

Holiday Inn . . .

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"The 'Great Sign' was necessary to pull people off the highway," he said. "When it was built, it was certainly unique. No one can knock the 'Great Sign' for what it has achieved. But from a graphics standpoint it no longer fits into today's styles and appeals."

Well . . . the Holiday Inn folks are undoubtedly correct in their reasoning. If you think about it rationally, the old sign does look like something of a dinosaur in this new world of razor-sharp, antiseptic-clean graphics. Perhaps the only thing that has saved it for as long as it has lasted is that we were all so used to it, we didn't really see it anymore.

But I'm one traveler who is going to miss it. It was a welcoming sight — it was always so friendly and absurd, blinking out there on the highway. If you spent a lot of time on the road going to towns where you didn't know anybody, that Holiday Inn sign was like an old pal.

Sure, it was corny, in its jazzy, hyperkinetic way. You would come upon it, and it would be like a touch of Vegas in DeKalb or Chillicothe. Forty-three feet in the air, all green and yellow and orange and white and pink and blue and red; you might not have had anyone else to take you in for the night, but that sign told you where you could find a warm bed and a clean bathroom.

I've been a Holiday Inn customer for years, and I'm sure I'll remain one for many more. But somehow it's not going to be quite the same. We'll all get used to the new signs; I've seen pictures of it, and it's not all that bad. Probably, before too many years have passed, the new signs will even start to look warm and familiar.

But not as warm and familiar as their predecessor. I have only one request for the Holiday Inn corporation. No one has mentioned yet what they're going to do with all the old signs. If they have a spare, and it's all the same to everyone at headquarters, I sure would like one. It would look wonderful sitting outside my home.

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Audience disrespectful

I would like to express my reaction to the audience at the Oct. 12 Dan Fogelberg concert in Omaha.

It takes a very talented and confident performer to do a solo concert, a task that Fogelberg executed to perfection. But the audience members were very disrespectful, talked continuously and whistled. Many even got up and left during the instrumentals.

Fogelberg had to request that people keep silent when he sang "Leader of the Band." He had to pull teeth to get the audience to sing along to "The Gambler," and still the response was not what it could have been or what it was during the Lincoln concert in 1981.

Fogelberg came back to Nebraska because of his positive experience in 1981, when he got three encores. I'm sure he left Nebraska with different feelings this year, after receiving only one encore. I wouldn't blame him if he never returns.

Nebraska is drawing more talented and popular performers, but we had better take care of this privilege by respecting those performers.

Deb McGinn
senior, English

Not all 'keep silent'

I hardly know how to begin to sort out the confusions of Julia O'Gara's column about women and the church. (Daily Nebraskan, Oct. 11). First, I feel I must point out that even though there are many nice people who are Mormon, they most certainly are not Christian.

Now some may find those doctrines appealing, but they are not Christian doctrine. Few people who know anything about Christianity would want to call the Mormon Church "just another denomination." Let us not forget that it was Joseph Smith who advocated the practice of polygamy, and it was Christians

who stood against such a belief.

The treatment of Sonia Johnson by the Mormon Church in no way reflects current Christian thinking.

The proof text O'Gara used to introduce her column and show that Christianity discriminates against women is, as usual, taken out of context and not weighed against the rest of Scripture. Unfortunately, many others (both in and out of the church) have made the same

mistake, which accounts for the patriarchalism associated with Christianity.

Kris Christlieb
graduate student, English

Letters

Jeff Allen's column, which normally appears on the Tuesday Daily Nebraskan editorial page, will appear later in the week.

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