HEP: A chance for farmworkers
**'Roots' reality**

Through the epic television drama depicting slavery in this country, "Roots," The Saga of an American Family, millions of viewers are learning a lesson in teaching. It's possible that generations have grown up and believed the myth that slavery is a thing of the past. The truth is still working on that and probably will be for many years.

The television series presents vividly, for the first time on film, the gruesome details of the institution of slavery. Realistic portrayal on the subject of slavery in America is relatively skimpy. Even the California state history textbooks of many years ago were found to be inaccurate when, it came to telling about slavery in the South. It's possible that generations have grown up and believed the myth about the happy, leisurely life on the old plantation and "Waitin' for the Robert E. Lee."

One might ask: Why dredge all this up now?

The answer is that as a people we need an accurate knowledge of our history. The age applies. A people ignorant of their past such a reliable roadmap to their future.

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**Announcement**

Library elevator construction requires that electrical power, heating and telephone service be discontinued in the Library Addition only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This includes lobbies, duplication, reference, periodicals and the Learning Assistance Center. These areas will be staffed until 5 p.m. and open to users with natural light and no heat.

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**Weather**

Expect fair weather through Wednesday with some low cloud. Overnight lows at 30 degrees with light winds. In the 60s for the day. Winds will average around 10 mph.
Mason brings Poly ‘big-time’ concert thrills

In this last stop on his tour in California, Mason gave the crowd his all. But they wanted more. As soon as he left the stage at the conclusion of the concert, numerous matches were lit amidst the cheering. Mason obliged with an encore.

Leaving the stage for what he thought was the last time, the gym reached new heights of thunderous applause as the audience went wild. One minute passed and there was no Mason. Still nobody left the gym as all heads were turned toward the stage.

The crowd yelled, "We want more! We want more!" Three minutes passed and no Mason. But the noise did not die. If anything, it grew.

Finally, after several minutes had passed, Mason made his second and final encore appearance. He sang, "Only You Know And I Know." The crowd roared in approval as Mason bid his final farewell.

During the concert, Mason looked tired. Afterwards, up close, he appeared haggard and worn. He jokingly blamed the heat and the drumming backup group for Bob Dylan’s Rolling Thunder.”

In minutes past 8 p.m., a warm crowd such as the Steel Guitar and the electric violin and pianist brought the Poly crowd to its feet. The steel guitar. electric violin and pianist brought the Poly crowd to its feet.

Along with Mason came wisps of marijuana smoke and a special mellowness as he opened with “Every Woman.” “Take It To The Limit,” and “Give Me A Reason.” Mason, controlling everyone’s emotions with each song, brought the crowd to life with “Show Me Some Affection.” The audience showed just that with a huge ovation.

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Had he expected the Poly audience to be as receptive? "No," Mason answered, "it was a real nice crowd." On his second encore, Mason said he was “wasted and tired” but the crowd was going "crazy." We had to go do another one.”

Mason will end his current tour in Boulder, Colorado in a few days. His plans include: Trips to Europe, Japan and Australia; an acoustic guitar college tour in March and a new album.

The album, due later this year, will "probably be called Let It Flow," Mason said. According to Don Wyman, Associated Students, Inc’s ticket sales manager, 1,000 tickets were sold with a total attendance of about 1,000. "We made approximately $2,000," Wyman said.
Hep offers hope to farm workers...

Instead of being referred to by its initial nickname "HEP," the High School Equivalency Program could appropriately be called "Hope."

The program offers hope in an alternative to children of farm workers whose educations have suffered because of their transient lifestyles. Students in HEP live and study together until they earn General Education Diplomas, the equivalent of high school diplomas.

San Luis Obispo is one of two HEP locations in California. Students are recruited from Salinas south to the Imperial Valley, according to local HEP Administrative Assistant Raphael Cardenas. Another program in Stockton recruits students north of Salinas.

Applicants for the program must be between 17 and 24 years old, have farmworker backgrounds and meet certain poverty guidelines, according to Cardenas. They prepare an average three months for tests in grammar, literature, math, science and social studies. The students graduate after passing five separate tests at their school.

