

December 12, 1983

Mr. Lee K. Hensel  
2217 South Turner Road  
Youngstown, OH 44515

Dear Mr. Hensel

We are pleased to tell you that your application for admission to the Graduate School of Youngstown State University has been approved.

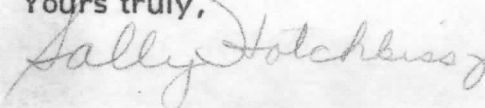
Your legal resident status for tuition purposes is resident.

You have been accepted for the Winter Quarter, 1984, in the History program as a non-degree student. If you later seek a degree, please note that a maximum of twelve quarter hours credit, taken as a non-degree student, may be applied.

Your advisor is Dr. Domonkos, Arts & Sciences. You will receive from the Registrar's Office information on registration time and procedure.

If you have any questions, or if you have not received a catalog, please call Norma Jean at the office of the Graduate School, 742-3091.

Yours truly,



Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost and  
Dean of Graduate Studies

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Contact: Dr. Ilona Sándor  
Dr. Ilona Vasko  
at 371-3328

THE SAINT MARGARET HUNGARIAN SCHOOL

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CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Friday, May 13, 1983 at 7 P.M.

University Center, Room 109

Title of Presentation:

ITALIAN UNIVERSITIES AND HUNGARIAN HUMANISM IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY

Guest Speaker:

Dr. László Domonkos, Professor of History

Youngstown State University

László Domonkos was born in Budapest and received his early education in Hungarian, German and French schools before coming to the United States in 1951. He took his undergraduate degree in history and French from Youngstown University and continued his graduate education at the University of Notre Dame, where he was awarded an MA degree in Early Modern European History. He became a fellow of the Mediaeval Institute of Notre Dame and earned the degrees of Master of Medieval Studies and Doctor of Medieval Studies in 1963 and 1966 respectively. During the 1963-1964 academic year he studies at the University of Vienna, Austria as a Fulbright Scholar.

Since 1964 he has been on the faculty of Youngstown State University. He has lectured at a number of institutions of higher education, among them the universities of British Columbia, Notre Dame, Indiana, Duquesne, Cincinnati and the University of Warsaw in Poland. He has been a participant in several regional, national and international scholarly conferences. With grants from the International Research and Exchange Board and the American Council of Learned Societies he has done extensive research in European archives and libraries.

Professor Domonkos is a specialist in Late Medieval and Renaissance Hungarian cultural history. He has contributed a number of articles to journals, encyclopedias and Festschriften and is currently preparing a major monograph on the reign of the great Renaissance ruler of Hungary, Matthias Corvinus.

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The Department of History

April 14, 1983

Mr. Fred R. Taylor  
Vice President & General Manager  
Best Western Motor Inn and Motel  
5551 Murray Street  
Niagara Falls, Canada L2G 2J4

Dear Mr. Taylor,

Almost a year has passed since we exchanged correspondence concerning a letter of complaint I had written.

In your kind and gracious letter of April 26, 1982 you had extended an invitation to us to return to Niagara Falls and offered a whirlpool suite, with your compliments.

In my reply, I thanked you for the offer, but indicated that it was inconvenient for us to avail ourselves of your hospitality at that time.

My wife and I would like to spend a week-end at Niagara Falls, and if possible, would like accommodations for Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23 in one of your whirlpool suites. Naturally I am ready to pay for the second day of our stay.

I would very much appreciate if you could accommodate us on the above dates. Early next week I will call your reservation/sales office and shall ask for Ms. Mary Taylor, as you instructed in your last letter.

Your efforts in this matter are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

February 7, 1983

Consular Section  
American Embassy  
SzabadsAg ter 8  
Budapest, Hungary

Dear Consul General:

Please issue an entry visa to the United States to Miss Eva Domonkos, who plans to ~~visit~~ visit us in late spring or early summer of 1983.

Miss Domonkos will leave Budapest in early May and shall return to Hungary in mid or late June. (These are tentative dates). During this period she will be my guest in Youngstown, Ohio and we will naturally assure all responsibilities for her maintenance. Miss Eva Domonkos is my first cousin. She is a young woman of excellent character and great professional skill. I know her well and am very fond of her. My family and I were in Budapest in 1970-1971, 1973 and in 1979 on IREX Grants as Senior Research Professor at the Institute for Historical Sciences of the Hungarian Academy. During the course of these extended stays we have had the chance to make the acquaintance of Miss Domonkos and have the highest regard for her.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to her visit and ask the American Embassy to process her documents without delay. In case of any unforeseen problems, please contact me immediately so that we have ample time to eliminate possible difficulties.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

March 10, 1983

Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President  
International Commission for the  
History of Universities.  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Doctissime Magister Astricus de Pannonia,

Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy of the  
title pages of my articles. There should be 1 or 2  
before summer.

Hope your trip to Toronto was pleasant and  
successful. We will be in Florida until March 21.  
Will call you after return to Youngstown.

With warmest regards, I remain

The Department of History

February 6, 1982

Mr. Sandor Puski  
Puski-Corvin Hungarian Books  
1590 Second Avenue  
New York, NY 10028

Kedves Sandor,

It has been some time that I have placed an order with you. Fortunately I was on a sabbatical in Hungary and had the chance to buy a number of volumes for my research in Medieval and Renaissance history.

At the time of our last transaction one of the books I ordered was missing and you owe me \$10.29. I would like to have the following volume:

Gyortty Gyorgy, szerk. <u>Laszlo kiraly emlekezete</u> , Price	22.60
	Postage 1.26
	<u>13.86</u>

Enclosed you will find a check for 3.60 to cover the difference.

In your 1981 November Catalogue (page 95) you also indicate that you have Szekely Istvan, Cronika a vilag jeles dolgairol, 1558 (facsimile edition) for \$30.60. If you still have a copy, I would like to purchase it! When you send the Laszlo Kiraly, please indicate if you have it or preferably send it, and I shall reimburse you immediately upon receipt of the volume.

