Reliving January 24, 1977

*Roots* was one of the most popular and influential programs in American television history. Millions of Americans (60% of the population or more) watched at least part of the miniseries in 1977, and seven of the eight episodes were among the ten highest rated programs ever broadcast to that date. (The last episode was so popular that it is unlikely ever to be bumped from the top-ten list.) The show was significant by other measures, too. Pollsters found that half of the people watching *Roots* thought it was “one of the best” shows they’d ever seen, and it was a topic of conversation wherever people gathered.

### Episode Two

Episode Two begins as Wrestler and Kunta Kinte vow that “we will be one village” and “we will kill the white man”; it runs for 96 minutes. Over 44% of American households watched this episode.

The cast includes:

- Ed Asner (Capt. Thomas Davies)
- LeVar Burton (Kunta Kinte)
- Louis Gossett Jr. (Fiddler)
- Lorne Greene (John Reynolds)
- Robert Reed (Dr. William Reynolds)
- Ralph Waite (Slater)
- Vic Morrow (Ames)


The following pages give you a taste of life at Hanover in 1977. Included are articles, television listings, and cartoons from the local paper and the student newspaper. Clippings from the Madison Courier are reproduced by permission (http://madisoncourier.com/).
Heavy snow closes schools again

The situation is getting serious! The extreme cold has caused a shortage of natural gas, the ice-covered river is causing problems in delivering fuel oil, and Courierarea schools are still closed.

A very dejected Dr. Harlan Stuckwisch, superintendent of Madison Consolidated Schools, sat in his office this morning after making the decision once again to cancel classes.

Do you agree with the pardon?

In his first executive order, President Jimmy Carter granted a full, complete and unconditional pardon to Vietnam draft evaders.

The decision has evoked criticism: veterans’ groups say it will make future military mobilization more difficult, while groups backing draft evaders want total amnesty.

What is your opinion? Write a Letter to the Editor and let us know where you stand on this controversial issue.

Please sign your name, but if you wish to remain anonymous, say so. We will not print your name if you desire.

He had taken calls until midnight last night and had been up since 5:30 a.m. today checking with agencies on road conditions as well as out driving miles and miles of bus routes to see what they were like.

When asked what’s going to happen if the schools don’t open soon, Dr. Stuckwisch said, “I don’t have an answer to it. This is our 13th day closed and I still haven’t gotten any answer at all from the state.”

He said he has been calling other area superintendents in order to try and set up a meeting for Wednesday to see what they can do.

“I’ve just never seen anything like it. We went out this morning and drove it, pondered it and cursed it, and then I did the only thing I could do.”

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“aroused was the only word that came to mind.”

Besides all the problems the “snow days” are causing for the school, there are a few with agencies on road conditions. There are several seniors who were supposed to graduate from high school at the end of the first semester and go on to bigger and better things — like jobs and more school. But the weather hasn’t allowed school to be in session long enough to even end the first semester.

“And the weather isn’t our only problem. Dr. Stuckwisch said, “My office right now is 47 degrees and the thermostat has been set back to 60 degrees. The reason we’re doing this is that it’s possible our fuel oil supply will be shaky.”

He told about the Growers’ Schools that are closed until in February — not because of the snow and ice, but because of an absence of natural gas to heat the schools.

“On the very first day I will make the best thing for the state to make up the lost days.”

“At this point it’s out of our hands. It’s a terribly helpless feeling,” he said.

“The only positive thing I saw this morning was that the stuff on the ground had honeycombed a little and when the snow tires on the back of the bus sliced through the snow we could see the pavement.”

At the school board meeting two weeks ago, the board approved a recommendation by Dr. Stuckwisch that the first five days back would be the end of the first semester and the sixth would be the beginning of the second semester. But none of them had any idea that two weeks later there still wouldn’t be any school, so these plans will probably be discussed again at the board’s meeting Tuesday.

Fuel conservation posters available

The Madison Business and Professional Association is having posters printed that state the following:

“We Are Helping, Store Temperature Reduced. Emergency Fuel Crisis.”

John Galvin, owner-manager of the Ohio Theatre and president of the MBPA, announced today that these placards will be available to non-members as well as members.

