





UNDERCLASSMEN

THE "masses" is a word that has taken to itself unfortunate connotations. Nevertheless, the core of any society does in fact consist of the masses: in the community they make up the citizenry; they are paralleled in a college by the underclassmen.

In one sense the masses *are* underlings in that they are subordinate to authority. And no doubt the unhappy aura about the word stems from this gradation of rank. Yet paradoxically, it is the well-being of the masses, their "underlings," for which authority dedicates and sacrifices itself. (At least this *should* be the case in a right-ordered society). The masses then, in serving, are served.

Thus a community continually finds itself catering to the divergent interests of its masses through agencies of justice, education, commerce, health, welfare.

Similarly, from his position of temporary subordination, the underclassmen in a right-ordered college finds himself recipient of spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social opportunities—all designed to lead toward his fullest maturity.