With best wishes for the New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

The Department of History

January 6, 1983

Dr. Joseph Held, Assoc. Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Rutgers University-Camden Campus  
Camden, New Jersey 08101

Kedves Joska,

This is a brief note to let you know how sorry I am that we were unable to get together in Washington. ~~Thursday morning~~ ~~Thursday morning~~ I tried to ring your room and even left a message but you must have checked out earlier. I had hoped that you and your wife and Eva and I could at least have lunch together that day, but you were gone. I feel really bad about the way things worked out and regret that we did not make previous arrangements. Next time let us plan ahead.

Among the things I wanted to discuss with you is my own work. Fortunately I have a research sabbatical for this quarter which enables me to stay home, and write. This past summer was most profitable from a scholarly aspect. With great dedication I put myself to work each day and the result is that 300 pages are complete. This covers the political history of Hungary from about 1450 to 1476. The next three months I will finish the period from 1476 to the death of Matthias in 1490. This will be about 200 pages. During the spring quarter, but especially this summer I hope to finish the cultural history in again about 250 pages. The total manuscript is projected at 700-750 typed pages plus notes, bibliographies, etc. I am most anxious to get this behind me, so that I can concentrate on our joint project. Since the book we are planning is a synthesis of the work I am doing now, I do not see any major difficulties. The problem is always the same: time. I find that when I am teaching, the amount of energy I have left for other projects is minimal. This is why I am so happy with the sabbatical, so I can immerse myself in the work.

The book on Matthias has undergone a major reorientation. Originally it was to be primarily a study of cultural developments (about 250 pages) plus a brief political history (60-80 pages). As it stands now the political portion will constitute 2/3 of the volume simply because it is high time that we have a more modern, less clerical or nationalistic interpretation of Matthias than Fraknoi, Homan and Elekes. I have tried to go back to the sources and hope to have a

Dr. Joseph Held

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volume similar to what Heymann and Odlozilik did for George Podebrady. When it is ready I would like to have a meeting with you to discuss certain problems of interpretation. I value your judgment very much and would be interested in your evaluation.

Otherwise there is not much to report. I ~~was~~ happy to hear that you are the next President of the AASHH. That is great. The organization will be in good hands.

Joskam, please give my regards to your dear wife and accept my apologies for the events at Washington. It could have been handled better.

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



The Department of History

March 3, 1983

Prof. Gyorgy Ranki, Hungarian Chair  
Department of Ural and Altaic Studies  
Goodbody Hall  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, IN 47405

Kedves Gyurkam,

Please advise me concerning the panel on "Renaissance in Central Europe" which was planned for April 7-9, 1983. I am entirely in the dark about this matter. Was the topic I suggested acceptable, if yes how long should my presentation be, do I have to send the paper to a commentator ahead of time, etc.

Since time is short and we are planning a 10 day trip to Florida on March 12, I would appreciate if you would let me know how this matter stands.

Enclosed you will find a brief study, a reprint from the exhibit of Hungarian Renaissance Art and History held last year at Schallaburg Austria, co-sponsored by the Hungarian National Gallery and the Austrian Ministry of Culture.

Please convey my fond greetings to your dear wife. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

March 3, 1983

Prof. Dr. A. L. Gabriel, President  
International Commission on the History  
of Universities  
P. O. Box 578  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, IN 46556

Doctissime Magister,

Thank you for your kind call of last Sunday and for the invitation to submit a possible topic for the meeting at Stuttgart in 1985. After further reading and reflection I have come up with two tentative titles:

- 1) "Robert Hutchins of the University of Chicago in Defense of the University."
- 2) "Robert Hutchins of the University of Chicago in Pursuit of the Ideal University."

In the summer of 1984 I could go to Chicago and complete my research on him so that the paper in Germany would be up to the quality for which the Subcommittee is famous.

Enclosed you will find an up-to-date Vita form. I am also Xeroxing the covers of my articles and sending it to you under separate cover.

Enjoyed the letter of Karcsi bacsi, He has not changed and is the "eternal beneficiarius." I am returning his letter for your "archives."

Hope your trip to Toronto was pleasant. We are going to Florida on March 12 and will be back on the 21st. Will call you.

With best wishes, your devoted student,

The Department of History

March 3, 1983

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay  
MTA Irodalom tudomány Intezet  
Menesi ut. 11-13  
H-1118 Budapest  
HUNGARY, EUROPE

Kedves Tibor,

Please excuse the long silence. You will be happy to hear that the main reason is my deep involvement in the research and writing of the Matthias Corvinus book. Fortunately I am on a research leave from the University until the end of March and so I have been able to work well. The political history is finished until the siege of Vienna in 1485 and I have now two more chapters plus the Epilogue to complete. I hope to finish it before I have to return teaching on March 29. The manuscript is now over 400 pages plus notes. The completed and revised political history should be in your hands by June 1.

During the summer I plan to finish the cultural history and if all goes well will bring it personally to Budapest in early September. By then you will be able to tell me how the Lector (Erik?) liked the political history section. As it looks now, it will be a new much needed ~~testament~~ testament of Matthias' career, in far greater detail than was ever done in any language.

The work you and your colleagues did on the Schallaburg Catalogue is remarkable. It is not only beautiful aesthetically but it is immensely ~~remarkable~~ scholarly. The volume is filled with excellent studies, vivid pictures and is a storehouse of information. The bibliographical information which it makes available is an extremely useful research tool. I have found it to be very helpful in my own work and treasure it. Unfortunately I have only one copy of the volume because of some misunderstanding. As I indicated to you in our telephone conversation in August. The Book did not come although you had indicated that it should have reached me long ago. I then wrote to Dr. Stangler as you had suggested. He was most kind, sent me a copy but indicated that he was under the impression that the Hungarians would send me the promised two copies. Fortunately I have the catalogue in my possession but would have liked another for the University Library. If by chance you have an extra copy or two I would very much appreciate if you could send it to me.