The 57 students in the local program this quarter live and study in Palm Royal Apartments on California Boulevard. Cardenas said most of the students are Chicanos, "American citizens whose nationality goes back to Mexico." Others include four Anglos, four Indians and 17 Mexican students. "

There are 19 women in the program.

Medical students enroll in concentrated English courses in addition to their other schooling. They usually take from six to eight months to graduate, according to Cardenas. He said students are urged to speak English and are not allowed to speak any language but English in the classrooms.

Of the 150 students who enter the program each year, Cardenas estimated 100 will graduate. Some students go on to college, while others are placed in on-the-job training. Cardenas said three former students are psychiatric technicians at Atascadero State Hospital, earning $7 an hour. The hospital program is offered to three students each quarter.

Students who desire vocational training after graduation are directed to agencies which can help them. Cardenas said many organizations offer vocational training for minorities but the students know about few. HEP counselors are also able to place students in trade unions which might exclude other races.

Cardenas said the program has met with enthusiasm. As the program's popularity grows recruiters can become more selective. More applicants enable them to choose the most motivated students, according to Cardenas.

Stories by
Katie Keevil

Victor Bustos, foreground, and Carlos Melo take some time to study. They are part of the High School Equivalency Program which helps farm workers who seek to complete their high school education. (Daily photo by Mary Reardon)

...and students approve at own pace

There is an air of assurance about Victor Bustos which wasn't there four months ago. Bustos attributes the change to the High School Equivalency Program.

Bustos, from the small farming town of Corcoran near Bakersfield, said he dropped out of high school more times than he can remember. He was collecting money because of a back injury when a counselor in the unemployment office asked him if he wanted to return to school.

"I told them I wouldn't go back to school unless I could go at my own pace," said Bustos. "They suggested HEP and I decided to try it."

The 18-year-old Chicano said school now has a different meaning for him:

"The people I was with in high school influenced me and I dropped out. Here I want to make something out of myself."

Bustos, a former HEP president, wants to be a hotel or motel manager. He said there is a vocational training program waiting for him in Cambria after his graduation.

"When students don't graduate, there is a chance the program will close down. We set an example for other students to graduate," he said.

Ruth Aquino, 17, spoke of the individual responsibilities placed on each student: "There is no cheating at this school. It's up to you by the time you take the test. You go at your own speed and you have to help before."

Carlos Melo, a quiet student who moved from Pescador to Salinas two and a half years ago, feels the teachers and counselors in the program are strong influences. "They communicate like we want them to. They really hard. They teach you respect."

Bustos said the HEP students are close friends and everybody associates with everybody. "Sometimes students don't want to leave because they become so close as a family."

When hard feelings arise, Bustos said studentsascimento fights, but only in controlled situations using boxing gloves in a weight room. He does not think fighting is a problem. Raphael Cardenas, administrative assistant for HEP, said the rule about fighting is one of the harshest for students to follow. He said students come from backgrounds where fist fights are the only way to get along.

Cardenas said no drinking or drugs are allowed in the apartments which double as school and home for the students. An 11 p.m. curfew is strictly enforced. Students who disobey regulations are sent home or may be given another chance if they feel the program is important enough to them.

Students are given spending money each week as well as room and board. They eat their meals at the Poly cafeteria.

Bustos said he and his friends spend much of their extra time on homework but don't mind studying. He said he surprised himself to see friends working on homework when he never studied before.

Cardenas is not as surprised about students' motivation: "Students want to come here because they are interested in this different here. They recognize this as their last chance."

'You're on your own here. If you don't want to do it, you don't have to. You can go home.'

—Bustos

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by FRANKLIN C. JENSEN
Daily Staff Writer

Pianist Anne-Marie Levine gave a captivating performance last Saturday night in Cuesta Auditorium in spite of the poor musical support of the San Luis Obispo County Orchestra.

The San Luis Obispo Orchestra, conducted by Cal Poly Music Professor, David Swanson, really isn't on level. It's just that the orchestra is so incredibly good. (Indeed, the orchestra's shortcomings are small, like SLO itself compared to the larger metropolitan areas of Los Angeles and San Francisco).

