

## Film Library

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Franklin Roosevelt and Benito Mussolini, the Newsfilm Library has since received several other film collections, most notably the local television newsfilm collection.

"Several of the local stations here in South Carolina have donated their newsfilm collections to us, which are basically about events or personalities here in South Carolina from the late '50s through the late '70s," Murdoch said.

"As a former boss of mine said, lots of famous people came to South Carolina, so we'll have George Bush Sr. talking about the Watergate crisis in 1973, Martin Luther King speaking about the need to get out and vote in 1966, and others like that," he said.

After it receives the film, the Newsfilm Library staff works to convert the film from the unstable nitrocellulose film to modern safety film for better preservation.

"Safety film has been around as long as nitrate film," but ni-

trate film is cheaper and more resilient, said Murdoch, who added that nitrate film was used until 1951.

"So if you're going to make multiple copies to send to all your theaters," he said, "and they have to run through a projector multiple times, you want something that's cheap and something that's strong, and who cares about yesterday's news?"

Although the library was created mainly for academic purposes and allows USC students to use the film free for class purposes, it relies heavily on commercial users. The Newsfilm Library has been used in various projects, documentaries and feature films, including Ken Burns' "The Civil War," PBS' "The American Experience" series and the movie "A League of Their Own."

"It's a wonderful resource for faculty, students and clients from around the world," said Linda Allman, director of the film library. "It's a true asset because it has unique film footage of an era that has gone by."

Scott Allen, telecine colorist and digital compression specialist, said the library's work is im-

portant to preserving this history.

"In some ways, it's just like starting the clock over because then, you've got a new film copy and the aging process starts all over again," Allen said. "You're just starting afresh with something that's close to the original, as close as you can get."

To aid with the expensive process of preservation, USC has received several grants, most recently a half-million dollar film-preservation grant. Half the grant is from the National Endowment for the Humanities. An additional \$101,000 is from USC's Film Library, and the rest is from USC's Office of Research.

Murdoch said that because a lot of the material might be the only existing film on its topic, it must be handled carefully.

"It is a historical artifact, so you don't want someone that's careless with that or doesn't have an appreciation for that particular piece of history," Murdoch said.

He said one of the best parts of his job is the discovery of examining new films.

"Oftentimes, it is a process of

discovery," Murdoch said. "You're the first one to see this in 80 years."

Allman agreed that such discoveries make the Newsfilm

Library exciting.

"Sometimes, we do find pieces of film that we didn't know we had in the collection," Allman said. "It's obviously not exciting every

day — just the idea that we're preserving history."

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Stan Lollis, a worker at the Newsfilm Library, inspects a piece of nitrate film. The library contains films of speeches by Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Benito Mussolini.

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said fourth-year marketing student Tranaka Oglesby.

The fish fry is open to the public and will last from 7:30 until 12:00 p.m.

Oglesby, who is in charge of getting students to participate in the weekend's activities, said student involvement would likely be decreased because the event falls at the end of the semester.

"It's sad to say, but a lot of students won't come because it is the end of the year and it is exam time," she said. "I think the point is just knowing that students are invited."

Oglesby said the students who are interested in the debate will meet Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on Davis Field and walk to the debate together.

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## U.S. troops open fire during protest outside Baghdad, killing 13

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**FALLUJAH, IRAQ** — U.S. paratroopers fired on anti-American protesters during a nighttime demonstration, and a hospital reported Tuesday that 13 Iraqis were killed and 75 wounded, including three young boys. Soldiers said armed men had mixed into the crowd and fired at them from nearby buildings.

The deaths outside a school in Fallujah, a conservative Sunni Muslim city and Baath Party stronghold 30 miles west of the capital, highlighted the tense and precarious balance as Americans try to keep the peace in Iraq.

Americans and Iraqis gave sharply differing accounts of Monday night's shooting. U.S. forces insisted they opened fire only upon armed men — infiltrators among the protest crowd, according to Col. Arnold Bray, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, 325 Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, whose troops were involved in the shooting.

"Which schoolkids carry AK-47s?" Bray asked. "I'm 100 percent certain the persons we shot at were armed."

Protesters insisted their demonstration was unarmed and peaceful.

Dr. Ahmed Ghandim al-Ali, director of Fallujah's general hospital, said the clash killed 13 Iraqis and injured about 75. The dead included three boys ages 8 to 10, he said.

Some residents put the death toll higher, at 15. Survivors said the dead were buried quickly Tuesday morning, in accord with Islamic custom.

No Americans were injured. Other developments Tuesday in Iraq:

♦ Two Iraqis on the U.S.-led coalition's 55 most-wanted list — a weapons expert nicknamed the "Missile Man" and the governor of the southern province of Basra — have surrendered, the U.S. military and Iraqi opposition sources said.

♦ An Iraqi lawyer who helped U.S. commandos locate and rescue prisoner of war Jessica Lynch has been granted asylum in the United States, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

♦ The U.S. Army paid several thousand Baghdad policemen \$20 each and promised to bring in 4,000 more of their own officers, as Iraqis at a town hall-

style meeting told the U.S. administrator that security is their top priority.

♦ Professional thieves appear to have slipped in among the bands of looters in Iraqi museums, curators said as they urged U.S. authorities to tighten border security and stop the flow of stolen treasures.

♦ U.S. forces have made significant progress in restoring electricity and water to Baghdad and hope to resume television and radio broadcasts by week's end, the commander of U.S. soldiers in the city said.

♦ U.S. military officials say the United States has moved a regional air operations center to Qatar from Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, part of the reorganization that will take place in the aftermath of the Iraq war.

The Iraqi dead and wounded in hospital wards and homes also included women and children shot inside their walled residences in the neighborhood.

"They shot everyone who moved," Rafid Mahmoud, a cousin of one wounded man, said at Fallujah hospital Tuesday. He stood in front of the bed of his brother, who stared at visitors, his foot newly amputated.

"Americans are criminals," said 37-year-old Ebtesam Shamsudein, her leg bandaged. Her seven children surrounded her, one boy wearing clothes smeared with bloody palm prints.

U.S. Central Command said paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division were fired on by about 25 armed civilians mixed within an estimated crowd of 200 protesters outside a compound troops were occupying.

"The paratroopers, who received fire from elements mixed within the crowd and positioned atop neighboring buildings, returned fire, wounding at least seven of the armed individuals," the Central Command statement said.

A Central Command spokesman, Lt. Mark Kitchens, said coalition forces "have consistently demonstrated their efforts to avoid civilian casualties and practice restraint. Any allegations to the contrary are simply not based on fact."

Air Force Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart, U.S. Central Command's operations director,

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