSU (746-1851, Ext. 436) or at home (783-0501). Having served on the faculty Negotiating Team, I would be delighted to share with you any information which would be helpful to the welfare of your department.

Cordially yours

L.S. Domanikos, Ph.D  
Professor of History

LSD:ck

January 22, 1976

Dr. Asa S. Knowles, Chancellor  
Northeastern University  
360 Huntington Avenue  
Boston, Massachusetts 02115

Dear Chancellor Knowles:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 1976.

The outline of the article for the Encyclopedia is being typed. It will be finished on Monday January 26 and will be sent to you immediately.

Because I had to rework a substantial portion of the article to incorporate more Western material, the outline has changed several times. It does, however, contain information on both ancient China and India.

The typing of the article should be completed on Tuesday, February 3, and will be sent immediately.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSJck

January 22, 1976

Dr. Paul L. Csonka  
Institute of Theoretical Science  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Dear Paul:

The final touches are being worked on for the manuscript I promised you.

Since my usual Hungarian knowing secretary is ill, my wife will type the study the best she can on January 27 and 28. I will forward the article to you immediately upon completion.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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