At the time that I send you the manuscript I will write a long letter explaining what I have done and how I view the project. Now I will return to work and finish the chapters which still need completion

MTA Irodalom tudomány Intezet  
Menesi ut. 11-13  
H-1118 Budapest

Please give my fond greetings to your family and to my dear friends in Budapest. With best wishes, I remain

The Department of History

March 9, 1983

Dr. James J. John  
Professor of History  
McGraw Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York 14853

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your amusing letter concerning the volume of studies by our former master A. L. Gabriel. In the course of conversations last year he hinted at this project so that your letter was not a complete surprise. I must confess that I did not show the kind of enthusiasm I probably should have manifested, simply because I always found these types of things rather awkward. I am delighted, however, that you are the spiritus rector behind the project and will add the necessary class to the enterprise.

The content of the volume looks impressive and I am familiar with most of the studies that are being reprinted in it. The book will be a helpful tool to scholars working in the area of university history and intellectual contacts, just as the Garlandia volume was generally well received.

Naturally I would be honored to have my name included in the Tabula gratulatoria. The Gabe has always been good to me and has in many ways developed into a dear fatherly figure in my life. Although I get exasperated with him on occasion, my affection for him is deep and enduring. I have matured enough to realize that people are the way they are and there is no sense in trying to change them. I am fond of ALG the way he is, i.e. irascible.

The exact form in which my name should appear in the Tabula is something that I would like to leave to you. I presume that the "Professor Dr. and Mrs. L.S.D." on the form letter you sent was inspired by ALG, since the "Professor Dr." is typically Central European and not upstate New York. Since my wife Eva knows the Gabe very well, I would like if she would also be included in the list of congratulations, especially if other wives are also mentioned. Since many if not most of the people will be academics (I presume?) and many of them Europeans, whose titles are far more important than to us, it probably would be correct to use either "Dr. and Mrs." or "Professor and Mrs." but somehow "Professor Dr. & Mrs." is a little much for my tastes. Jim, you are a man of good sense, I leave this whole earth shaking matter to your sound judgment.

A few observations: 1. In whatever way I can be of help to you, please let me know and I will be glad to assist you. I am in the process of writing a rather large tome on the Hungarian Renaissance, but this should be finished by late summer and I will ~~be~~ relatively free next fall.

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2. The best place to present the Tabula gratulatoria and the volume would be Notre Dame. I think that with advance notice we could get most of the former students of the Gabe together sometimes this fall (preferably on a non-football weekend, when things are more normal at N.D.). To organize this meeting would be a little more complicated than the presentation of the Studium Generale in 1967. At that time ALG was still running the Institute, I had access to his cooperative secretary, there was money for the banquet, etc. All this is changed. My impression is that the relation between Gabe and his successor is not very amicable. (He still feels that either you or I should have gotten that position, and I agree that you should have!). It is also obvious that his connections with the Notre Dame Administration are not what they used to be in our days or even in 1967. This means that whatever festive gathering we plan, it will have to be done without much active support from Notre Dame. This is just a feeling, I do not know for certain. Naturally much depends on how large of a festivity you are planning. I personally prefer small, intimate gatherings where one has a chance to talk to friends and colleagues, but we must also remember that "Mr. le Directeur" loves publicity and enjoys the "big splash." 3. I think that the book and the Tabula should be presented together, if at all possible. If publication is before December 10, 1983, there should be no problem.

These are just a few random reactions to your letter. I hope they do make some sense. Please keep me posted Jim, either by letter or phone. You can call me at home any evening after 11 PM. We never go to sleep before 1 AM.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely,

The Department of History

April 6, 1983

Mr. John F. Thomas, ACSW  
Executive Director  
Catholic Service League, Inc.  
5385 Market Street  
Youngstown, OH 44512

Dear Jack,

It was with great joy that I heard the news that you were named Social Worker of the Year by the State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Please accept my most sincere congratulations on this happy occasion along with the best wishes from our entire family.

In the years I have known you, I have developed a great admiration for the superb work you have done in this community. The Youngstown area, but particularly the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown is most fortunate to have a man of your calibre, sensitivity and integrity as Director of the Service League. May you have the opportunity to continue your dedicated work for many more years.

Unfortunately I will be out of town giving a paper at Indiana University on Thursday and will be unable to attend the luncheon. I did, however, want to express my sincere thanks for all that you have done in the past and wish you God's blessing for your activities in the future. I feel most fortunate ~~that~~ you have touched our lives and hope that our friendship will endure always.

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

April 13, 1983

Dr. Denis Sinor, Professor  
Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies  
Goodbody Hall  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Kedves Denes,

It was delightful to see you again and I was particularly pleased to find you in such excellent health. Thank you for inviting me to the reception at your home. As always, it was most enjoyable.

I hope that your new plans and projects for expanded scholarly contacts between Hungary and Indiana University will meet with success.

You know how much I admire you and the work you have done in our behalf. I know that I speak for many Hungarian scholars here in the United States when I thank you for being instrumental in expanding intellectual contacts between the two sides of the Atlantic. May you have the strength, energy and continued good humor to be able to carry on this valuable enterprise.

My book of Matthias should be done by the end of August. Akademiai Kiado will publish it in English and I am still looking for an American University press to be co-publisher. I have a number of possibilities, including Indiaaa, that I will follow up when the manuscript is complete. Will keep you posted on developments.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos

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The Department of History

April 13, 1983

Dr. Gyorgy Rabki  
The Hungarian Chair  
Goodbody Hall  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Kedves Gyuri,

Just a brief note to let you know that Feri Rottler was delivered to the Indianapolis Airport safe and sound. I helped him to check in his baggage to Budapest, get his seat assignment and took him to the departure gate. I have no doubt that he arrived in New York and subsequently to Budapest without any problems. After leaving him at the airport I continued my journey home and arrived here at 6 o'clock, exhausted but full of enthusiasm for the events of the previous days.

