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Mr. Scott Doherty, Editor
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Dear Mr. Doherty:

In October of 2010 David Stewart, VP Administration at Mount Allison University, announced that 'due diligence' had been done, and the University had decided to knock down the Memorial Library. Now I really do not know what 'due diligence' means, so I checked on dictionary.com. It suggests that 'due diligence' is sort of a legal term that implies the care that would be taken by a prudent person to evaluate the risks before undertaking an important project.

Because the Administration and the Alumni Board were seemingly unwilling to do so, in early January the Save the Memorial Library Committee decided it was important to launch an online petition to gauge the support amongst Alumni, and to engage them in conversation regarding the decision of the University to knock down one of the most handsome heritage buildings on its beautiful campus, the Memorial Library. The response has been overwhelming. The signatories of this petition are in agreement that Mount Allison University must preserve the Memorial Library for future generations of students to cherish – and for the constant reminder the building represents, as it stands proudly in the heart of the Mount Allison campus, of the trust that was passed to us all by those who are remembered and honoured therein, our Mount Allison Veterans.

Is this "due diligence"?

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