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Sincerely yours,

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Kedves Jánoskám!

Please forgive my slow response to your kind letter of Jan. 10th, but academic and other matters keep me busy.

First and foremost DRMH: Was delighted to hear the news that you have been able to produce a camera - ready copy of Vol. III. Your plan of "creeping" take over the whole enterprise is superb. It is obvious that Schlacks is incompetent and that you are able to produce a superior edition. To reprint Volume I is also an excellent idea and will improve the aesthetics of the series.

Jánoskám, please send me, when completed and bound, a copy of Vol. III. This fall I plan to apply for a sabbatical for the academic year 1997-98 and to have this volume in hand, with me as co-editor on title page, would undoubtedly improve my chances. In view of my planned retirement in June of 2000, I do want to take advantage of one more sabbatical opportunity and 97-98 would be ideal.

There has been no news from NEH concerning the re-opening of competition in the Translations Division. If I hear nothing by May 1, I will send a letter of inquiry. If they will accept applications once more, we could resubmit our last one, with a few modifications. It would be good to have some funds once more.

Concerning Mátyás health article: I am almost done with it. The written report of one more physician is still missing but he promised quick action in the near future. We have a break between Winter and Spring Quarter from March 17 to 25 and I hope to complete the project. Plan to send it to you for a quick reading and ask you to please forward it to Eva Hahn at BOHEMIA.

Hope you are well and the long, cold winter has not dampened your spirit.

Will continue to be in touch. Eva joins me in sending you warm greetings.

Oszintén barátságos, haza

P.S. Please accept my sincere thanks for the Honorarium which CEU sent for my lecture in October. It was greatly appreciated.



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Dr. Charles Singler, Associate Dean
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Dear Professor Singler:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I support the nomination of Ms. Stephanie Boggs for a Karl Dykema Scholarship.

Ms. Boggs was a student in the first Honors Western Civilization course offered to University Scholars in the Fall of 1994. That class, one of the very best in my 32 years at Youngstown State University, had a number of outstanding students, among them was Stephanie. She distinguished herself as the "crème de la crème" that first quarter at this institution.

She has subsequently been in several of my upper division classes and her performance has been consistently superior. Ms. Boggs has the intellectual maturity that we seldom see in undergraduates. She is able to interpret material thoughtfully, she writes well, has superior oral communications, and is an accomplished actress.

skills

I have followed her academic development with great interest and have watched her blossom in an intellectually supportive environment. Ms. Boggs has shown a desire to widen her horizons, and her work at Youngstown State University shows both breadth and depth.

Dean Dykema, who always fought provincialism and represented the cosmopolitan world view, would be pleased, I am certain, that a young woman with spirit and intellectual curiosity such as Ms. Boggs, would receive the scholarship that carries his name.

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Ms. Stephanie Boggs is an outstanding candidate and I recommend her with enthusiasm and without reservation.

Cordially,

L.S. Domonkos
Professor of History

For: Les Domonkos
From: Saul Friedman
Re: Debbie Ramsey
Date: April 22, 1996

I have reviewed Ms. Ramsey's paper on Luther and generally concur that a C is about as good as one can get. There are serious problems with organization and content. I have noted your comments. Herewith, my own:

- p.1 We do not learn the source of the "Dr.Liar" reference until p.7. The entire first paragraph is garbled. Neither you nor I have any idea what she means by "spiritual devotion." Problems exist with pragraphing. There is also a phrase that reads "but on the other."
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- p.9. Most of this is unclear.
- p.10. Again, poor writing that must be redone.
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- p.15. Just chaotic. Has to be rewritten.

I looked over the biblio. At least books are placed in proper category. Debbie apparently did not realize one should make an effort at finding the original source in a secondary publication.

If she clears up some of the above miscues, the paper might pass for a low B. In its present form, however, I can appreciate your evaluation.

Saul

Dear Saul,

Enclosed is the essay Debbie Ramsey wrote for my graduate class last spring. This is a much revised version of an unacceptable original.

She did not know the difference between primary and secondary sources, and even now seems to have difficulty in this matter.

Her presentation is often unclear or simplistic.

Based upon what I see in this paper, (after 10 months of reworking) a grade of C seems to be generous.

If she wants this paper to count as one of the two necessary for the non-thesis option it will need major work!

Am I being unreasonable?? Will look forward to your reaction.

Cordially
JES



September 26, 1996

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Dear Dr. Domonkos:

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I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Sincerely,

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With warm regards, I remain,

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Dear Dr. Helga Robinson-Hammerstein:

Thank you for your lovely note of May 13 and I am grateful for your thoughtful decision to elect me as an honorary member of the International Commission for the History of Universities.

You might be aware that I am the American President of a very active subcommission of our respected International Commission for the History of Universities. As president for the subcommission, I would be somewhat embarrassed to announce that I am associated with you in a non-voting capacity. The assurances of the election of both the president and secretary general involves, I am sure, many general assemblies in different European places. Due to my present occupation, I doubt that I could attend them all and cast my votes.

I would be more than glad to pay the obligatory fees of the Commission personally regardless of the Associate person Professor Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos will choose and propose for election as representative of the USA. The full membership dues would be paid just as a retired former President but still voting member of the commission.

If this is not feasible, then I have to respectfully decline the honor offered by you, Madame President, and distinguished Secretary General. I am a former president of the American Catholic Historical Association with 1,000 members and according to our laws, I am still a voting member not only in the Historical Association but in the executive council.

Any consideration you give to make me a voting member and remain full membership and a paying participant in the work of the Commission will be appreciated.

I remain with warmest greetings,

Professor Dr. A. L. Gabriel

P.S. I am enclosing a card with all my telephone numbers and E-Mail for your convenience.

cc: Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos

Leslie S. Domonkos

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Dear Dr. Domonkos & family,

May this Christmas season
hold special happiness
for you and yours.

Thank you for everything. A unique
educational experience. Happy holidays.

Love,
Lorey

Dec 1996

Dr. Domonkos -

Thank you.

Thank you for both your time and your very kind words in helping me achieve my dream of attending graduate school. I appreciate it more than you will ever know! I also hope you had a wonderful holiday and have a great new year.

Thanks again,
Heather Heath



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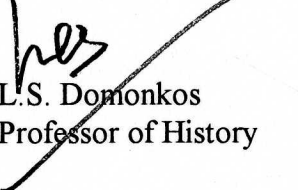
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Re: Graduate Faculty Membership Renewal

This is to alert you to the fact that you are in your last year of your term as a Member of the graduate faculty. Your current status will be effective until the end of the Summer 1997 quarter. To continue your graduate faculty status, a Regular Graduate Faculty Membership Application, with a recommendation from your department chairperson, must be forwarded to the Dean of Graduate Studies no later than February 15, 1997. My office will monitor the approval process of your application. We will forward the application materials to your College Graduate Studies Committee for approval and insure that the Membership Committee of Graduate Council and the Council deal with GSC approved applications expeditiously.

The following are enclosed:

1. Revised Graduate Faculty Membership structure
2. Regular Graduate Faculty Membership Application
3. Your college's Graduate Faculty Membership Standards Document
4. A copy of your last membership application.

