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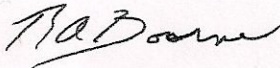
Dear Members of the Alumni.

As part of their case against retention of the old Memorial Library, the Administration at Mount Allison has issued the following statement:

"The University commissioned a report that was prepared by two architectural firms, three engineering firms as well as other experts on the state of the former University Centre. The report concluded clearly that it would be imprudent to retain this building for a number of compelling reasons including evidence of fatigue in the main supporting beams".

That certainly sounds impressive, and would convince most people that the poor old building is on its last legs. However, the fact is that this statement from the Administration is totally meaningless. In engineering terms, Fatigue is always associated with repeated or variable loading. Static structures with static loading may grow old but they do not suffer from structural fatigue, and while books may be heavy, they do not move around much on their own. I do not know who all those experts were that the University consulted, but they were certainly not Mount Allison graduates, unless they forgot most of what they learned while they were here.

Yours sincerely,



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