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Barton McLean
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Dear Mr. McLean:

I deeply appreciate and respect the sentiments of your letter to Dean Bain, my copy of which has just arrived.

When his schedule permits, I am certain he will give your comments most serious attention. Meanwhile, I feel I should respond on behalf of the Music Library.

I have had one previous complaint this semester about noise in the Second-Floor Library. In this instance a desk worker was blamed, and I think this now is corrected. I regret that the congestion you mention also brings expected sounds closer together and does, I know, create problems for the readers at times.

The budget for our Second-Floor personnel is given us by the University Libraries. Our allocation for this year is unexpectedly greater than last year, yet just today we had to issue authorization for a two-week payment of \$819.88 instead of the \$290 which is all we should have spent. I have tried to secure additional money for this budget and I know my superiors have pleaded with the University administration, but no relief is possible at this time. As a result, we are obligated to reduce service still more. This will cause further inconveniences, reshelving being only one of them.

Because of an over-ambitious interest in developing the resources of the library, we have added several thousand volumes since 1963 in a space that was insufficient for holdings of 1962. I know that my administration is sympathetic to our need for new space and that these officers are making efforts at this time to assist us as best they can.

Like you, I envy the library Fine Arts has. But these are new facilities and I know the department is already concerned about the need for additional stack space.

I'm sure the University Librarian and the Dean of the School of Music are vitally interested as we are in helping the Music Library attain the stature in all areas which students such as you justifiably demand.

Sincerely yours,

Dominique-René de Lerma
Music Librarian

cc: Dean Wilfred C. Bain