Should you have any questions, please consult with your chair or contact Christine Domhoff in the Graduate Studies office at extension 3093.

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c: Chair
Graduate Coordinator
Dean

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Cl. 1996. jow. 25

Kedves Gaci, Erika!

Köszönöm a szép kardeműyi
megemlékezést. Sajnos nehéz
annyi aggodniam, elinténi
valam van, hogy kifutottam az
erőből. Anykóval ígertem
hogy elküldöm Pistinek a cikket
a Great Horned Owl ami Denver-
ben megjelent. Gaci sokat
tud erről, de azért érdemes olvas-
ni ezt a megvilágítást.

Sokszor csokolom Mindnyójtukot
szertette Kati néni.

March 26, 1996

Prof. L. S. Domonkos
Department of History
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio 44555

Dear Professor Domonkos,

I am in the process of applying for a tenure-track position in the Department of Humanities at Columbus State Community College.

I would like to request from you a letter of recommendation regarding my qualifications for such a position. If you are able, please include any pertinent observations regarding my skills as an instructor, in addition to my general qualifications.

Please address all correspondence to:

Human Resources Department
Madison Hall
Columbus State Community College
550 E. Spring St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215-1786

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 481-7952. Thank you, Dr. Domonkos, for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


D. Scott Van Horn

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1200 Macachee Dr.
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APRIL 15, 1996

Dear Friends, ' LACI ÉS ÉVA '

On behalf of the Session of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, the Refugee Resettlement Board, and especially myself and my family, I would like to express my appreciation to you for making my retirement celebration a memorable occasion and for your gift to me personally.

We have shared ministry, service, and friendship over the years, and I thank you for the good memories and your generosity.

HÁLA'S SZIVVEC KÖRÖNJÜK
SZOLGÁLATAINKRAZ KAPCSOLATOS
MEGÉRTŐ RÉSZVÉTELETEREKET ÉS
A KIFEJLÖDÖTT BARÁTI KAPCSO-
LATOT. KÖRÖNJÜK NAGYLELKÜ
AJÁNDEKÖTOKAT IS.

SZERETETTEL,

Ládon és Brooke

Dr. János M. Bok, Professor
Central European University
Dept. of Medieval Studies

POB 1082

H-1245 - Budapest 5, Hungary

PREPARED BY

DATE

Kedves Jánoskám!

It has been some time since we communicated and it is important that we resume our contacts.

A few items need your attention:

Old Business - a. Distributed books according to your instructions.

b. The volume looks good. As you have undoubtedly noticed, the print is generally sharper on top and bottom of page. Is this something that could be corrected?

c. To give the volumes some unity, would it be possible to design a jacket ^{hardcover} which would be used for the present volumes ^{and} as all subsequent volumes? Do give this some consideration. It would certainly improve the external aesthetics of the set.

d. On page with LC cataloging date Paul B. Harvey's name is given as Hervey.

On same page, bottom, G. Kati wants "Librarian" deleted. Wants us to add that she teaches Women's Studies in Hist. Dept.

New Business: a. Enclosed copies of letters from NEH thanking us for the volume we sent them.

b. We should try once more to get our project funded and send in an application by Sept. 1.

c. I have already contacted Zsuzsi Glanz and have sent her the cover sheet for signature.

d. Enclosed is our previous application with those areas highlighted where changes need to be made. Most of the alterations are time related and only you would be able to provide the info.

e. Need to determine if we will ask for $\$288,000$ for three years or about $\$56,000$ for two. Please think about this. Maybe a two year request would have a better chance. I don't know!

f. Please return to me the application form with your recommendations: interlinear or marginal glossae. I will once more produce the final copy, xerox in million copies, ship to NEA etc...

Eva (who send you greetings) and I are on our way to our usual vacation in Florida. Will be back by August 19th. Please try to have your suggestions back to me by then, so that I can put the application together and post mark by September 1.

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In all probability I will confer with you in late August concerning all of this.

Hope you are well and that all is running smoothly at CEN. Greetings to my friends.

With warmest regards,

Dr. Helga Robinson-Hammerstein

Secretary - General

International Commission for the History of Universities

20 Reglan Lane

Dublin 4, IRELAND - Europe.

Dear and distinguished friend,

Thank you for your kind letter of June 17. It was delightful to hear from you, although the content of your note caused me great sadness.

It was shocking to hear that our friend and colleague John Fletcher died so unexpectedly. He had such "joi de vivre", was a delightful chap and a most valuable member of our Commission. I can imagine what a terrible loss this has been for poor Pauline. Eva and I have written to her to express our most sincere condolences.

I am also most disturbed by the news that you were not well and had to give up your duties as Dean of Graduate Studies. You seemed to be terribly overworked when we last saw you in Dublin, but I attributed it all to the extra burdens you carried in connection with the Anniversary Celebrations. It is unfortunate that the University did not provide you with the secretarial assistance which would have possibly prevented your illness. A few years ago I faced a somewhat similar situation. Because of major administrative changes in this institution at that time, I got "sucked" into a number of important committees and

1 commissions which put an inordinate amount of strain upon me.
2 When my health began to suffer, I went to my physician
3 who told me bluntly that unless I made a radical change in
4 my lifestyle, I was headed for disaster and would not live
5 to see my grandchildren. I took his warning seriously, resigned
6 all my non-teaching obligations in an attempt at self-
7 preservation. It worked! I am happy to report that I have been
8 here to welcome two grandchildren in the last couple of years.

9 Missed you at Montreal. Congratulations on your election
10 to the office of Secretary General. You and Halde will make
11 an excellent team and I am looking forward to working with
12 you. As Vice President of CIHU, I represented our organization
13 at the 600th Anniv. of the founding of the University of
14 Obuda (Old Buda) last fall. A commemorative booklet as
15 well as an article about my trip to Hungary from the
16 student newspaper at YSU is enclosed.

17 The Budapest celebration in October was far more
18 modest than the events you organized in Dublin. My wife
19 ~~Eva~~ and I will always remember those wonderful and
20 festive days in Ireland, and think of you with great
21 affection. Our feelings of nostalgia for Dublin are especially
22 strong each March.

23 Sorry to inform you that I will not be able to attend
24 the Sesseri conference this fall. I have been invited to give
25 a lecture in Boston in mid-November and since depart-
26 mental travel funds are rather limited, I can not request
27 monies to fly to Europe in the same academic year. However,
28 I do plan to be in Prague in 1998 to participate in

1 the 650th anniv. celebrations. A previous attempt to visit
2 Prague in the old Cold War days was frustrated by the
3 Czech government in 1971, and thus I am looking forward
4 to the conference in a free and democratic country. In all
5 probability Eva will accompany me on that trip and we are
6 looking forward to seeing you again.

7 Your kind remarks concerning my "exquisite tact
8 and timely intervention" was understood and much
9 appreciated. Someday I hope we can sit down in a quiet
10 corner and talk about a number of things.

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12 Thank you again for your kind letter. I promise
13 to be better in keeping up on correspondence.