Thank you again for the warm hospitality you extended to me during my stay in Bloomington. The Renaissance Conference was excellent, with good papers and lively discussions. It was also delightful to see you again, meet old friends such as Denes, and make new ones like Kalman and Feri. The events of last week and proved what a valuable role the Hungarian Chair has in bringing us together. May your work continue with success.

Please give my greetings to your wife Erzsi and your daughter. As always I will keep in touch and hopefully we will see each other again in the next academic year.

With warmest regards, I remain

Sincerely,

L. S. Domonkos

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The Department of History

April 13, 1983

Dr. Ian Thomson  
Professor of Renaissance Studies  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear Professor Thomson,

This is just a brief note to let you know how very much I enjoyed the Central Renaissance Conference at Indiana University. The various sessions I attended were all of a high calibre, interesting and exiting. You are to be commended for the efficient organization and superb planning, down to the smallest detail. It was a delight to be there.

I am particularly grateful that you included two panels outside of the traditional Western European areas, and that you invited me to participate in the session on the "Renaissance in Central Europe." It was a pleasure to meet your distinguished colleagues, Professors Kadic and Fiszman as well as Dr. Cooper. Both sessions were informative, intellectually stimulating and exciting.

In the last dozen or so years I have made an effort to participate in at least one conference a year. Last December I read a paper at the AHA. I must confess, however, that seldom have I had such a pleasant stay as on the Indiana University campus last week. The Central Renaissance Conference of 1983 will live as a most delightful experience in my mind.

It was with great interest that I heard about your involvement with Janus Pannonius. I am looking forward to reading your translations. I will keep you posted on the progress of my Matthias Corvinus book.

With many thanks for your hospitality, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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P,S. Enclosed a few reprints as well as the text of the paper, which I gave to you, but got left at Tudor Room during lunch.

The Department of History

April 13, 1983

Dr. Ante Kadic  
Professor of Slavic Languages and Literature  
Balantine Hall  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47405

Dear and distinguished colleague,

It was a delight to meet you at the Central Renaissance Conference last week. Thank you for organizing the panel on Central Europe and for including me on the program.

Your presentation on the "Distinctive Features of the Renaissance in Croatia" was excellent and I also enjoyed our subsequent discussions on various other topics. Many thanks for bringing my attention to the bi-lingual edition of the works of Croatian Humanists. It is interesting how many of the features of our Central European heritage are similar or parallel. It is so unfortunate that the nations in that region have allowed themselves to be guided by centrifugal forces instead of finding those things which bind us together.

You were so right in the evaluation of the gentleman who presided over the panel on the session on Eastern Europe. He was certainly not "sympatico" and his boastful attitude is not characteristic of a true scholar.

Enclosed you will find a few items which might be of interest to you.

In the hope of meeting you again, sometime somewhere I remain

Sincerely yours

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

February 15, 1983

Mr. John Crabb  
Head, Middle School  
Hathaway-Brown School  
19650 North Park Blvd.  
Shaker Heights, OH 44122

Dear Mr. Crabb:

One of my dear friends, Mr. Bob Clementis has applied for a teaching position in history at your institution and has asked me to write a letter of recommendation in his behalf, which I am most happy to do. I have known Bob for over thirty years as a friend and colleague and have a very high opinion of his abilities.

Mr. Clementis would be an excellent addition to your faculty for a number of reasons. He has a very strong academic preparation in the areas of History and Political Science, and in fact has taught introductory courses here at Youngstown State University. Unfortunately budgetary constraints have eliminated his position. He has a solid foundation in the factual basis of the discipline of history and also possesses a good interpretive skill. Knowing the material is not enough, however, it must be coupled with the ability to communicate it to others. Mr. Clementis has shown himself to be a competent classroom teacher. His rapport with the students was excellent and although his style is low key he was able to arouse and keep the interest of his listeners. Students have consistently praised his classes and have responded enthusiastically to his teaching.

It is one of the tragedies of our system that individuals such as Mr. Clementis have been forced out of the discipline and have to make their living in occupations where their knowledge and academic preparation are not utilized.

It is also important the the applicant who gets the position is a pleasant colleague who will become a valuable member of the staff. Bob Clementis would be a good choice. He is a fine human being who gets along well with colleagues and associates. He is a man of integrity and also possesses a fine sense of humor, an important prerequisite for anyone in the area of education.

Bob Clementis has the depth which comes from maturity and from experience. He has traveled widely, speaks several foreign languages, has met many interesting individuals since he graduated from college. This gives him that extra "flavor" which no teacher with a new diploma can have.

Mr. John ~~EE~~ Krabb

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I am certain that you will have many fine applicants to this position at your excellent school, and the selection process will be difficult. I hope that you will give Bob Clementis serious consideration for I believe that he has much to offer to an institution which prides itself on excellence. Bob would be a fine addition to your staff and your students would benefit from the depth of his knowledge and experience.

I recommend him highly and without reservations. In case you need further information please write or call me at my home (1-216-783-0501) and I will be delighted to talk to you. I am on a research sabbatical and can be reached quite easily at home anytime day or night.

With best wishes on your continued fine work, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO 44555

The Department of History

February 2, 1982

Dr. John Coffelt  
President  
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear President Cofflet:

Although your German might be a little rusty, I am enclosing a reprint of one of my recently published articles.

Over a year ago I received a request to contribute a brief study to a project jointly undertaken by the Austrian Ministry of Culture and the Hungarian National Gallery. The largest display of Hungarian Renaissance Art and History ever assembled was planned for Schallaburg Castle near Vienna with materials from collections as far away as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. A beautiful exhibit catalogue of over 700 pages was printed in Austria. Included in the volume were several studies by specialists in Central European cultural history. I was fortunate to be asked to join this illustrious international group, the only American to be so honored. The exhibit was greeted with great enthusiasm by the European press and drew many visitors.