Any merchant can obtain a placard by calling The Madison Courier (360-3861), and one of The Courier’s advertising representatives will be happy to deliver a poster to the merchant’s place of business.
Television Programs

Monday Night January 24

BASKETBALL (cont.)
JEFFERSONS
Upon his return from an old chum’s funeral, sentimental George feels guilty about losing contact with his boyhood gang and decides to stage a reunion.
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE
Muhammad Ali, Joe Namath, England Dan and John Ford Coley, Billy Davis Jr. and Marvillo McCoo, John Byner are guests.
MEETING OF THE MINDS
Jaye Meadows portrays Marie Antoinette, telling stories of Versailles court life and recalling nightmarish memories of the French Revolution.
STAR TREK
8:30
HOUSE ON PRAIRIE (cont.)
BUSTING LOOSE
Lenny develops a crush on a girl who is paranoid about the attentions of all men.
MEETING OF MINDS (cont.)
STAR TREK (cont.)
9:00
MONDAY MOVIE
Westworld “may look like a frontier town of the 1860s, but its inhabitants are robots and its visitors are well-heeled tourists of the future who indulge their fantasies by interacting with the robot locals.” Yul Brynner, Richard Benjamin, James Brolin. 11:00 (p.m.)
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MONDAY MOVIE
“Helter Skelter,” a 1979 TV movie based on the best seller by Los Angeles prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi and Curt Gentry. Shown in two parts, the film begins with the August 1969 discovery of five persons brutally murdered. Concludes Wed. night of this time. 11:00 (p.m.)
PARENTAL DISCRETION URGED.
ROOTS
(l. Part 2, 17 year-old Kunta Kinte endures the torturous sea passage to America, where he’s sold to a Virginia tobacco farmer and haltingly adjusts to plantation life with the help of Fiddler, and American
MARRY HARTMAN
12:30
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
JOHNNY CARSON (cont.)
KOJAK (cont.)
WILD WILD WEST (cont.)
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
HOMERO (cont.)
STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO (cont.)
12:30
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
JOHNNY CARSON (cont.)
KOJAK (cont.)
WILD WILD WEST (cont.)
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
HOMERO (cont.)
12:40
LATE MOVIE
“Target Risk,” a 1975 TV movie about a gem courier forced to participate in a jewel robbery to ransom his kidnapped girl friend. 1:00 (a.m.)
DAN AUGUST
1:00
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
TOMORROW
NEWS
DAN AUGUST (cont.)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
1:10
DAN AUGUST
1:30
TOMORROW (cont.)
WALLY’S WORKSHOP
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE (cont.)
2:00
NEWS
MOVIE (cont.)
DAN AUGUST (cont.)
CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP
NEWS
2:40
MADISON COURIER, MADISON, WISCONSIN

Little House on the Prairie
Nellie has most of the lines in a school play, but the player who gets the most from the show is the daughter of a reclusive widow who uses the production to bring her mother back into society.

Born slave. (8:30 p.m.)
MARDI GRAS
MARY HARTMAN
12:30
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
JOHNNY CARSON (cont.)
KOJAK (cont.)
WILD WILD WEST (cont.)
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
HOMERO (cont.)
STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO (cont.)
12:30
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
JOHNNY CARSON (cont.)
KOJAK (cont.)
WILD WILD WEST (cont.)
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
HOMERO (cont.)
12:40
LATE MOVIE
“Target Risk,” a 1975 TV movie about a gem courier forced to participate in a jewel robbery to ransom his kidnapped girl friend. (11:20 a.m.)
DAN AUGUST
1:00
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
TOMORROW
NEWS
DAN AUGUST (cont.)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
1:10
DAN AUGUST
1:30
TOMORROW (cont.)
WALLY’S WORKSHOP
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE (cont.)
2:00
NEWS
MOVIE (cont.)
DAN AUGUST (cont.)
CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP
NEWS
2:40

Outlook Good for Summer Employment

Summer job analyses indicate that the prospects for college student employment for the summer of 1977 look promising. National parks throughout the nation will once again staff their facilities with college student summer time help. Opportunities appear to be expanding into many support accommodations and facilities surrounding the park areas. State parks also indicate a high demand for temporary summer employment by college students. Some national parks will hire as many as 3,000 college students for the summer period.

Several hundred private camps throughout the nation will once again be seeking college student summer employees in varied capacities as counselors, swimming instructors, music directors, and general activities such as maintenance, cooking, etc. Students with special talents in the area of entertainment or horse handling abilities should investigate these opportunities.

Once again it is emphasized that students desiring summer employment in the various recreational areas throughout the nation should apply early. Students interested in obtaining additional detailed information may request a free brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Opportunity Research, Dept.

SJO, Lock Box 4000, Kalispell, MT 59901.

Thank You

Laura and Dan Hodges, 1975 graduates of Hanover College, have donated $50 toward the renovation of the basement and first floor of the Faculty Office Building, the future “after hours place to go.”

Laura Smith Hodges, an English major, and Dan Hodges, a Business major, were active in campus journalism: Laura was Editor-in-chief of the Triangle during her sophomore and junior years and Dan was the Triangle’s Business Manager.

Laura and Dan are presently living in Madison.

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