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15 Wishing you continued good health. In the
16 hope of hearing from you in the near future, I remain,
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19 Cordially,

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21 L.S. Domacko
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January 18, 1996

Professor Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
Vice President
International Commission History of Universities
59 Camelot Court
Canfield, OH 44406

Dear Lacko:

Please find enclosed the *Magyarság*, with your magnificent portrait in it on page 5.

With affectionate regards to Éva,

As ever,



A. L. Gabriel

ALG:mh
Enclosure



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May 23, 1996

Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
Department of History
UNIVERSITY

Dear Dr. Domonkos:

Your request for a research assistant during the **summer quarter** has been approved. We have encumbered \$ 600.00 for your graduate assistant, Elaine Fowler, whose appointment period begins on July 1, 1996. Your assistant will be paid \$6.00 per hour for a maximum of 20 hours per week. The student is also required to be registered for a minimum of 4 credit hours during the summer quarter.

Since we are working with limited funding, I am asking that you keep a careful record of the status of your allocation. You will receive a bi-weekly summary of your account which should be reconciled with your own record of the hours submitted, each time you sign a time card. I CANNOT guarantee payment if the student exceeds the allocated hours and dollars. As a faculty supervisor, it is your responsibility to ensure that this does not happen.

If you have any questions, please call Beth Kushner at ext. 3089.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter J. Kasvinsky".

Peter J. Kasvinsky, Ph.D.
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

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c: Dr. Jenkins, History



December 23, 1996

Youngstown State University / One University Plaza / Youngstown, Ohio 44555-0001

Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
59 Camelot Court
Canfield, OH 44406

Dear Les:

I am very pleased to notify you that you have been granted a sabbatical leave (three-quarters) for the 1997-98 academic year. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful leave.

As you know, your leave is governed by the conditions set forth in Article 6 of the Agreement between the YSU-OEA and the University, including the obligations assumed by each faculty member accepting a leave.

In particular, may I remind you that any significant change in the activities proposed and approved for the leave must be approved appropriately as outlined in Article 6.7 of the Agreement. May I remind you also that a recipient of a leave is obligated to return to the University for a minimum of two complete academic years following completion of the leave. If you resign or retire from the University prior to completion of this specific period, you must reimburse the University the salary paid by YSU during the period of the leave (Article 6.3).

Please also understand that within ninety days after completion of the leave, you must submit to your department chairperson a written report detailing the outcomes of the leave and report during the year to departmental and/or college colleagues on your leave, as provided in Article 6.8 of the Agreement.

Again, congratulations on being awarded a sabbatical leave (three-quarters) during 1997-98. The outcomes of your leave will clearly benefit you professionally and, through you, will serve the interests of students and the University.

Yours sincerely,

James J. Scanlon
Provost

hmd

c: Nancy White, YSU-OEA
Steve Hanzely, Faculty Relations
Shirley Carpenter, Human Resources
College Dean
Department Chairperson

MEZÖSSY MÁRIA:

Egyszerű dallamu ének Sanct Georg templomáról

Gabriel Astrik professzornak

—Sűrű ködben
elmerül —
s mikor újra
kiderül

a zöld torony
ott ragyog:
"lássátok, még
itt vagyok!"

Egy évezred
elvonult —
az ég sokszor
beborult;

a villám is
beütött:
harangnyelvet
kiszította.

Román ivék,
oszlopok,
láttak omló
kőromot —

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svéd harcost és
franciát.
Irtak róla
krónikát.

Nagy időben
elmerült.
Élő: holtta
szenderült. 191

Uj ár jött a
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friss szél
át a hegyeken — —

sorjáltak új
stációk —,
ünnepek,
processiók — —

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halfogás,
gyümölcsből "Most" —
sajtolás —

Sok vitorlás
délre szállt,
míg Jézus a
parton állt.

Sziget-erőd
temploma,
menekvők
"Asylum" a —

három ország
szögletén:
Hűség és
Történelem.

Oltárőrző
szentjei
a szentek
legszebbjei:

Gallus, Otmár és
Georg —
("sárkányölő
St. Georg")

Tudd: jó győz a
rossz felett —
csak Hit kell és
Szereetet.

Illattétel
özöne:
o Győzelem
öröme!

Harangszava
hivogat —
(St. Georg már
szólogat!)

"— Jertek, térdet
hajtani,
Sanctus! Sanctus!-t
mondani."

(Szent György temploma a Bodeni tó melletti Wasserburgban van, ahol szentgalleni magyar kalandozás idején, az egész monostor menedéket talált.)

ST. GEORGE
MAGYAR
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An behalf of the Youngstown
American Hungarian Federation
and Freedom Fighters; I wish
to extend sincere heartfelt thanks
to you.

We greatly appreciated the
time you took to be a part
of our program.

The presentation of your
speech was perfect for the
evening and the response
from the audience proved it
was greatly accepted by all.

Thank you again for
joining us at this gala
event.

Sincerely
Kathy Novak



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Letters to the Editor
The Plain Dealer
1801 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44114

On September 10, 1996 a letter written by Mr. John Hromyak appeared in the Plain Dealer under the rather disturbing heading of "A lesson in history."

As a historian I found Mr. Hromyak's letter to be filled with major errors of fact and of interpretation. To refute all the mistakes would require far more space than is allowed by the editorial policies of the PD.

The "warlike tribes of Tartars" with whom Mr. Hromyak incorrectly identifies the Magyars invaded Central Europe in the thirteenth century and not the ninth, a chronological error of almost 350 years. The Roman province of Pannonia that the Magyars supposedly invaded, had crumbled centuries before. While Slavic groups did indeed inhabit areas of the Carpathian Basin in 896, the Magyars filled the vacuum created by the destruction of the Avar Empire.

In the Middle Ages, Hungary along with the Holy Roman Empire, Italy, France, Spain etc.--was a multi-ethnic state. Within this multi-ethnic state the Magyars were numerically and politically the dominant group until the sixteenth century. They were not a minority within their own kingdom as Mr. Hromyak states. Nor does he seem to be familiar with the significance of the Hungarian Bill of Rights of 1222. This document was purely political in nature and regulated the relationship between ruler and nobility. It had nothing to do with the Magyars "forcing their culture and language upon the other ethnic groups." Even if this accusation was true, does Mr. Hromyak not find it strange that in the almost 700 years which have elapsed between 1222 and the end of WW I, Hungarians were spectacularly unsuccessful in assimilating the national groups which lived within their borders. By contrast, ethnic groups in the U.S. usually lose their identity within 3 or 4 generations.

The ethnic origin of Lajos Kossuth is completely irrelevant. When Kossuth arrived in America in 1851 he was hailed as the embodiment of a small nation's struggle for freedom and independence. He was a "Hungarian Hero" not an ethnic Slovak hero! Neither he nor anybody else seemed to care about his origins.