My written German leaves much to be desired, so I asked our most learned Head Reference Librarian, Mrs. Hildegard Schnuttgen to translate the article into German for me. She did such a splendid job that the translation is better than my English original.

You will be happy to know that the name of Youngstown State University is recognized in places thousands of miles from the Mahoning Valley.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

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

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cc: Dr. D. Genaway  
University Librarian

The Department of History

February 22, 1983

Prof. Bela K. Kiraly  
Atlantic Research and Publication, Inc.  
P. O. Box 568  
Highland Lakes, New Jersey 07422

Kedves Belam,

Just a brief note to ask you a question. Last year when the beautiful Hunyadi-Rakoczi volume arrived, there was a note included which stated that reprints of the articles would be available in two months. Unfortunately I have not received the reprints and wonder what has happened.

Would you please let me know if there will be any reprints or not. If not, I would like to have reprints made by our university print shop but do need a brief note from you as editor, giving permission for the re-production.

Otherwise all is well. I was sorry you were not at the AHA meeting in Washington, D. C. Missed you.

My work is progressing well. I am on a research leave until March 28 and am working on my Matthias Corvinus book. The political history should be ready by then in about 500 pages. The cultural history will be completed by the end of August.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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LABEL

Prof. Philip R. Werdell  
Director of Individualized Learning  
School of New Resources  
College of New Rochelle  
~~New York~~, New York 10475  
Bronx

Dear Professor Werdell,

Thank you for your letter in which you ask my permission to reprint the article on the "History of Higher Education" for an anthology of readings in your college.

I am very happy to hear that you found the article interesting and well written and naturally I have no objection to its reproduction, if the publishers of the International Encyclopedia of Higher Education, who have the copyright, do not raise any problems.

Once your project is complete, I would very much appreciate if you would send me a copy of the anthology.

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

Sincerely yours

L. S. Pommeroy  
Professor of History

The Department of History

May 9, 1983

Ms. Ronda J. Tatum  
Manager, Customer Relations  
Best Western International  
P.O. Box 10203  
Phoenix, Arizona 85064

Dear Ms. Tatum:

This is just a brief note to inform you about the positive outcome of the unfortunate incident at the Best Western Your Host Motor Inn of Niagara Falls, Canada, about which I had written to you on several occasions last year (ref. 66003).

Last April I received a gracious letter from Mr. Fred Taylor, General Manager with an apology and an invitation to return to Niagara Falls as the guest of the hotel.

Two weeks ago my wife and I did avail ourselves of Mr. Taylor's invitation and spent two fabulous nights at the Best Western Motor Inn of Niagara Falls. The room we received was superb and we were treated with utmost courtesy. Although I had indicated in a letter to Mr. Taylor that I was willing to pay for the second night of our stay, when I went to settle my bill, there was no charge. What a pleasant surprise!

I am delighted that this whole matter was finally resolved in such amicable fashion. My wife and I were so pleased with the facilities at the Best Western Your Host Motor Inn at Niagara Falls, that we plan to return for "mini vacations" in the future, and have encouraged colleagues, friends and relatives to visit the fine facilities if they are in Niagara Falls..

Thank you again for your cooperation. You have helped to gain a satisfied customer for Best Western Hotels.

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

cc: Mr. Fred Taylor



The Department of History

May 18, 1983

Dr. Vida Istvan, kandid.  
MTA Történettudományi Intézet  
Uri u. 51-53  
H-1250 Budapest, Hungary

Kedves Pistam,,

Please excuse my long delay in answering your kind letters. I have been very busy with my Matthias Corvinus book as well as lectures and teaching, so that time for correspondence is often hard to find.

We were delighted that you were able to visit us and speak fondly of the brief time you spent at our home. It was with great joy that I read the good news that you will come to the U.S. for a research trip later this year. This way we will get to see you as well as your family again. Please let me know when you will arrive in America and where you will be located. We wish we could be of some help to you and your lovely wife in the difficult times after you arrive and have to set up a household here. If there is anything with which we can assist you, write, and as soon as you are here and have a telephone number, we will call you.

Thank you for sending the two copies of the Társadalmi Szemle with your excellent articles in the series on former political figures. Your treatment of both men was balanced and fair. It is a good sign that such articles do appear today in Hungary and that objectivity is valued by the editors of the TSz. Although the recent history of Europe is not my speciality, I do have an intense interest in the often tragic events which have buffeted our nation. Your well written studies have been a valuable addition to my understanding of that difficult period. Please give my warm greetings to Gshi, Aron and Joska as well as all my friends, young and old.

My plans for a visit to Budapest are still incomplete. Much depends on how much work I am able to complete on Matyas during the Summer.

Pistam, please convey our warm affection to your wife and little girl. We are looking forward to seeing you in the fall,

Sincerely yours,

The Department of History

May 27, 1983

Dr. Neil Humphrey  
Executive Vice President  
U N I V E R S I T Y

Dear Dr. Humphrey:

So often it is only negative comments or criticism which receive attention at our institutions or in society. I would like to reverse this trend a little and praise an individual who has done an outstanding job whenever I have dealt with her.

On several occasions in the past decade I had the pleasure of working with Mrs. Mary Lou Partridge, Supervisor of the University Printing Services. Mrs. Partridge's office has reproduced several of my articles and made them into reprints so that I could send them to colleagues and friends both here and abroad. In all instances the work she had done was of superior quality, executed without long delays and showing good taste. Mrs. Partridge has always been helpful, gracious and kind. Through the years many people have commented on the fine quality of the reprints. Her work has reflected very positively on the image of this university.

