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To: The Editor
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Dear Mr. Kowalsky

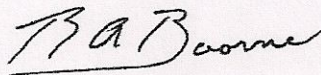
It is my opinion that the Administration of Mount Allison has committed a major tactical blunder by tying together the construction of a new Arts Centre with the demolition of the old Memorial Library.

According to a University spokesman, the new structure with the Library incorporated into it will cost \$35 million, or it will cost \$30 million without the Library. Let us assume, for the moment, that these numbers are correct. Where will these millions come from? The Alumni? I doubt that. If the Library is demolished, many of the Alumni will be very annoyed. On the other hand, if the Library is retained, the Administration has stated that the additional \$5 million will come from the students and, of course, the students do not like this idea, as pointed out very clearly in your article by Carly Levy. Perhaps it would be wiser and more cost effective for the University to rethink the whole project along the lines suggested by Robert Eaton in an earlier report.

It seems inconceivable to me that the Administration would continue with its ill conceived plan in the face of such reasoned statements as those that have been made by Mr. Eaton and Mr. A.J. Diamond in their letters to the Argosy and elsewhere. These men are two of the most respected members of the architectural community in Canada.

I believe that the Administration has fumbled the ball badly here, and the sooner they back off the better it will be for all concerned, including themselves.

Yours sincerely,



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