In discussing present day Hungary Mr. Hromyak is correct in pointing out that ethnic minority groups live within its borders. What he fails to mention is that the treatment of these minorities by the Hungarian government has been widely praised by human rights groups. Unfortunately the fate of 3.5 million Hungarians living in Slovakia, Romania and Voivodina is in marked contrast to the humane policies of the Budapest government toward its minorities. Ethnic Magyars living in the countries adjacent to Hungary are subjected to constant repression, persecution and humiliation. The governments in Bratislava, Bucharest and Belgrade have been severely criticized for these policies in the international press.

Those who take up the pen to teach "A lesson in history" would do well to first check their facts.

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Professor of History

A lesson in history

The Aug. 18 article "A Hungarian celebration" contains many falsehoods and omissions that Americans should know about.

Actually, 1100 years ago, warlike tribes of Tartars of Cummani invaded Pannonia, which was then a land of Slav/Celtic farmers and herdsmen. The word "Hungarian" does not refer to an ethnic group, but to the minority Magyars and the vast majority which were Slovaks, Roumanians, Gypsies, Germans, Ukranians, Croats, Serbs, Carpatho-Rusyns, held loosely together in a kingdom with the military support of the Germans. Even the "Hungarian Hero" Lajos Kossuth mentioned in the article was an ethnic Slovak, his name being Lajosh Koshut (spelled phonetically for Americans).

At the end of World War I, our "Hungary" or their "Magyarország" (Magyarland) was divided and the various ethnic groups were able to get out from under the heel of the Magyars. Because they allied themselves with Hitler, they

lost more territory at the end of the World War II. While it is true that Magyars or better "created" Magyars are now in neighboring countries, there are indeed other minority ethnic groups also living in Magyarország.

The claimed 1222 Hungarian Bill of Rights soon fell apart when this Magyar minority set about forcing their culture and language upon the other ethnic groups inside this kingdom with help from the Germans.

Several hundred thousand Americans think that they are the descendants of the mythical ethnic Hungarians, when in fact they are descendants of other ethnic groups that just happened to migrate to the United States at a time when they were simply under the thumb of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

America, get a little knowledge of eastern Europe's history lest you become as dumb as our politicians.

JOHN J. HROMYAK
Ravenna

Amerika, óh...

Fekete G. István

A közvélemény szerint még ma is jól táncolok, amikor pedig a kortársaim közül már sokan köszvénytől nyikorgó térdekkel és elmeszesedett ízületekkel csoszognak. És nem csak a tangóknak, slow fox-oknak és az egyéb lassú totyogásoknak vagyok mestere. Hanem ha muszáj, még ma is legényes virtussal csüdüngölöm a rumbát, szambát, cha-cha-chát, rock and rollt, twistet és a többi modern vitustáncot...

Egyre neveltségesebb hiúságom ugyanis nem engedi, hogy még a táncolásban is meglássék sajnálatosan előrehaladott — és melankolikus deprimáltságomat okozó — életkorom. Miközben levegő után kapkodó tüdővel, verejtékben fürdő arccal és gutaütéses tüneteket érezve duhajkodom a parketten, mindig fiatalos hetykeséggel mosolygom. Amivel azt akarom elhítenni nemcsak másokkal, hanem önmagammal is, hogy remek kondícióban vagyok, s némi legényes bakugrálás meg sem kottyán nekem. És, hogy ihaj-csuhaj! — öreg ember, nem vén ember.

Persze nem csodálható, hogy még mindig jól táncolok, mert ebben a szakmában öreg róka vagyok. Azaz, pardon... Nem öreg róka, hanem javakorabeli róka vagyok.

A tánc-tanulást már tíz éves koromban, mint a Gödöllői Premontrai Gimnázium francia tagozatának példás magaviseletű és hangyaszorgalmú tanulója megkezdtem. El kell ismernem, hogy nem önszántamból kezdtem meg a tánc-tanulást. Kikérem magamnak ezt a becsületeembe gázoló, aljas feltételezést! A tíz év körüli fiúgyermekéknél ugyanis nem normális dolog, ha táncolni akarnak tanulni. Egy ilyen irányú kérelem, általában kétségbeesett rémületet szokott okozni a szülőknél, mert ez többnyire azt jelenti, hogy izé... Szóval, hogy a fiúgyermekük részéről szerelmi érdeklődés nem lesz nőekkel kapcsolatos életük folyamán. (Na ugye, milyen finoman és költői érzékenységgel fejeztem ki magam!)
A Gödöllői intézetben az volt a szokás, hogy vasárnap, a reggel 9 óras nagymise után, délig Mimi néni táncoktatásán kellett résztvennünk, ami a díszteremben zajlott le. Gajdácsiné, a helyi tánc-tanárnő ugyanis nem felelt meg nekünk, mert mi olyan fene előkelő iskola voltunk. Bár lehet, hogy Gajdácsiné azért nem oktathatott bennünket, mert a harminc év körüli, elvált asszony, — akiről

mindenféle érdekes történetek keringtek a városban, — észbontóan szép és mesés alakú nő volt.

Nem tudom, hogy az intézet idős kanonok urai a rájuk bízott tanulók, avagy a kispapok erényeit féltették-e jobban Gajdácsinétól? Nem tagadom, hogy aggódásuk jogos volt, mert a gyönyörű Gajdácsinét meglátni és attól kezdve epekedni érte szinte pillanatok műve volt.

Mimi néni, — akinek jónevű tánciskolája volt Pesten, — vasárnaponként 8-10 „kislány” társaságában szokott érkezni. Rendkívül gáláns férfiú lévén, hölgyekre csak jót és szépet tudok mondani. Az írói integritás azonban sajnos igazmondást követel tőlem, ezért meg kell mondanom, hogy Mimi néni „kislányai”, még a vakok intézetében sem nyerhettek volna szépségversenyt. Némelyikük ikertestvére lehetett volna a mesebeli vasorrú bábának... És azoknak a nőszemélyeknek, akik éjjel körül sőprűnyélen szoktak lovagolni.

Rabtársaimmal meg voltunk győződve, hogy Mimi néni, az intézetünk agg vezetőinek határozott utasítása alapján válogatott össze ilyen elrettentő kinézésű hölgyeket. A cél valószínűleg az volt, hogy semmiféle bűnös gerjedelmet ne ébresszenek fel bennünk. Elvitathatatlan, hogy a ravasz terv teljes sikerrel járt.

Miközben Páva Gerzson, az erősen kancsal és enyhén ragyás zongorista vadul püfölte a billentyűket, Mimi néni piros csattogatójával irányított bennünket:

„...Egy-kettő... Tra-la...la... Csak graciózen kis medvék! Egy... kettő... Tra...la...la... Nem lépünk a kislányok lábára... Tra...la...la... Csak graciózen kis medvék...”

Mimi néni tánciskolájában aztán nemcsak megtanultam táncolni, hanem meg is szerettem ezt a népi sportot. Olyannyira, hogy tizenöt éves koromtól vakációk alatt és nyári szünidőkkben több évig kiségtettem nála mint tánc-tanár és Páva Gerzson tartalék dobosa. Istenem, de régen volt mindez...