Although I realize that merit does not carry much weight at this institution, I do believe that those who perform their jobs in an exemplary fashion do deserve at least some praise. This is what has prompted me to write this letter to you. I hope that you can in some way convey to Mrs. Partridge the gratitude I feel for the excellent service she has provided through the years. She is a competent and charming woman who deserves recognition for work well done.

With best wishes, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Dmonkos  
Professor of History

The Department of History

June 9, 1983

Mr. Wallace Bedolfe, President  
United Casualty Agencies  
2 Carlton Street, Suite 1116  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada, M5B 1J3

Dear Mr. Bedolfe:

It was with great sorrow that I heard the sad news from Professor Gabriel that your dear mother had passed away. The loss of a parent, whatever the circumstances, is always a painful event and I send you and your family my most sincere condolences. Dr. Gabriel was greatly saddened by your loss because of his fondness toward your family. He is also most fortunate to have had kind and loyal friends such as you have been through the years. I want to specially thank you for your thoughtfulness on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination. I was glad that I had the opportunity to be in Toronto on that beautiful day.

Please also convey my condolences and greetings to Miss Barbara. I hope that her eyesight is much improved and that she is well.

Tomorrow the academic year will come to an end and I am looking forward to the summer so that I can resume work on a major book concerning the Renaissance in Hungary. About 400 pages are already done and I hope to finish most of it by the time classes resume in September. With a heavy teaching load at the university as well as being a husband and father to four children it is difficult to find the time and energy for detailed research and writing.

With sincere sympathy in your time of loss, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

The Department of History

June 9, 1983

Dr. Betsy Rosasco  
The Art Museum  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

Dear Dr. Rosasco:

A few days ago I visited the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. and talked to one of your learned colleagues Dr. Luchs, Assistant Curator. She gave me your name and address and encouraged me to write in order to solicit your aid in solving a problem.

I am searching for an authentic portrait bust of Beatrice of Aragon, daughter of King Ferrante of Naples, who in 1476 became the wife of Matthias Corvinus, the great Renaissance ruler of Hungary. I am in the process of writing a political and cultural history of Hungary 1450-1490, and would like to include a photograph of Beatrice in my book.

According to the information I have, the noted sculptor Francesco Laurana spent some time at the Neapolitan court in the 1470s, and produced a number of fine portrait busts of various female members of the royal family. One of these busts is in the National Gallery, entitled, "Neapolitan Princess" (No. A.8). It is impossible to identify this work as a portrait of Beatrice, although some scholars suspect that it is ~~fa~~ fact a likeness of the future queen of Hungary.

Laurana did produce a bust of Beatrice, which is considered authentic since the work has her name chiseled into the marble. (Divina Beatrix D'Aragona, or something like that. I do not have the exact information handy). This particular bust, which previously was in the possession of French and English collectors, was acquired by the Rockefeller family over a generation ago.

Dr. Luchs at the National Gallery found references to the fact that this "Rockefeller" Laurana bust is now at the Princeton Museum.

Would you please be so ~~kind~~ and answer the following queries:

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1. Does the Princeton Museum have a Laurana bust in its collection?
2. If yes, does it have the inscription identifying it as Beatrice, the future queen of Hungary?
3. Does this bust indeed come from the Rockefeller collection or is it another work?
4. Do you have any knowledge of possible Laurana busts of Beatrice here in the U.S.

If in fact you do have the bust that I am looking for could you please send me as much pertinent information as possible about it, i.e. catalogue number, how and when acquired, etc. I would also appreciate if you would indicate how I could get good quality photographs of his work of art.

Your kind assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you have the Beatrice I am looking for that will make matters simple, if not, please help me in finding her.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

August 8, 1983

Dr. Alison Luchs, Assoc. Curator  
The National Gallery of Art  
Washington, D. C. 20565

Dear Dr. Luchs,

Please excuse the delay in expressing my sincere thanks for your invaluable assistance in locating the marble bust of Beatrice of Aragon.

Shortly after my visit to Washington in June I wrote to the Princeton Museum, as you had recommended, and Dr. Rosasco replied that the bust by Francesco Laurana, formerly in the Rockefeller Collection is indeed there. The statue is now owned by the Frick Collection and is on extended loan at the Princeton Art Museum.

At this point I am still uncertain about what types of illustrations I will use in my book on Matthias Corvinus, King of Hungary. It is, however, important that I have finally located this bust. As you know the various Laurana bust present an identification problem and the only authentic portrait bust of Beatrice that we have is the one which ~~was~~ formerly in the Rockefeller Collection.

Thank you again for your kindness and your eagerness to help in this matter. Although I had literally just walked in from the street you did everything possible to solve my problem. Your knowledge of the subject matter was most impressive, and you are a credit to your profession. I want to specially thank you for taking me to the basement to see your Laurana bust. It was an interesting and fascinating experience.

When my book finally is completed and published I will send you a copy.

In the hope of seeing you again someday, I remain

Cordially yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

The Department of History

August 8, 1983

Dr. Betsy Rosasco  
Assistant Curator  
The Art Museum  
Princeton University  
Princeton, NJ 08544

Dear Dr. Rosasco:

Thank you for your letter of June 14. I am delighted to hear that the portrait bust of Beatrice of Aragon by Crancesco Laurana is in your collection.

As I indicated to you, I am writing a book on Matthias Corvinus, King of Hungary, and in all probability will want to use a picture of Beatrice, his wife, among the illustrations. When the time comes I will write to Mr. Laford concerning photographs.

I am very much interested in the story of this particular statue. Do you by chance have any information when your Museum first received this art work from the Frick Collection? What is the catalogue number that you have assigned to it? Do you know anything about the circumstances how the bust was transmitted from the Rockefeller Collection to the Frick Collection? Any information on these questions or any other materials pertinent to the subject would be of great help to me.

