

Does honour have an 'expiry date?'

To The Editor: No one I know would disagree with the esteemed Herménégilde Chiasson, especially those of us against the destruction of the Mount Allison Memorial Library. Every one wants a new performing and fine arts centre. That's not the problem. The problem is the wanton and completely unnecessary destruction of this memorial to 73 young Allisonians.

A classic pigheadedness, from a university administration that had both an option and recommendation to include the Memorial Library in the new complex, does Mount Allison University no favours.

And how in future will students within the new arts centre deal with the following questions? Why would a university destroy a poignant war memorial relating to its own history in order to build another memorial? As dedications and donations go, won't the new centre also be a memorial to someone?

An answer might be forthcoming if Mr. Chiasson would further reflect on art itself, both fine and performing, and its genius at confronting the unconscionable and indefensible in order to bring the ethical and moral breaking of principle to the attention of all.

Or is it simply that we now have a 'best before date' on human sacrifice as well as bread and milk?

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