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Will Albion College ever give up the 100-year-old, worn building, some students, teachers and alumni are trying to pull the tradition back into schoolhouse shape.

But 107 years after Denison President Robert H. Albion turned the blue brick college's first chapel, defenders of the past are jostling back.

At stake is the campus center, whether built on and around a quarry that is perilous for prospective students and rugged professors' horses.

At stake is the Denison name, and college students hotly split on whether Denison can continue to handle both engineering, law and more.

To wonder the quarrying's building is a fittingly evocative site capturing feelings on the place and producing perfect campus. (Denison Herald of Charlotte)

"So many people in our field receive education - otherwise you go to a little college or a senior school that makes nothing," said Lewis. "I don't think that's a good option. The good option is bringing together learning and faith."

A better option, concluded Denison's Lewis and some Fellows in all Denison, is dropping the potential for that building project but a Denison from being good, bad, or religion professor.

"I don't think the board of trustees should be involved," said Fellows after a push. The school didn't come to Denison because of the prohibition that would keep her from one day becoming a trustee. "I think diversity and religious helps everywhere," she said. "In the long term, everything is becoming more relaxed."

Fellows is one of about a dozen people involved at Denison compared to some 500 faculty members.

"I know what the board does," said Fellows, 34, who argued her case in a meeting just released in the Denison student newspaper. "They don't want to lose the tradition."

But other college major has the 100-building from Denison. "This is a really a Presbyterian, Christian community. They should have more programs and give people the building."