

#2 - Thoughts of Alumni, Students, Faculty & Friends
on a Petition to
Save the Mount Allison Memorial Library



We are distressed to hear about the planned demolition of Mount Allison's Memorial Library. This decision shows appalling indifference to Canadian architectural heritage and is a shocking affront to those commemorated by this building. Class of 1978

It is tragic to think that on the eve of the centennial of the most catastrophic event in Canadian history, Mt A is even considering destruction of its memorial to those who died in the service of their country during the Great War. Canadian military historian

Let's preserve our heritage and encourage artists to do the same.

For alumni, Mount Allison is a nuanced collection of memories, personal experiences and lasting associations. There is a conjuring, nearly sacred quality to the Memorial Library, as there is with Trueman and Centennial and the Swan Pond. Alumnus 1969, 1972

Of vital importance! MTA must value its history. Otherwise, it is just a degree-granting factory. Professor Emeritus

The Memorial Library is a grand and beautiful building. As a student in the late 60's, I enjoyed the walk over to the library past 2 magnificent red and yellow maples. You felt part of the history of the university and connected to those who went before you. The inside was an inspiring place to study and learn. This memorial building was created to give tribute and honour to those who gave their lives and deserves to remain as an integral part of Mt. A's campus. Alumna

It goes without saying! Mount Allison's beautiful and historic campus is one of its main draws. Why would you want to destroy that? Student, Class of 2013

Conserving the heritage of our university is so important in remembering the lessons of our past! Class of 1961, one of 4 sisters and mother of 4 children all graduates of Mount Allison, former member of the Board of Regents

Preservation of history and tradition is a legacy for future Allisonians that should be embraced. Alumni, Class of 1988

This is about the soul of the university. A lot of beautiful character-filled old buildings have been destroyed already, but the Memorial Library is the gem. And after you tear it down you'll find that this was the one that had the soul of Mount Allison in it. We alumni have all been through there, felt its spirit and added to it. A gathering place like this one gains worth and meaning with each additional generation. If you are really serious about branding yourself as the best undergraduate university in North America, then you have got to preserve the best of your past. Alumnus

Yes, it is always important to preserve what is a signature to an institution. Saving/restoring old beauty is more important than showing a new building. Mount A can not keep standing on tradition whilst tearing down a large part of it. Be leaders in building and historical restoration, it suits our Mount A name.

Part of the reason I chose to attend, and still hold MTA close to my heart, is the charm of the older beautiful buildings!

One of the things that is appealing about Mount Allison is the campus and the old ivy-covered buildings. It says this campus has been here for a hundred years and there are many more yet to come. Staying on campus during a music camp in grade 8 may very well have swayed my opinion to attend. Sometimes change is not good. Work with what you have and keep the atmosphere. Alumnus, Class of 1984, Donor