

# MOVIE REVIEW

by Todd MacLaughlan

The Canadian-Albania Friendship Association presented the film "General Gramophone" last Monday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Robertson Library. Kathryn Schmidt of the Marxist-Leninist Party helped show the film which she stated "promotes progressive positive ideas."

The film was presented in the Albanian language and lasted approximately two and one half hours. This black and white film was set in 1936 in Albania during the anti-popular regime of King Zog. Although hard to follow at times because of the language barrier, the film basically tells the story of a group of folk instrumentalists and deals with the theme of the preservation of the national culture from the cultural and ideological assault which precedes

military aggression.

The movie compares the struggle of the poor oil field workers with the upperclass society (which were always eating) and shows some of the techniques which were used by the fascists to suppress the unrest and upheaval of the oil workers. One example occurred when selling

records which had one side of traditional Albanian music and the other side of foreign music (Italian) to force outside culture on the Albanians.

Ms. Schmidt made a comparison between this kind of pressure and that of the Americans pushing their music onto Canadians.

The movie ended with

the oil workers rebelling against the higher class, waving a flag bearing the "double-eagle" emblem of the Albanian revolution.

"General Gramophone" was one in a series of films which were being shown nationally.

## Remember Remembrance Day

It's time again to buy those red plastic, felt poppies to pin on our coats, or maybe even plan to go downtown to watch the long lines of veterans march past the War Memorial, their numbers getting smaller and smaller each year.

Young people can be heard to ask "What are they marching for?" We've seen war movies and read war books, but it all seems so unimportant now.

Today, most people have no concept of what the war years were like or for what Remembrance Day really stands for.

Veterans are seen as old men and women vainly trying to hold on to the "glory" of yesteryears.

Can you or I ever imagine their thoughts or feel as they felt as they prepared to join up for war duty? What tremendous love and respect they must have had for their country and countrymen. They willingly gave up the secure, safe

atmosphere of home, family and friends to face the unknown hardships of war even though they knew that they could be crippled, maimed or even killed.

Would you or I have the courage to do as they did?

I can only hope that we will never be put to the test.

On Nov. 11, when we bow our heads for that very special minute set aside for reflection and prayer, remember all those who fought in the World Wars to keep Canada and her allies free from tyrannv.

by Nancy MacDonald

## Academic Dinner

by Marie LeLoup


On October 30, University of Prince Edward Island hosted the first annual Academic Awards Dinner to recognize those students on the Dean's List last year and those students who won prizes for academic excellence.

Approximately seventy students attended the dinner which was catered to by Beaver Foods.

Following the dinner, academic awards were presented and the guest speaker, Dr. Colin MacMillan, a

consultant at Charlottetown Clinic, former graduate of UPEI and this provinces last Rhodes Scholar, gave a brief speech. He spoke about the benefits of and what university teaches, such as how to work under pressure and the meaning and use of concentration, and then commended the students for their achievement.

Upon closing Ruth Freeman, a senior history student, thanked Dr. MacMillan on behalf of the students present.



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