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Coffee house offers music without alcohol, smoke

The Glory. Barn may be just the place you're looking for if you want live music without alcohol and smoke in the room.

The Glory Barn is a non-denominational, independant, evangelical coffee house located one block north of 84th and Vine Street. It is the brainchild of Chris Johnson, a UNL music senior. He along with his wife, Lori, and three couples co-manage it as an alternate to the bar scene.

"We wanted a place where you could have fun, fellowship and still enjoy good music," Johnson said.

It is a Bring Your Own situation-but in a different way. You bring something to sit on instead of something to drink. Extra blankets are supplied for those who are unprepared.

Hay, straw and blankets cover the floor. About the only thing missing was the animals.

The entertainment varies each week, from local groups with some UNL alumni to groups from as far away as California. Admission is free. Saturday's singer was Paul Blanchard, a Kearney State singer, who sang and played some original pieces on his guitar, as well as pieces by Bruce Cockburn and Jazz guitarist Terry Talbort.

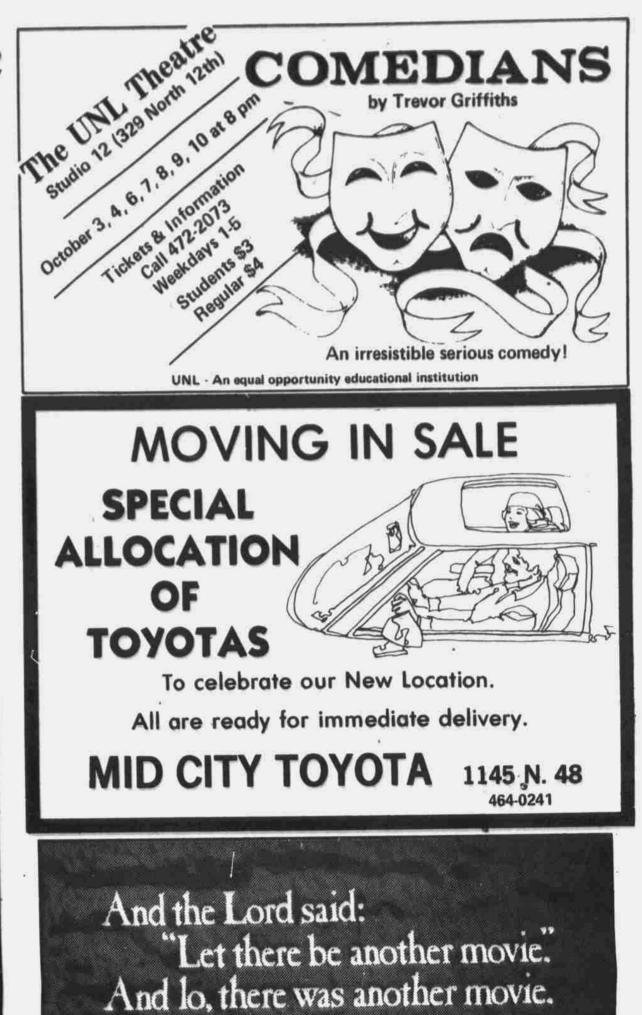
The audience was a mixture of teenagers to middle-aged couples.

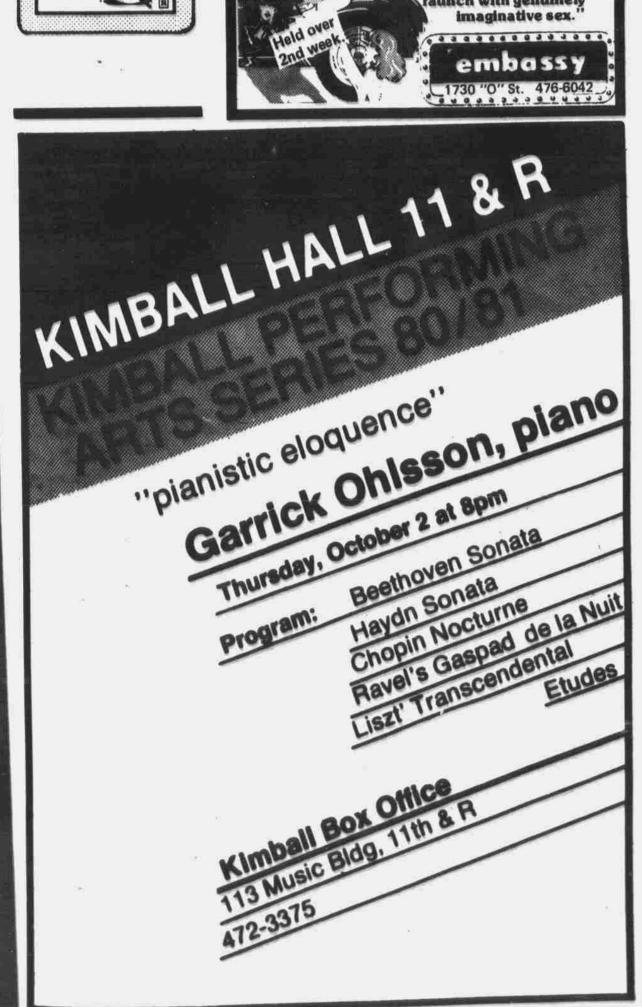
This Thursday the Glory Barn, the Potters House in Seward and KBHL. Radio are co-sponsoring Daybreak, a new wave (reggae), contemporary gospel group from Pennsylvania. A local group, Hope, which includes some UNL alumni, will be the opening act. The free concert will be 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 14th & K.

The Glory Barn will be moving Oct. 11 to the corner of 25th & S Streets, until a permanent location can be found.

"We are booked up until the end of the year and are really excited that the Ray LaFevera Band out of Indiana will be appearing here in November," Johnson said.









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