

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



Canada is such a young country and our historic buildings so rare. How can a "University" institution charged with protecting and advocating higher learning, so callously ponder destroying history? Have you no history faculty or department? Or is history not part of what you do? I have cousins that attended this university. Professor of Architecture

As a full time student at Mount Allison I pass this building everyday, and it reminds me of a certain dignity the modern world seems to have lost. It's a treasure that should not be torn down, but restored to it's former glory. Current student

Absolutely! But even more importantly, the Memorial Library is in fact a war memorial, one dedicated to those who served and died during the First World War. To destroy this building is to destroy the memory of their supreme sacrifice, as well as to break a sacred trust with them. It is not only an insult to their memories, but to all who knew them. As an author and military historian (including Valiant Hearts: Atlantic Canada and the Victoria Cross), I deplore the action that Mt A is contemplating. The Memorial Library must be preserved. Parent of alumnus

The Library is not only a beautiful building, and an interesting architectural building, but it is an important tribute to the Allisonians who served in WW1. One would hope that the university would be in the vanguard of saving such historical buildings ... not tearing them down. Alumni - class of 1972

Extremely. Mount Allison has gotten rid of several historic buildings, undermining the historical integrity of the institution. Many choose Mount Allison because of it's historical presence. Alumni – class of 2010.

One of Mount Allison's defining characteristics is its sense of history. The former STUD, especially Hesler Hall, is quite possibly the most striking building on campus. Alumni – class of 2005

It's the history of the campus that makes it beautiful and that was a big reason why I chose Mt A. Alumni – class of 2005

It's full of history. It's not right to destroy this. Current student

The historic beauty of the place was what won my heart at first and history is something I always look back to when I need some reassurance and self esteem. Current student

Mount Allison, as we have discussed as a group over and over, is about history and tradition. We were all heavily inundated with information about the JUMP campaign and some of us tried to work hard on it. I have been blindsided by this piece of information. Buildings can have other uses at the end of the day, but it sure is wonderful to be able to refer to a certain building by its place and NAME when talking to the generations who went before us and who will be there after us. We are all a part of that same wonderful environment that has been so important in our lives. Alumni - class of 1987

This is an important piece of Architecture. Architect and Andrew Randall Cobb advocate

A significant part of Mt A's strength as a university is the richness of its campus life set in the context of its built heritage. Surely a design strategy can be worked out that cherishes the Memorial Library building for its iconic presence and the surrounding spaces that are shaped by it. Would we even be having this discussion if the campus were Harvard or Princeton? Alumnus and Architect