Tizenegy éves fiam iskolájában nemrégiben táncmulatságot rendeztek, melyen ő is részt vett. Fiamról minden apai elfogultság nélkül állíthatom, hogy jóképű és nagyon ügyes mozgású kis srác, aki fél tucat sportágat űz versenyszerűen. Táncolni azonban nem tud. Ezért nejem önagysága azt ajánlotta neki a táncmulatság előtt, kérjen meg engem, hogy tanítsam meg táncolni.

— Mama, te viccelsz! — mondta szerelmes magzatom. — A papa nemcsak öreg és kövér, hanem úgy mozog, mint egy reumás medve! Vasárnap például 38:10-re vertem kosárlabdában, pedig csalt a számolásban... És nem is erőltettem magam, mert úgy lihegett, hogy attól féltem megüti a guta! Még, hogy tőle tanuljak táncolni?! Hehehe... Jó vicc!

Hallatlan szemtelenség ilyen szőmyűségeket mondani rám! Rám?! Aki évekig kedvenc tánc-tanára voltam Mimi néni kétfalás tanítványainak! Örület! S ami a legelszomorítóbb, hogy Nejem vidám kuncogással hallgatta fiunk sértegetéseit. Hát kellett nekem házasság? Hát kellett...?!

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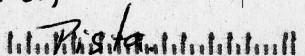
Kedves Laci és Éva:

Szépén sikerült múlt heti
látogatásunk a YSU
csoporttal. Meg vagyok győződve
hogy jó benyomással távoztak.
Én még itt maradok két hétig,
föbök között a Fulbright
Conferencián résztvenni. Alkítólag
Pres. Carter is fog egy beszédet
tartani. Majd beszámolok
részletesen mintán haza-
érkezek. Sok szeretettel
üdvözöllek Titeket,



Signature Kft. - Budapest

Fotó: Huber Pál



Domonkos Éva é László
c/o History Department
Youngstown State Univ.
Youngstown, OH 44555
U.S.A.



Please do FIRST

Dr. Tusor Peter

Középkori Magyar Történelmi Társaság

Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem

Piarista köz. 1.

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Dear Professor Tusor:

It is with great urgency that I am writing to you in the hope that my letter expressing enthusiastic desire to participate in the project to honor Varkonyi Agnes is still timely.

Your note of July 29 was not sent ~~via~~ Air Mail and must have come to Youngstown via Australia, Hong-kong and Peru! It arrived, in rather crumpled form, on October 21, with the request to signal my intent to participate by September 1.

I have the greatest admiration for Professor Varkonyi both as a scholar and as a human being and am delighted that she will be honored with a Festschrift. My most sincere thanks for the invitation to participate in this excellent project.

If my participation is still possible at this late date it will be necessary for us to communicate with each other on a number of points:

1. What is ~~to be~~ the length of the article ^{to be} submitted for publication in the Festschrift?

2. In what language do you want the contribution, Hungarian or English? Since I left Hungary as a child 51 years ago, my ability to express myself in a scholarly fashion in my native tongue is somewhat limited. How should we handle this problem?
3. Should I write it in English and have somebody ^(can you) in Budapest translate it into "good" Hungarian?
3. Concerning the subject matter of the article what is your suggestion? Do you want a contribution that has a Hungarian theme or can it be on a subject such as medieval influences on American colonial colleges? Your advise will be greatly valued.

Thank you again for asking me to participate in your plans to honor Prof. Várkonyi. I am looking forward to receiving instructions from you concerning the questions raised above. I hope that I can continue to correspond in English with you, while you write in Hungarian to me. Please make certain that the mail you send to me through ELTE is clearly marked "Air Mail" so that we can communicate with each other as quickly as possible. You can even FAX me at: 330-742- .

In the hope of hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I remain,

Cordially,
L. S. Dunbar
Professor of History



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November 1, 1996

Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
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Dear Leslie S. Domonkos:

Youngstown State University has a superb faculty who oversee a rich and diverse curriculum. One of our finest groups of teachers and scholars is found in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. This department supplements what its members do in the classroom with carefully chosen outside speakers who give addresses to large groups on campus on issues which our students need to think about. Recent speakers in the Albert J. Shipka Speakers Series of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies have examined the morality of physician-assisted suicide, the status of women in the Bible, the duties of humans to non-human animals, the problem of suffering for traditional religious believers, the fact and implications of religious pluralism in America, and the ideas of Ayn Rand, a champion of capitalism and limited government. Speakers scheduled for the 1996-97 academic year include an expert on Islam and a scholar who is exploring ethical ways to curb global population growth.

As dean of the college which houses Philosophy and Religious Studies, and as a frequent member of the audience of the department's speakers, I thank you for your generous support of this vital service to our campus and community. I assure you that the contribution that you made recently when you joined **The Philosophy Circle** is used wisely and accepted gratefully by all of us in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Please accept my personal congratulations for your role in making YSU a premier metropolitan university.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barbara Brothers'.

Barbara Brothers, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

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Prof. Lajos Éltető
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Kedves Lajos!

Please excuse the delay in sending you a copy of my Boston presentation. Andris had not mentioned this requirement until last Tuesday (Nov. 5). Unfortunately I have been slowed in my work by some retinal problems but have completed the text of my talk.

Being really "medieval" in my technical skills, I write everything in long hand, polish, rewrite, and then have it typed. The secretary is working on the article, and promises to have it done Wednesday afternoon. Will fax it to you then, or in worse case scenario, if it is not finished, will give the text to you upon arrival in Boston. I am really sorry for the inconvenience!!

Hope to see you in Boston. Éva will be accompanying me and it and it would be nice to get together during our stay.

My FAX no. is 330-742-2304.

With warm regards,

Bizsdi szeretettel ölel
Laci

October 30, 1996

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
Diocese of Youngstown
144 W. Wood Street
Youngstown, OH

Dear Bishop Tobin:

It was with great interest that I read an excerpt from your remarks at the Catholic *Educators* Conference held at Kent State University in late August (Exponent, Sept. 6, 1996).

As a Professor of Medieval and Renaissance history at YSU for the past 33 years, I have been concerned by the alarming decline of knowledge about our Church among the Catholic students in my classes. This is particularly true of basic theology and simple Church History. Last Winter Quarter, for example, I had 32 students in a survey of World Civilization course. In our discussions about the ordering of theology by Peter Lombard and Thomas Aquinas I asked the simple question: "What is a sacrament?" I received answers such as "It is like baptism," or "When you get married," etc... I told my class that I wanted to know the definition of a sacrament. Not one person knew the answer! I then quarried the class, wondering how many were Catholics? Of the 32 students 18 claimed to be members of the Church and upon further inquiry I found that nine were graduates of local Catholic high schools. Unfortunately this shocking level of ignorance is not unique. In the Spring Quarter I repeated the same set of questions with statistically almost identical results.

You are absolutely correct in your statement that "we have forgotten about the importance of giving material facts and doctrine to our young people". I find this development tragic and its implications disturbing for the future of the American Church.

I am convinced that we can only love somebody or something if we couple that love with knowledge. Yet we see before us a generation of Catholics who have no understanding of the basic tenets of their faith and do not comprehend the historical development of a Church that has survived for almost 2000 years. How can they love an institution that they do not know?