The interpretation of Chopin's No. 1 for Piano and Orchestra, in A minor, Opus 11, was quite easy. She caressed her audience with a sensuousness that we've read about but have rarely felt or commanded her listeners through a profundity of emotion.

The Chopin concerto was written so that the orchestra is subservient to the soloist. Levine, obviously superior to the orchestra, showed this through her superior experience as well as creative style. Maintained at a high standard which the piece demanded. The orchestra was perfectly conducted by Swanson and blended quite well into the background allowing Levine to show off her talents.

The agitated melody and vigorous rhythms of the Schumann concerto were brought alive and delicately blended with the orchestra's orchestration. Levine, born in Belgium, was raised in America and studied under Sascha Gorodniche, Lukas Foss, Julius Herold and Marcel Ciampi. She has appeared in Carnegie Hall and been performing in the east during the past five years. She has also performed with the San Antonio Symphony (Continued on page 8)

Environmental protection, Management, Navigational systems, Port safety, Boating safety and Saving lives.

Obispo Police Department is very strict in its policy of exact weighing of marijuana confiscated from a suspect. The marijuana is brought to the police station and weighed on a chemist's scale to make sure the measurements are accurate. As far as the police know, they are strictly adhering to the law.

"With all the suffering that comes as a result of these drugs, the resources (publicity and public sentiment) devoted to drugs amaze me," said Neuman. "Victims of violent crimes get no publicity, while all the publicity goes to drugs. Our priorities ought to be dealing with the victims, not the criminals.

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Rouda breezes to a victory

Taking the lead at the sound of the gun and never relinquishing it, Jani Rouda won the 1500 meters in Sunday's AAU meet at UC Irvine.


The seven other women in the contest never really had a chance. With the passing of each lap, the steadily widened her lead and finished 30 yards ahead of second place finisher Carol Flourney of UCLA. Rouda's time of 4:53:0 was another Cal Poly record.

"Jani runs a very solid and aggressive race," said her coach Eddie Cadena. "By far this was the best performance I've seen on her part because she went out on her own and set the pace without showing any sign of tiring up at the end."

When Rouda competes in the Jack in the Box Indoor Games 100 yard track, she will run against many internationally known athletes—many who have competed in the recent Olympic Games in Montreal.

Jani seems to be gaining and running with more confidence each week," Cadena said. "She's realizing she belongs on the same track, indoors and outdoors, as some of the country's better runners.

"Jani's in their class and she's earned that honor through much hard and dedicated work. Not many people are willing to get up at 6:15 on cold mornings and run some four miles and then come back again in the afternoon for another eight to ten miles.

Finishing behind Rouda and Flourney, was Regina Schuster of the Blue Angels, Lynn Smith who was runner-up to the Mustangs' own California Jackson of UCLA came in fifth.

Rouda's time of 4:53 is equivalent to a 4:33 mile which would lower her personal mile record of 4:57 set at the Sunstik Indoor Games on Jan. 15.

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WRESTLER OF THE WEEK

Ron McKinney won two matches and tied another on Cal Poly's tough weekend road trip. He was the key in the Mustang's 18-16 win over number one ranked, Iowa State. McKinney upset Randy Nielsen, who was 21-2 going into the match. McKinney is now 14-7-3.

It was embarrassing

The Cal Poly swimming team finished 10th in the Pomona Relays held Friday and Saturday in Pomona. Peppermint won the 14 school event. Eric Nicholas placed 1st in the 1600 freestyle, and was highest for the Mustangs followed by John Holbeck who placed 27th.

In the 100 Freestyle event Stewart Ward placed 25th, and Tom Steele finished 29th.

Bob Franklin finished 26th in the 400 Individual Medley while teammate Alan Bell finished 68th.

Saturday afternoon the Mustangs host Point Loma University in a dual meet. The meet is slated to begin at 1 p.m. in the pool behind the Education Building.

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Gold dust goes up for an easy two points in Cal Poly's big victory against Northridge. Mustangs guard Bob Nicholson looks on as Poly rolls into a tie for first place. (Daily photo by Dennis Speers)

A real 'bummer'

The women's basketball game was a bumpy ride in the second half. As they dropped the Mustangs to Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State Fullerton, the Mustangs couldn't keep pace with the taller Broncos.

