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February 26, 2004

Mr. Kevin May
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Dear Kevin:

Thank you for your February 15 letter regarding the Roman numerals on the clock tower on the Western campus. I appreciate your keen observation and both your interest in accuracy and in Western. When the Guthrie Tower was being built, we did indeed study the various options for the numerals on the clock. Clock tower customs, however, have historically suggested the use of IIII rather than the IV to depict the number 4. The attached information from the British Horological Institute may be of some assistance in explaining this unusual circumstance.

Thank you for writing. Please continue to visit the Western campus. I hope to have the opportunity to welcome you as a Western student in about nine years. Better yet, I personally invite you to visit my office during your junior year in high school. Please plan to make an appointment and I will see that you get a special campus tour and an opportunity to learn more about the academic, cultural, and personal development opportunities at Western. We will save a spot for you in the freshman class entering in the fall of 2013.

Sincerely,

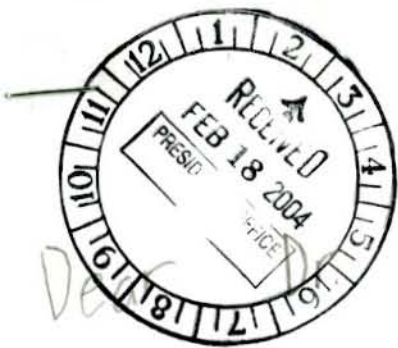
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Attachment



February 15, 2004



Ransdell,

I am in the third grade at St. Joseph School. I am studying Roman Numerals in math. I saw the clock tower and there is an error. The number four on it is wrong. It should look like this "IV". I think you should fix it so the University won't feel embarrassed.

Sincerely,

Kevin May