Thank you again for the assistance you have already given me. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

August 11, 1983

Dr. Morimichi Watanabe  
Prof. of History & Political Science  
Long Island University  
C.W. Post College of Arts & Sciences  
Greenvale, New York 11548

Dear Professor Watanabe:

Thank you for your very kind letter of June 20. I was fascinated to read that you were interested in Matthias Corvinus and Janos Vitez as well as the Renaissance in Hungary. I was naturally flattered that you have read a number of my studies.

The beautifully illustrated catalogue of the Schallaburg exhibition is unfortunately out of print. Because of a mix up I was able to get only one copy from the publishers in Vienna. They did, however, allow me to make reprints of my own article which I am enclosing with my warmest compliments.

For the past dozen years I have been doing research in the political and cultural history of Renaissance Hungary. I am in the process of preparing a major monograph on the Age of Matthias Corvinus.

It would be delightful to meet you sometime. My sister lives on Long Island (Wantaugh) and we do visit her about once a year. Maybe we can get together then or if you are ever "out west" in Ohio.

Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy with the bibliographical information concerning the Schallaburg catalogue.

In the hope of hearing from you again, I remain

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

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The Department of History

August 22, 1983

Mr. Paul Pulitzer, President  
Pulitzer-GoodmannAssociates  
P.O. Box #203  
Union, New Jersey 05083

Dear Paul,

It was delightful to hear from you. I have often thought of you and wondered how you were. It was good to see that you are well and prospering.

The news that "The Raven and the Ring" was "hotter now than it was ever before" is most welcome. I have often wondered what had become of that project of ours. Since I do have many hours of work invested in it, it was great to read the copy of the letter you received from Nemeskurty. I sincerely hope that you will be able to guide the project to a fruitful conclusion.

A few items from our life in the past years. Since we last saw you, we have had an addition to our family, Andrew, who is eight years old now. In 1979 we spent six months in Budapest on an IREX Grant. Upon returning from Hungary I became ill and landed up in the Coronary Care Unit of our local medical center. After a quarter absence from teaching I resumed my duties at Youngstown State University in January of 1980. Have been fairly well since then. My wife Eva is also working part time at the hospital as an instructor of natural child-birth classes. It is hard to believe but our twins will start classes at the University this fall as freshmen. Priscilla is a sophomore in high school and Andrew will be in the third grade. My own work is progressing well. I have published a number of articles and a book on Matthias should be finished this year or in early 1984. I had planned to go to Budapest in September but my finances are such, with four children, that I can not make the trip this year. Maybe next spring or fall.

We think of you and your lovely wife often and with fondness. Every time your name comes up Eva bemoans the fact that she fed you the worst steak in our twenty years of marriage. She hopes you have forgiven her

With warm personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

The Department of History

August 25, 1983

Dr. Tibor Klaniczay, Assoc. Director  
MTA Irodalomtudományi Intézet  
Menesi ut 11-13  
H-1118 Budapest  
Hungary Europe

Kedves Tibor,

Please excuse the long silence. Unfortunately my plans to visit Budapest this September have not materialized. The reason for this is two fold. First the progress on the Corvinus project is not what I had hoped and I will not be finished with the political developments until the end of next month. The second reason is financial. I did not request a travel grant from IREX or one of the major foundations because I believed that some other funds would become available. Unfortunately that did not happen and to come at this time would have been a financial burden. As soon as the typescript has been read by Erik I know that an editorial meeting will be necessary and so I plan to come then.

Otherwise there is not much exciting to report. I am enclosing two reprints, The one on Mohacs you were kind enough to read in Budapest in 1979. The other, on the enlightenment, has appeared in Hungarian in the Történelmi Szemle. A number of other studies are also on the verge of publication, although in the last year I have worked exclusively on the Matthias project.

One item of some small importance which might interest you. Following the lead of Balogh Jolan who maintained that a marble bust of Beatrice of Aragon by Francesco Laurana, which had been in possession of the Dreyfuss family in Paris, eventually passed into the hands of the Rockefellers. I have carried on extensive correspondence in this matter and have located the statue. It seems that the bust of the former Queen of Hungary was transferred from the Rockefeller family into the Frick Collection in New York. A few years ago the Frick Collection lent the Laurana bust of Beatrice to the Princeton University Art Museum, where it still is at present. According to a letter which I received from the Curator of the Princeton Museum, the statue is on "loan" from the Frick Collection since 1966. Because Beatrice does not technically belong to Princetio, it is not in their museum catalogue, nor does it have an assession number. I still have some outstanding correspondence with the Rockefeller Trust in order to ascertain when the statue passed from that family into the Frick Collection. Do you think that the Acta Hist. Artium or similar journal would be interested in a brief

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notice on all of this? At least we know now where the statue is located and have much better access to it than if it would still be in a private collection.

The summer semester is coming to an end this week and this will give me one month of free time to devote to writing before the university is in session again. Time flies so fast. Two of my children (twins) will begin their university studies next month and even the smallest is eight years old.

Our mutual friend Asztrik is in Europe somewhere and will be in Milan in early September. He was very pleased with the honor bestowed upon him by the Academy. My sincere thanks to you for all you have done in this matter!

With warm regards to you and your family, I remain

The Department of History

August 25, 1983

Dr. Everett Fahy, Director  
The Frick Collection  
1 East 70th Street  
New York, New York 10021

Dear Dr. Fahy:

The Assistant Curator of the Princeton University Art Museum, Dr. Betsy Rosasco gave me your address and encouraged me to write to you in order to get accurate information in an important matter.

Following a number of leads I have recently been able to establish that a marble bust by Francesco Laurana, depicting Beatrice of Aragon, daughter of King Ferante of Naples and later Queen of Hungary, is on loan from your collection to the Princeton University Art Museum. According to my information this bust, with several other works of art were loaned to Princeton in 1966.

