

The past is not obstacle to future

To The Editor:

I am in total agreement with my old friend Herménégilde Chiasson that the university should proceed with the construction of a new fine and performing arts centre. But that is not the issue that I and others question, which is the destruction of the Memorial Library in the process.

Of course, a new building will provide new and needed space for teaching and research.

The past, however, is not obstacle to the future of Mount Allison students, but should serve as an inspiration to them.

Their fellow students who died in two world wars and Korea died so that today's students would have a future and the Memorial Library was built in their honour, so that they would be remembered.

Somehow whenever the subject of the Memorial Library is brought up the administration of the university starts talking about a fine and performing arts centre and how wonderful this is for future students without mentioning the cost of forgetting the debt to those students who, now many years ago, died 'in service to King and Country.'

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