

## Mount Allison's Historic Alumni Memorial Library Is Architectural Heritage

Recently honoured by his alma mater, Dr William Shatner was interviewed by Jian Ghomeshi about his 'Love of McGill': 'The old buildings "reek of nostalgia" ... the new buildings look awful!' Acclaimed by Maclean's as the best little university in Canada, Mount Allison University should heed this lesson in campus planning before knocking down its handsome Tudor revival Alumni Memorial Library. Designed by 'one of Canada's great architects', Andrew Randall Cobb, it was erected after the Great War at the request of the Alumnae and Alumni Societies to honour those young students who left their classrooms to cross oceans and fight in trenches for our freedom ... never to return. The Alumni Memorial Library ... building, plaque, and stone ... is a Cenotaph registered in the National Inventory of Canadian Military Memorials. The author of its Master Plan, pre-eminent Canadian architect Dr AJ Diamond advised Mount Allison the Alumni Memorial Library should be retained to 'honour the historical and physical continuity' of the campus. The Minister of Wellness Culture and Sport for New Brunswick, Hon. Trevor Holder, deemed this property worthy of designation as a 'Provincial Heritage Place'. Those that strive for excellence do not destroy their architectural heritage.

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