Please do not think that I am some bitter old man on a campaign to restore the pre-Vatican II Church. Not at all. I have, however, looked with alarm at the erosion of standards in Catholic education in the last quarter century. Years ago I wrote to Bishop Malone (whom I greatly admire as a person), urging him to take some steps to halt this decline. I suggested the introduction of some meaningful courses into the high school curriculum which would help students to understand the traditions of our Church. I know that Malone received my letter, but for some unknown reason he never answered.

Note that I do not expect an answer from you either. It is sufficient that you continue to challenge the teachers and students in this diocese to learn some basic doctrine. Maybe the day

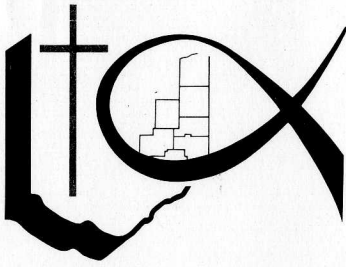
will come when Catholic students in my classes will know the definition of a sacrament and will be able to enumerate all seven of them.

May God continue to bless you in your efforts to build a more enlightened community of faith in this diocese.

With warm personal regards, I remain,

Cordially,

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



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November 5, 1996

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Dear Doctor Domonkos:

Thank you for your letter of October 30, 1996, in which you convey your support for my attempt to emphasize the basic doctrines of our Catholic Faith with our children. In my Confirmation ceremonies, and in my personal visits to both elementary and high schools of the Diocese, I have continued to emphasize that point. I am pleased to note and to share with you that our young people are responding to my challenge, and in almost every situation have been able to discuss with me the Sacraments and the Commandments.

The knowledge of the basics of our Faith is indeed essential to the living-out of our Faith. I certainly appreciate your affirmation of my efforts in this regard, and hope, that in the not-too-distant future, you will be able to see some positive results even at the University level.

Thank you for taking the time to write. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Youngstown

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November 7, 1996

Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
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Dear Les:

Thank you for joining the **The Philosophy Circle for 1996-97**. Your pledge of \$150 is deeply appreciated by all of us who work to imbue YSU students with the knowledge and the critical thinking skills necessary for personal and professional success in the twenty-first century.

Your payment of \$75 has been received and deposited in the proper account. I will send you a reminder in the new year about the balance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom'.

Thomas A. Shipka, Ph.D.
Professor and Chair

P.S. Our next speaker is Dr. Margaret Battin of the University of Utah who will speak on "Global Population and Reproductive Rights" at noon in the Chestnut Room on Monday, February 3. At 3:00 p.m. the same day she'll do a colloquium on end-of-life dilemmas for the faculties and majors of Philosophy & Religious Studies and Nursing. Dr. Battin's YSU appearance is co-sponsored by , The Dr. James Dale Ethics Center, the YSU Nursing Department, the YSU Geography Department, Planned Parenthood of the Mahoning Valley, and Hospice of the Valley. You are invited to these, of course, as well as to the holiday party of the Dept. of Phil. & Rel. St. on Sunday, December 8, at Jimmy Chieffo's in Warren. Also, I will get a photo of you from YSU Media Services and place it in the display featuring **The Philosophy Circle** in my department.

Amerika, óh...

Fekete G. István

Évi átlagban 80-100 levelet kapok olyan Olvasóktól, akik az Édesapám, vagy az én írásaimmal, (esetleg személyemmel) kapcsolatban akarnak közölni valamit. A legőszintebben mondhatom, hogy még soha olyan megüszteltetéssel nem olvastam egyetlen nekem írt levelet sem, mint amikor kézhez kaptam Dr. Gábriel L. Asztrik levelét. A minden túlzás nélkül világhírnék mondható, világszerte ismert és rendkívül nagy tiszteletnek és elismerésnek örvendő egyetemi tanár, Amerikában, az Indiana államban lévő „munkahelyéről”, — a Notre Dame egyetemről küldte levelét.

Hinni szeretném, hogy Dr. Gábriel Asztrik professzor úr nem haragszik meg rám és nem veszi modortalanságnak tőlem, hogy előzetes engedélye nélkül néhány sort közlök leveléből, melynek közlését kizárólag az iránta érzett nagy tisztelet, hála és szeretet „forszírozott” ki belőlem. Íme a néhány sor:

„Kedves Fekete G. István, a gödöllői kanonokrend fró alumnusa! Az „*Amerikai Magyarország*” 1996. április 20-i számában volt szerencsém olvasni az „Amerika, óh...” című rovatának humoros írását. (A rovatát nemcsak Ön miatt, hanem nagy magyar fró Édesapja tiszteletére is mindig elolvasom.) Könyvtáramban egyébként megvan az Édesapjának 1957-ben kiadott „*Bogáncs*” című nagyszerű könyve, — több tőle kapott levéllel és képeslappal oda beragasztva... Jőmagam még jól emlékszem, mikor ragyogó tollú Édesapja elhozta hozzám Önt Gödöllőre és az általam vezetett gimnázium francia tagozatába való felvételét kérelmezte... Amint említettem, a fent jelzett „Magyarországban” olvastam humoros anekdotáját a gödöllői gimnáziumról. Költői szabadsággal mindent lehet és szabad is írni, — de azért talán nem mindannyian voltunk „goromba kinézésű és viselkedésű kanonokok”, mint ahogy azt Ön írta az egyik tanáráról. Milyen vigasztaló lenne, ha a nagy hírv Fekete István fró, sokak által olvasott és kedvelt fró fiának tollából pár sor kedvezőbb megemlékezést kapnának a volt gödöllői premontrei kanonok tanárok.

Édes Szüleit, Nővérét imába foglalva, Fekete G. István frónak és családjának minden jót, karriere-belit és irodalmi sikereket kívánva,

szerezzel marad: Gábriel Asztrik László”.

Nem szégyellem bevallani, hogy párás szemű meghatottsággal olvastam volt kedves igazgatóm levelét. Fél évszázad futott el mellettünk utolsó találkozásunk óta, de csak az kell hozzá, hogy lehunyjam a szemem és kitérjem a szívem és újra magam előtt látom Gábriel Asztrik igazgató urat. Fiatalon, tele energiával és agilitással, szinte mindig melegen mosolygó arccal, vidám, nevető szemekkel... És hallom harsány hangját, mikor néha összefutottunk valahol a gimnáziumban, vagy az intézetben.

— Comment ça va Etienne?! — kérdezte és látszott rajta, valóban érdekl, hogy miképpen vagyok.

— Merci beaucoup... Je vais bien... — köszöntem dadogva érdeklődését.

— Mes amities a ton parents... — vagyis, hogy üdvözli a Szüleimet. S miközben én valami köszönetfélést makogtam, az igazgató úr összeborzolta hajamat, vagy gyengéden megbokszolt és elsietett valahova.

