

The proposed Arts Centre, Comments - submitted to ARGOSY website 11 May.

Hopefully the head of the Fine Arts Department and the Director of Drama at Mount Allison University are right and the proposed new Arts Centre will meet or exceed the long neglected needs for Fine and Performing Arts. It is unfortunate indeed that the much needed and long awaited facilities will be located in such an aesthetically barren environment. Surely, \$30 million should be expected to produce something much more classic and visually pleasing than a collection of Lego blocks glued together at the corners.

The real **travesty** about the new Arts Centre is that the project, as it is presently designed, requires the demolition of the **Memorial Library 1914 - 1918**, a timeless, architecturally important, heritage structure that is also a dedicated and consecrated war memorial. Many other options for the necessary arts facilities exist and have been identified.

Allisonians everywhere expect the University Administration to understand and respect the illustrious history of the institution and to have a clear vision of an appropriate path to the future. Members of the current Administration, aided and abetted by the Board of Regents, and supported by our Alumni Board have completely let us down on both counts. If allowed to proceed, they will perform the immoral act of destroying our cenotaph even though better options for the much needed Arts Centre have been identified.

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