

# Brotherhouse pursues community service work

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Think about the places one might go searching for God on earth. Think of cathedrals with marble alters gleaming in the light of myriad candles. Think of parishoners in their Sunday best filling the pews and coffers of thousands of churches. And, think of a small two-story house in south Lincoln.

This house, furnished with a few chairs, a sofa, a desk and a few religious paintings, is the present home of Brother John and Brother David, missionaries in the Holy Order of MANS.

And it is to this house that people come thrice weekly to a class on the *Wisdom of the Tarot* and often stay to hear readings and prayers.

YOUNG PEOPLES predominantly are attracted to the Order's meetings because "they are the ones searching to find themselves," said Brother David.

The Order, according to Brother John, is "an organization of men and women who are banded together to promote a more thorough understanding of the divine laws of God and of creation."

"We teach a balance of the occult and the sciences," Brother David continued. "God is inside each of us, we only have to find him. We study all religions. The Master Jesus is considered and accepted by all as the Master of this Order."

Although the Tarot instruction is being presented in the structure of the Free University, as was a series of lessons during the first semester, most people find out about the Order through word of mouth.

THE ORDER was legally founded in 1968 by Earl W. Blighton although the work actually started in 1961. There are now 33 active priests—both male and female. According to Brother David there are approximately 500 members in the Order.

Brother John spoke of trying to find enlightenment through transcendental meditation before finding the Order. Brother David told a somewhat similar tale of being "sort of a hippie, you know, just hanging around" before a friend introduced him to the Order's San Francisco house and he "knew I was home".

A third resident at the Lincoln Brotherhouse, Paul, has lived in Lincoln all his life. He was also introduced to the Order by a friend and soon after moved into the house at 1139 S. 11th.

Brother Paul is in a sort of novitiate period now. He will continue his training and will then wear the Order's garb, gray suits, crosses hung by red ribbon about the neck and clerical collar.

THE BROTHERS agreed that their work as missionaries is best done inconspicuously. That is why they favor the referral system of acquiring membership.

The Lincoln house, one of 26 such missionary stations across the United States, holds meetings three days a week and Mass on Sunday morning.

The missionary stations and the 12 Brotherhouses in the United States provide bases for the Brothers to pursue the guiding tenet of the Order, service to all mankind.

The service is pursued in such ways as the classes and other community service projects. For instance, the Order maintains a Community Aid Station in the predominantly black Fillmore district of San Francisco.

OVER 4,000 people per month are fed free meals, clothing is available on request and there are facilities for housing approximately 20 men per night.

Brother John stressed that the Order is entirely self-financed.

"We do not seek donations. The Brothers and Sisters maintain regular jobs and donate earnings to the Order. Each Brotherhouse in the field pays a 10 per cent tithe to the main



Missionaries in the Holy Order of MANS . . .  
Brother David, Brother Paul, Brother John.

## Home Ec course will study contemporary women's roles

When looking for a new and different elective to take next fall, slow down when going through the Home Economics listings. The college will be offering the course, "Women in Contemporary Society".

It is designed to examine contributions that women have made from the standpoint of different disciplines and the societal attitudes toward them.

"The role of women has been ignored and they have been left without images to identify with," said Constance Kies, one of the faculty advisers for the course.

ONE OF THE PRIME reasons for originating the course is to make people aware of what women have done, according to Kies, and to make them, especially women, proud of it.

Members of a committee from the Women's Action Group organized and developed the curriculum for the course.

Students can choose to receive either two or three credits for the course, depending on whether or not they decide to prepare an outside project.

Lecture-discussion sessions will be the basis for awarding two of the credits and the selected special study will be the other one. The topic will be chosen by the student at the beginning of the semester and a faculty adviser will help him.

THE PRESENTATION of the lectures will be by faculty members from different departments and colleges in the University. Kies also noted that it is not restricted to members of the academic community.

A student-faculty guidance committee will co-ordinate the course. Kies and Jacqueline Voss, both members of the College of Home Economics, will serve as co-chairwomen.

The course will cover topics such as theology and morality, laws, economics, psychology and about ten others.

ALL OF THE TOPICS have one section devoted to the discussion of women's contributions to the field.

The course is intended to be a perspective or an introduction to women's studies and the Women's Action Group would like to see the individual departments develop their own inter-disciplinary courses.

Other women's studies courses were in the planning stages last summer for Cornell, Vassar and Princeton and San Diego State has initiated an eleven-course program dealing with the subject.

Although over 45 faculty members are tentative advisors and sponsors already, anyone who has something to contribute or is willing to participate should contact Patti Kaminski, member of the student guiding committee for the course within the next week.

headquarters, located in San Francisco, for educational costs and for the building fund, to finance purchases of new Brotherhouses.

ALTHOUGH THE LINCOLN Brotherhouse has facilities for housing a few prospective male members, females would be sent to the San Francisco house where there are housing facilities while they are in the training period.

In addition to the classes, the Brothers conduct patrols whereby members are available on the streets for counseling or direction.

"We don't preach in the streets," Brother John said. "We make ourselves available to people who wish to approach us just as we maintain the Brotherhouse for people who wish to come here."

THE LINCOLN station has been in operation for about a year. Brother John arrived about six months ago and Brother David came just two weeks ago. They don't know when they will be moved as such instructions "come to Dr. Blighton through revelation."

The Brothers have a small chapel in the second story of the Lincoln house. They are beginning to make improvements with such things as a new altar-cloth and candle-holders.

Brothers John, David and Paul, after searching for a long time, have found God in the the Order and they maintain the house in Lincoln so that others, also, might end their search for God and themselves in this humble setting.

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