I am in the process of writing a major work on the Age of Matthias Corvinus, the great Renaissance ruler of Hungary, and husband of Beatrice of Aragon. The Laurana bust of Beatrice was at one time in the possession of the Dreyfuss family in Paris and eventually was acquired by the Rockefellers. From the Rockefeller Collection it entered the Frick Collection. I am very much interested in the history of this statue.

There are a number of questions which arise and I would very much appreciate if you could provide some answers, based on the information which is available to you.

1. When and under what circumstances did the Rockefellers acquire this particular Laurana bust. If you can not provide an answer to this, do you know to whom I could address myself for further information.
2. How and when did the Frick Collection get this statue from the Rockefellers?
3. As far as I can determine the Laurana bust of Beatrice is not listed in the 1970 Frick Collection Catalogue by Sir John Pope-Hennessy. Why is this? Is it because it has been on loan to Princeton since 1966? Please clarify.

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4. Do ~~you~~ have an accession number for this work? If yes, would you please let me know.

I sincerely hope that all these questions can be answered without extensive research by you and your associates. You can be assured that all ~~you~~re efforts in this matter are greatly appreciated. In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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

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The Department of History

August 29, 1983

Mr. Frank G. Solak  
291 Chapel Lane  
Canfield, OH 44405

Dear Frank,

Hope you are well and that the terrible heat has not interfered with your golf game. At least the summer is pretty well over and September should bring some relief from the oppressive temperatures.

Ever since my brief visit with you about six weeks ago, you have been much in our thoughts and conversations. Your comment to me that you hope to move to Florida next year and plan to sell your house has created considerable excitement in our family. As you know, Both Eva and I have been most impressed by your lovely residence and would be interested in purchasing it, if we could come to some mutually acceptable agreement.

At the present time we live in a lovely Tudor house adjacent to Mill Creek Park, but unfortunately the area is changing rapidly and we want to move while we are still able to get a reasonable amount of money for our home. As things stand, we will definitely move from here in the next 12 months. This is the major reason why I am addressing myself to you in order to clarify some questions.

1. Are you indeed planning to leave Canfield, and if yes, would you be interested in exploring the possibility of selling to us.
2. If yes, could we please get together at your earliest convenience to discuss the whole matter and see if there is a potential for some agreement.

We feel that it is imperative that we move from our present location, and therefore we are going to be looking for a new home soon. From everything that Eva and I remember about your house, it seems like the kind of home we would be interested in purchasing.

If we could come to some mutually acceptable solution on this matter, it would obviously benefit both of us. Your house would be sold promptly and without the inconvenience of delays. You could also avoid the nuisance of having dozens of prospective buyers parading through your

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home. There is also the possibility of saving the realtors fee. We, on the other hand, would get the home of our dreams.

Frank, I would appreciate if you would seriously think about this and possibly talk it over with Steven. We are interested in your reaction to our proposal and Eva and I are looking forward to seeing you to discuss this matter further.

In the hope of hearing from you soon, I remain

Cordially yours,

The Department of History

August 29, 1983

Bishop James W. Malone, PH. D.  
Diocese of Youngstown  
144 W. Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503

Dear Bishop Malone:

As a historian who regularly teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in the Reformation Era, I read with great interest and satisfaction the Vindicator report concerning the planned joint Catholic-Lutheran worship service in early October. It is a welcome development in our Church that we can join in the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's birth.

Ever since the days of my own graduate education at Notre Dame, when I studied the Reformation under the great Philip Hughes and John P. Dolan, I have been a firm believer in a rapprochement between our two Churches. Since my own mother was a Lutheran, and as a child I remember attending church services with her, the ecumenical spirit which is now evident fills my heart with joy.

For years the position I tried to convey to my students is that the Reformation was neither the disaster that Catholics usually believe it to have been, nor the great liberating movement as it is viewed by many Protestants. In all probability the Erasmian view is closest to the truth, namely that intelligent beings should work out their differences rationally. It is this Erasmian perspective which has finally prevailed and the service you are planning with our Lutheran friends is a marvelous affirmation of it.

Please accept my most sincere good wishes on this excellent project and may God continue to guide you in wisdom and preserve you in good health.

Cordially yours,

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

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The Department of History

November 9, 1983

Dr. Ralph McInerny, Director  
The Mediaeval Institute  
University of Notre Dame  
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Dear Professor McInerny:

Thank you for your kind invitation to speak at the inauguration of the Astrik L. Gabriel History of Universities Collection. I am looking forward to seeing you at this festive occasion and will prepare some appropriate remarks to honor my dear magister.

The plans you have made for my stay at Notre Dame sound fine. I will, in all probability, arrive late afternoon, Friday, December 9 and plan to leave after Mass on Sunday. When I have checked in at the Morris Inn, I will call you to signal my arrival.

Your Administrative Assistant, Miss Alice Osberger, asked for my Social Security Number so that she can process the required paperwork. Please tell her that it is 189-30-7887.

I am looking forward to seeing you again and I hope that we will have the opportunity to talk to each other.

Cordially,

L. S. Domonkos  
Professor of History

LSD:sf

December 14, 1983

Mr. Joseph G. Rochette  
322 East Liberty Street  
Girard, OH 44420

Dear Mr. Rochette:

We are pleased to tell you that your application for admission to the Graduate School of Youngstown State University has been approved.

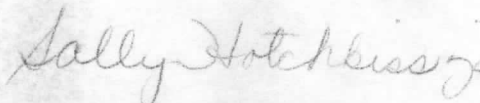
Your legal resident status for tuition purposes is resident.

You have been accepted for the Fall Quarter, 1984, in the Master of Arts in History program as a regular student.

Your advisor is Dr. Domonkos, Arts & Sciences. You will receive from the Registrar's Office information on registration time and procedure.

If you have any questions, or if you have not received a catalog, please call Norma Jean at the office of the Graduate School, 742-3091.

Yours truly,



Sally M. Hotchkiss, Ph.D.  
Associate Provost and  
Dean of Graduate Studies

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