Ezúton szeretném biztosítani a világhírv professzor urat, — aki párizsi, müncheni, milánói, cambridgei, budapesti egyetemek emeritusa és díszdoktora, — hogy Rá és a gödöllői premontrei kanonok urakra mindig csak hálával, tisztelettel és szeretettel gondolok. S szívem minden őszinteségével állíthatom, hogy premontrei tanáraitól többet tanultam, mint talán az egész további életem alatt. Nemcsak az általános műveltséghez és iskolázottsághoz szükséges tudnivalókat, hanem emberi tisztességet, becsületet, humanitást és hazaszeretetet is...

Amiért egész életemben adósa leszek Dr. Gábriel L. Asztrik professzor úrnak és a gödöllői kanonok uraknak. És, ha Magyarországon élnek, tíz éves fiamat csakis a néhány éve újra megnyílt gödöllői premontrei intézetbe küldeném.

Nagybátyám, — Dr. Saád Ferenc, — ugyancsak francia nyelv és irodalomszakos egyetemi tanár volt. Neki mondta egyszer egy híres francia professzor, hogy: „Gábriel Asztrik szebben és tökéletesebben beszél franciául, mint a született franciák legalább 90 százaléka!”

Befejezésül meg kell mondanom, hogy bár Gábriel Asztrik professzor úr levelének rendkívül örültem, de azt kissé sajnálom, hogy elküldte a második gimnazista bizonyítványom másolatát. (És a többi osztálytársamét is.) Amiből kiderült, bár igaz ugyan, hogy magyar nyelvtanból és irodalomból, földrajzból, történelemből, honvédelmi ismeretekből kitűnő osztályzatom volt, s a többi tantárgyaktól is főként jó és közepes, de... De magaviseletből és szorgalomból senkinek nem volt rosszabb osztályzata nálam!

Ez a kompromittáló dokument sajnos Nejem és gyermekeim avatatlan kezébe került. Akiknek én hosszú évek óta azt meséltem, hogy példás magaviseletű gyermek és hangyaszorgalmú tanuló voltam. S akit a tanárok rajongva szeretek, követendő példaképnek állítottak az osztálytársaim elé...

Hogy finom, szépirodalmi stílusban fejezzem ki magam, ezzel az árulkodó bizonyítvánnyal piszkolok lebuktatott a drága Gábriel Asztrik igazgató úr. Lehet, hogy ez volt célja...?! Mert rendkívül bölcs férfív lévén sejtette, hogy Hári Jánost megszégyenítő meséket adok le tanulmányi múltamról a családomnak és így akart az igazmondás mezszygyéjére téríteni. Az egyetlen megnyugtató a dologban, hogy a családom előtt eddig sem volt tekintélyem, tehát nincs mit elvesztem.

FAX 011-36-1-266-5699

December 10, 1996

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With warm greetings for the approaching Holiday Season, I remain,

Cordially, *Üdvözlettel,*
L. S. Domonkos

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

April 2, 1996

Dear Dr. Domonkos,

We enjoyed having you attend the Biennial Dinner in November and thought you might like another event.

The enclosed information may be shared with other persons, especially those at Youngstown State, who might enjoy the program.

Hope to see you in May.

Sincerely,
Francine Sobon
Secretary

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July 29, 1996

Professor Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
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Dear Dr. Domonkos:

Dr Gabriel was upset that your newsitem and your excellent lecture and publication at the 600th anniversary of the University of Buda were not published. He talked to Dr. Powell, Associate Dean, and it is in the presence of the secretary of Dr. Gabriel he did not use any Hungarian that would not be acceptable in the English translation.

We are sending it again to the specific attention of Dr. Powell.. Hopefully, something will be published. With love to Eva.

Sincerely,

Merri Heick

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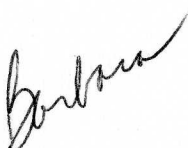
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TO: Les Domonkos
FROM: Barbara Brothers
DATE: 7 November 1996 
SUBJECT: Recommendation of Sabbatical Request

This is to inform you that I have highly recommended your Sabbatical Request for the 1997-98 academic year.

BB:mm



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November 22, 1996

Professor L. S. Domonkos
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Dear Professor Domonkos:

Thank you for your proposal submitted for the 1997 Sewanee Mediaeval Colloquium on the theme "Death, Sickness, and Health in Mediaeval Society and Culture." I am pleased to inform you that we will be able to include your paper in the program of what promises to be a very stimulating meeting.

I should like to take this opportunity to remind you that your paper must be submitted in its final form, including footnotes or endnotes, by 20 February 1997 in order to give your commentator time to work on it. Papers should not exceed ten double-spaced pages (excluding notes). If you are a graduate student or have received your Ph.D. since June 1994 and would like your paper to be considered for the Sewanee Mediaeval Colloquium Prize, please include a statement to this effect in a letter accompanying your paper.

After the Colloquium a number of papers will be selected for publication in *Sewanee Mediaeval Studies*. The deadline for submission of papers for publication is 31 August 1997. Further details of procedures to be followed will be sent to you after the Colloquium.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sewanee in April.

Yours sincerely,

Susan J. Ridyard

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SJR:skb

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Középkori és Kora Újkori

Magyar Történelmi Tanszék

1052 Budapest, V., Piarista köz 1.

Budapest, 1996. július 29.

Tisztelt Professor Úr!

Örömmel értesítem, hogy az utóbbi évtizedben Magyarországon is újból életre kelő hagyományt követve tanszékünkön előmunkálatok kezdődtek abból a célból, hogy Várkonyi Ágnes hetvenedik születésnapján munka- és pályatársai, barátai, tanítványai és tisztelői – egyebek mellett – közös tanulmánykötetettel köszönthessék.

Tisztelettel felkérem, hogy erre az alkalomra megírandó tanulmányával az emlékkönyv szerzőinek sorában helyet foglalni szíveskedjék.

A kézirat leadásának határideje 1997. május 1-én lesz, egyéb részletekkel szíves válaszában kézhezvétele után tudok szolgálni. Ez utóbbit kérem, legkésőbb 1996. szeptember 1-ig juttassa el tanszékünkre, a szerkesztő nevére címezve.

Tisztelettel köszönti,



Tusor Péter

dokt. öd., szerk.



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December 10, 1996

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With warm greetings for the approaching Holiday Season, I remain,

Cordially,

Üdvözléssel,

L. S. Domonkos
Professor of History

Dr. L. S. Domonkos
Youngstown State University
FAX: 330 742 2304

Tisztelt Tanár UR,

szíves elnézését kérem levelem hosszúra sikeredett utazásért,
de sajnos az egyetem nem teszi lehetővé a légi postázást.

Megtisztelő válaszát köszönettel fogadtam, Várkonyi Professoromné
nevében is. Az alábbiakban röviden válaszolok kérdéseire, valamint
mellékelem az itthoni szerzőknek küldött általános tájékoztatót.

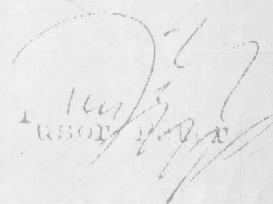
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Angol nyelvű tanulmányát is örömmel közöljük, magyarrá fordítása
nem hiszem, hogy szükséges lenne, kivéve, ha Professor UR ragaszkodik
hozzá.

