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Dr. Heather B. Johnston,  
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Dear Dr. Johnston:

The attached material contains what I consider to be real dangers in the proposed destruction of the Memorial Library at Mount Allison, and some arguments against such a tragic move.

In my view, the University administration has been less than transparent in presenting the case for its destruction.

I have no connection with Mount Allison proper, other than that my erstwhile grandfather-in-law was Ralph Pickard Bell, someone I admired greatly, and who was kind to me in many ways. I am quite certain his reaction to the proposed destruction would have elicited some choice expletives, as he was, past his explosive and sometimes impatient nature, a sentimental man of his word with enormous respect for the traditions of the University.

I thank you in advance for taking the time to read why the Memorial Library should continue to enhance the Mount Allison image as the predominant undergraduate university in Canada, a position in danger if living parts of its heritage are unseemly severed.

With respect,

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