

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



Isn't it ironic? I got my first training as a Canadian historian at an institution now prepared to destroy its own history.
Alumnus Class of 1985

Yes! It is imperative we respect and remember those of US who gave their lives so that we can be free to be educated and to educate our children and so on. This building is a memorial to folks who were once like us. It is up to us to have the intelligence regardless of the calendar or the latest fad, to celebrate our sacrificed selves with a living legacy. Preserve, Protect, Perfect and then Progress - add to, do not destroy that which others gave their lives to build for us to use. We are privileged. We must use our brains to create ways to update and reuse rather than abuse and destroy. Honour our "noble past". Alumna Class of 1978

What a terrible shame it would be to lose this beautiful building. Alumni Class of 1981

The Great War helped to define us as a country. The memory of the men and women who died in that war must be preserved, especially in a university setting, as a reminder to future generations.

Yes. This is a beautiful building, and also the heart of my Mt A experience. Alumni Class of 2004

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU THINKING? Alumni

I still get goose bumps thinking about the sun streaming into the old windows of Hesler Hall during the first week of university, and it was a decade ago. Alumni and staff (lover of all things Sackville)

Yes, the beautiful campus is one of the first things that drew me to MTA when I visited. It absolutely should be preserved! Alumnus Class of 2009

My reasons are purely sentimental as that is the building I looked at across the street from our home, for many years, watching people enter and leave. It is also a building that served many purposes and has many memories for many generations. It is the one building most everyone who ever went to Mt A knows. It is really, in one way, the heart of the old campus. It is a Memorial to all, faculty, students and parents. Parents who may never have seen the inside of college life except through the stories their children. It is history being destroyed and forgotten. It is part of the foundation of today's accomplishments of which we are all so proud.
Wife of past President

Yes! As a Mount A graduate, this building is part of what makes me a proud Allisonian. Alumni Class of 2005

Absolutely, this is one of the things we're best known for; a historic and beautiful campus, why would we take away from that? Third year biology student

Of course it is. One of the roles that universities play in our society is to preserve and maintain our common patrimony: this is a historically significant building, not only because it was built by Cobb but, also for what it represents. We have no-one left alive who defended this country in WWI - all we have left are monuments and memorial buildings such as this one. If we keep knocking them down and desecrating the memory of our soldiers' sacrifices, what will we have left? This is typical muddle-headed academic arrogance.

Are you kidding? Look at that building... of course it is important. Alumni - Class of 2001