Watching *Roots*, January 27, 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 Five**

Episode Five begins sixteen years later (in 1806), with Kizzy and Kunta Kinte (Toby) talking while they handle a horse; it runs for 50 minutes. Almost 46% of American households watched this episode.

The cast includes

- John Amos (Kunta Kinte/Toby)
- Chuck Connors (Tom Moore)
- Sandy Duncan (Anne Reynolds)
- Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs (Noah)
- Robert Reed (Dr. William Reynolds)
- Madge Sinclair (Bell Reynolds)
- Leslie Uggams (Kizzy)


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/).
Another cold blast hits Midwest and East

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The Winter of '77 hit the East, Midwest and parts of the South with a new arctic cold blast today as already critical natural gas shortages forced more closings of schools and factories.

The entire school system of Pennslyvania was shut down by Gov. Milton Shapp so that natural gas could be shifted to industries. State officials said the state's 2.6 million public and parochial students may be out for longer than the three days already scheduled.

Pennsylvania and Ohio got a taste of the renewed cold front as the new arctic storm moved down from Canada Wednesday night and dropped temperatures by as much as 20 degrees in three hours.

Snow squalls hit sections of Ohio and Indiana Wednesday night, blocking roads and causing scenes of traffic accidents, officials said.

Major north-south roads were blocked in Indiana, with hundreds of motorists stranded.

Some 150 school districts in 20 northeastern Indiana counties, including the 40,000-pupil Fort Wayne system, the state's second largest, canceled classes today.

The area south of Toledo, Ohio, was hit heavily by the storm, with most roads, including some main highways, closed.

Power failures blamed indirectly on the winter weather left about 38,000 Greater Cleveland residents without electricity for several hours Wednesday night and knocked out power to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport and Southwest General Hospital. Both reported that operations continued on auxiliary power facilities.

Temperatures plunged elsewhere in the Midwest and East Coast as the blast sent frigid air gusting up to 60 miles per hour through the region.

And the National Weather Service reported Wednesday that there appears to be no long-term warming trend in sight. The service forecast lower than normal temperatures over much of the East for at least the next two weeks.

Earlier Wednesday, President Carter asked Congress for emergency authority to transfer natural gas to areas with the worst shortages.

Parts of Maryland and Virginia around the Chesapeake Bay were declared federal disaster areas because the frozen bay has put many boats and fishermen out of work. The ice has blocked shipments of fuel oil and grain.

Outside Pennsylvania, school closures were scattered.

In Georgia, most schools were open but with orders to keep thermostats at 65 degrees. Temperatures had moderated somewhat by midweek but were predicted to plunge back into the teens by this weekend.

Police in LaGrange, Ga., which had many factories closed due to gas shortages, patrolled the empty plants.

While business owners waited to see what the government would do to ease gas shortages, President Carter's energy adviser James R. Schlesinger said at least two interstate pipelines - Southern Natural Gas and Trunkline - already were cutting off gas supplies to some top priority consumers. He said Carter's proposals were aimed at avoiding those cutbacks, which affect some residents, public services and factories in danger of severe damage without gas.

Schlesiger said he did not have a precise breakdown on unemployment caused by gas shortages but he said the number of unemployed was reported highest in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

There was mixed reaction from Western states - which have been enjoying a relatively mild winter - to the possibility that they may be called on by Congress to share more of their natural gas with the Midwest and East.

The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. offered to share its supplies. Under an arrangement approved by the California Public Utilities Commission, PG&E will loan gas to Southern Natural Gas Co. of Birmingham, Ala.
Television Programs

Thursday Night January 27

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Miami Vice (Cont.)
- Cagney & Lacey (Cont.)
- CHiPs (Cont.)
- Night Gallery (Cont.)
- Decoration (Cont.)

THURSDAY MOVIE

- The Godfather, Part III (Cont.)
- Murder by Death (Cont.)
- The Parallax View (Cont.)
- The Enforcer (Cont.)
- Agatha Christie: Murder on the Orient Express (Cont.)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- Drake vs. Northern Illinois
- Notre Dame vs. Marquette
- Indiana vs. Illinois State
- Michigan vs. Michigan State
- Ohio State vs. Purdue

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It was brought to our attention, after last week’s venture into the world of editorial journalism, that Hanover College no longer has “men’s jobs” and women’s jobs.” We were quite surprised to note that on the little cards announcing job openings on campus (and the surrounding area) that the words “male or female” were specifically used. One of the jobs was even one mentioned by our Uncle Rod the previous week.

We are quite pleased that the College is taking steps to enter the 1970’s, and wish to commend whomever is responsible for this change in what seemed to be college policy.

We also wish to extend our congratulations to the supporters of the ERA in case you didn’t realize Indiana passed it. Hang in there.