Tematikus megkötés nincsen, de némi egységesség kedvéért köszönettel
fogadnánk, ha munkájának lennének Közép-európai vonatkozásai, illetve
valamiképpen kapcsolódna Várkonyi Ágnes munkásságához.

Budapest, 1996. novemberében

Tisztelettel,



László Domonkos

FAX: /36/ 1 266 56 99

P.S. Ha meglesz tanulmányának témája,
kérem minden tudatni sziveskedjek!



December 23, 1996

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Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
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Dear Les:

I am very pleased to notify you that you have been granted a sabbatical leave (three-quarters) for the 1997-98 academic year. Congratulations and best wishes for a successful leave.

As you know, your leave is governed by the conditions set forth in Article 6 of the Agreement between the YSU-OEA and the University, including the obligations assumed by each faculty member accepting a leave.

In particular, may I remind you that any significant change in the activities proposed and approved for the leave must be approved appropriately as outlined in Article 6.7 of the Agreement. May I remind you also that a recipient of a leave is obligated to return to the University for a minimum of two complete academic years following completion of the leave. If you resign or retire from the University prior to completion of this specific period, you must reimburse the University the salary paid by YSU during the period of the leave (Article 6.3).

Please also understand that within ninety days after completion of the leave, you must submit to your department chairperson a written report detailing the outcomes of the leave and report during the year to departmental and/or college colleagues on your leave, as provided in Article 6.8 of the Agreement.

Again, congratulations on being awarded a sabbatical leave (three-quarters) during 1997-98. The outcomes of your leave will clearly benefit you professionally and, through you, will serve the interests of students and the University.

Yours sincerely,

James J. Scanlon
Provost

hmd

c: Nancy White, YSU-OEA
Steve Hanzely, Faculty Relations
Shirley Carpenter, Human Resources
College Dean
Department Chairperson

2/14/96

Dear Dr. Lamoukos:

I am enclosing copies of the two Postal cards I mentioned to you in our conversation Tuesday. I really don't know what information you may derive from them relating to Gina Andrássy, and who the writer of the cards Nicolas might be. I do attach some significance to the English half of the writing on the upper picture of one of the cards.

Respectfully,

Heleu Shurilla



March 29, 1996

Professor Dr. Leslie S. Domonkos
59 Camelot Court
Canfield, OH 44404

Dear Laci:

Please find enclosed a copy of the release I am sending to the Graduate School or to the University of Notre Dame Magazine. With every best wishes and greetings to Eva, I am,

As ever,

A. L. Gabriel
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Enclosure

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Mr. L. S. Domonkos,

May I please take an incomplete for History 511. I will not be able to be at the final on Tuesday. We were with the judge today and he was not real happy that the division of assets have not been started. We have to have the division done by 10 AM Dec. 16, 1996. I don't know if I will be in Ohio picking up Chicago unloading. If you need further papers on the divorce orders I could give you a copy.

I was hoping to take the final the second week of Jan. 97 after you start back for winter quarter.

I have so many different court dates I will work with what ever is best for you.

I need this grade to transfer, so I don't want to lose the hours.

Yours truly,
Cheryl M. Pacak
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Many thanks
letter report
Anniversary
in Budapest



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With all good
wishes for a peaceful
1996

Harold

Many thanks also for the
booklet with studies on the
History of the University of Obuda



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Dear Dr. Domonkos,

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And you're
the kind of teacher
who really reaches out
with the kind
of help and encouragement
that means the most.

Thanks!

I just want you to know
how much I enjoyed being in
your class. You have such
an interesting manner in
presenting the material.
I hope you had a nice
holiday. God bless you,
Bertha Thomas



1996. január 29.

Draga Évám Lacikám! és dínányá-
jan!

1996. január 2. -án megkaptam tőletek sokszor elolvastam és nagyon élveztem. Becsúszatok meg nekem öreg nagynénitéknek, hogy csak most küldöm válaszomat. Sajnos nagyon megröm-
lott a látásom, és csak akkor tudok írni, ha napos idő van. Égy ma megpróbálok be-
szólni. Rengeteget gondolok igen nagy reze-
tettel, de miután a 90.-ik évemet tapasztom ez
érezhető. Hal' Istennek bár az egészségem si-
malmas, /éresséület, súlyos térdizület stb.) dínad
ehhez 26. éve özvegyég. Viszont nem tudok
elégy hála' lenni jó Isteneimnek, hogy az
egyetlen, ami még normális, az a gyám.
Teljesen egyedül látom el magamat, főzők,
takarítok, varrok is, ha süt a nap.

Sajnos hetek óta borongós volt az idő és azért
a kedvelmes olvasás. Aranyos Évám és
dínányáján! El sem hiszitek gondolatban mennyi-
nyit vágyok tőletek és mennyire örülök tő-
letek és a családot többi tagjának sikerés életére és elismeré-
résére. Én 83 éves koromban még
korrepetáltam olyan gyerekeket,
akikkel nem boldogultak segítség
tanító nénik. Most sem sajnál-
gatom magamat, hanem elfog-
lalom magam és soha nem
unathozom. Sőt, hogy kinevettek
de egyenesen nem érdekel, hogy
90.-ik évemben vagyok. Van egy barátinóm
aki 105 éves, és még néha ír nekem.



Igen büszke vagyok Lacóra, azt is tudom, hogy
ittlétekor szerepelt a T.V.-ben, csak én sajnos nem
láttam, mert ő olyan szerény, hogy nem élesztett.
Somonkos Éva látta ő véletlenül éppen nézte a
a T.V.-t és mondta nekem.

Igazán boldogok lehetek, mert a családok min-
den tagja szorgalmas, becsületos és minden-
tekintetben rendes. Hal Istennek én sem panas-
kodhatom, mert úgy a gyermekeim, mint az un-
okaim, sőt a dédunokáim is csak örömet és
boldogságot keresnek nekem, úgy Gyulka,
mint Pali gyermekei egyaránt.

Szörnyű lett az irásom, de azért talán el tudja-
tok olvasni, nem tudom tudjátok-e, hogy nő-
vérem aki 94 éves volt, 1995-ben rendszeresen el-
aludt. Ezen család népe szeretnék én is el-
menni. És igazán kegyelem, különös nagy aján-
doka Istennek. Így halt meg Maria nővérem, Édes
apám, Édesanyám és Sziska. 12 gyerek közül már
csak ketten élünk Józsi öcsém és én.

Ma nagyon sokat gondolok Bóbyra. Remélem telje-
sen jól van már, és talán az idén is jön Buda-
pestre és személyesen találkozhatunk?

Drágáim! Ezen biztosan utólag jövök rá, hogy er-
ről vagy arról akartam írni és kimaradt e
levélből, de szerencsére most is remek napü-
tés van, ha minisz 3° van is, a fő, hogy ha si-
kerül még ma utnak indítom a levelet.

Mindnyájatoknak minden jót főleg egészséget
és boldogságot, munkátokban boldogulást
kívánok. Aligegyszer körönnöm élvezetes remek leve-
ledet évám. Sok csókkal öleléssel búcsúsom:

Julia emlétek.