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USM Library's WWI Film Series Set To Premiere Fourth Film

“The World War I Years” Film Four: “The American People in Wartime”
7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—While U.S. soldiers served their country on the front lines during the Great War, the landscape of their home nation was changing. Wartime necessities ignited the U.S. economy to unprecedented levels and shifted a previously agrarian society to an industrial one. The industrial climax also included a constitutional amendment granting American women the right to vote. When the soldiers returned home from World War I, would they even recognize their homeland?

The changes to America's social landscape during World War I will be on display during the University of Saint Mary De Paul Library's fourth installment of its six-part film series, *“The World War I Years: America Becomes a World Power.”* The fourth film entitled, *“The American People in Wartime,”* is set to show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 at the University of Saint Mary Mabee Auditorium. The University of Saint Mary Mabee Auditorium is the only place in Kansas where all six films can be seen.

Mabee Auditorium is located on the lower level of De Paul Library, University of Saint Mary, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. All six films are for free and are open to the public, but seating is limited. Call 913-758-6306 for reservations.

The entire six-part series examines the American experience in the “War to End all Wars.” The events of World War I transformed America into a world power and continue to influence the most important aspects of American life today, nine decades later. The series was created by the National Video Resources (NVR) in partnership with the American Library Association and the National Endowment for Humanities. Each film runs approximately 90 minutes.

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