It was a tough game, as the Mustangs managed to narrow the lead and briefly take the lead in the second half. But in the end, they fell to Cal Poly Pomona by a score of 63-57. The Mustangs' loss was their second in a row, and they now find themselves in a tie for first place in the conference.

The Mustangs' loss was not due to lack of effort. They fought back from an early deficit and took the lead in the second half. However, they couldn't sustain their momentum and ultimately succumbed to the taller and more experienced Broncos.

Despite the loss, the Mustangs showed resilience and determination. They will need to regroup and focus on their next game, as they look to bounce back and reclaim their position at the top of the conference standings. 
Financial aid available

The Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for scholarships and financial aid for summer quarter 1977 and the 1977-78 academic year.

The scholarship deadline is March 15. A financial aid form should be filled out with the College Scholarship Service prior to Feb. 15.

Applications for summer quarter must be received by April 1 for priority consideration. A financial aid form must be filled out and filed by April 1.

Applications for the 1977-78 academic year must be received by May 2. Forms should be filled out and filed by April 1.

Due to supplemental federal funding, funds are still available for winter and spring quarters 1977.

Applications and necessary forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, Room 128 of the Administration Building.

Mime to appear

Tied the Mime will entertain the audience in Chumash Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 4. Admission is $1.50.

Stiff bill introduced for murderers

(SACRAMENTO AP) — A Republican state senator opposed to the death penalty introduced legislation Monday to require first-degree murderers to spend their entire sentences in prison.

A bill by Sen. Milton Marks, R-San Luis Obispo, would require a life sentence without possibility of parole for first-degree murder. A companion measure, if approved by the legislature and state voters, would repeal the death penalty.

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Exquisite pianist

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Symphony and the California Chamber Symphony. Her upcoming engagements include the Rochester, Milwaukee, Houston, Denver and Honolulu symphonies.

Levine's performance, although occasionally marred by the orchestra's lacklustre achievement, was excellent. In fact, the bulk of the evening occurred when the virtuoso was not on stage. Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 1 in C minor, Opus 7, was a filler between the two concertos and the orchestra had a difficult time trying to make the music work for them. It wasn't until the 3rd movement that they warmed up and by the fourth movement they mustered up the energy to give a passionate and long awaited finale.

When all the musicians finished, they basked in the indifference of the audience. Indifference? Yes. Even though exquisite, the audience didn't seem to note the unique character that the presented. They politely clapped, but there was no standing ovation nor was there anything that could be considered "Bravo!"-mustered.

It is ironic that a county apparently so starved for cultural nourishment, should shush such a fine musician as Levine. One reason for the cold reception Levine and even the symphony, received may be traced to the lack of quality concerts many county residents have been exposed to in recent years.

This theory received an endorsement Saturday night as many in attendance headed for the exit before the musicians' final bow, leaving the audience's ability to separate a mediocre performance from quality efforts suspect.

Many of those who crowded into the auditorium seemed too conservative, too impasive and downright blasé in the face of Levine's flawless effort. The dependable attitude of the audience reflected in the symphony's performance—a performance that left something to be desired.

Learning assistance seminars

To aid students, the Learning Assistance Center will sponsor seminars as follows: essay test taking, 3-4:50 p.m. Feb. 1, Tenaya Hall; objective test taking, 4:50-5:50 p.m. Feb. 2, Trinity Hall; test panic tips, 7-8 p.m. Feb. 5, Sierra Madre.

UCCLA law school reps

Representatives of UCLA's School of Law will be in Room 216 of the University Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3. Any students interested in attending law school are urged to stop by and speak with the recruiters.

Pet Respect meeting

Pet Respect, an organization concerned with animal care and welfare, will hold a general meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 1056 McCullom St., San Luis Obispo.

CAPHER Meeting

CAPHER will hold a meeting 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 in Room 218 of the PE building. Guest speaker will be Sheldon Harden, a student study advisor for Men's PE majors.

KCPF Ag program

KCPF, 91.5 FM, will present Ag-Lite, a program designed to acquaint listeners on issues and aspects of all phases of agriculture, 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7.

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