

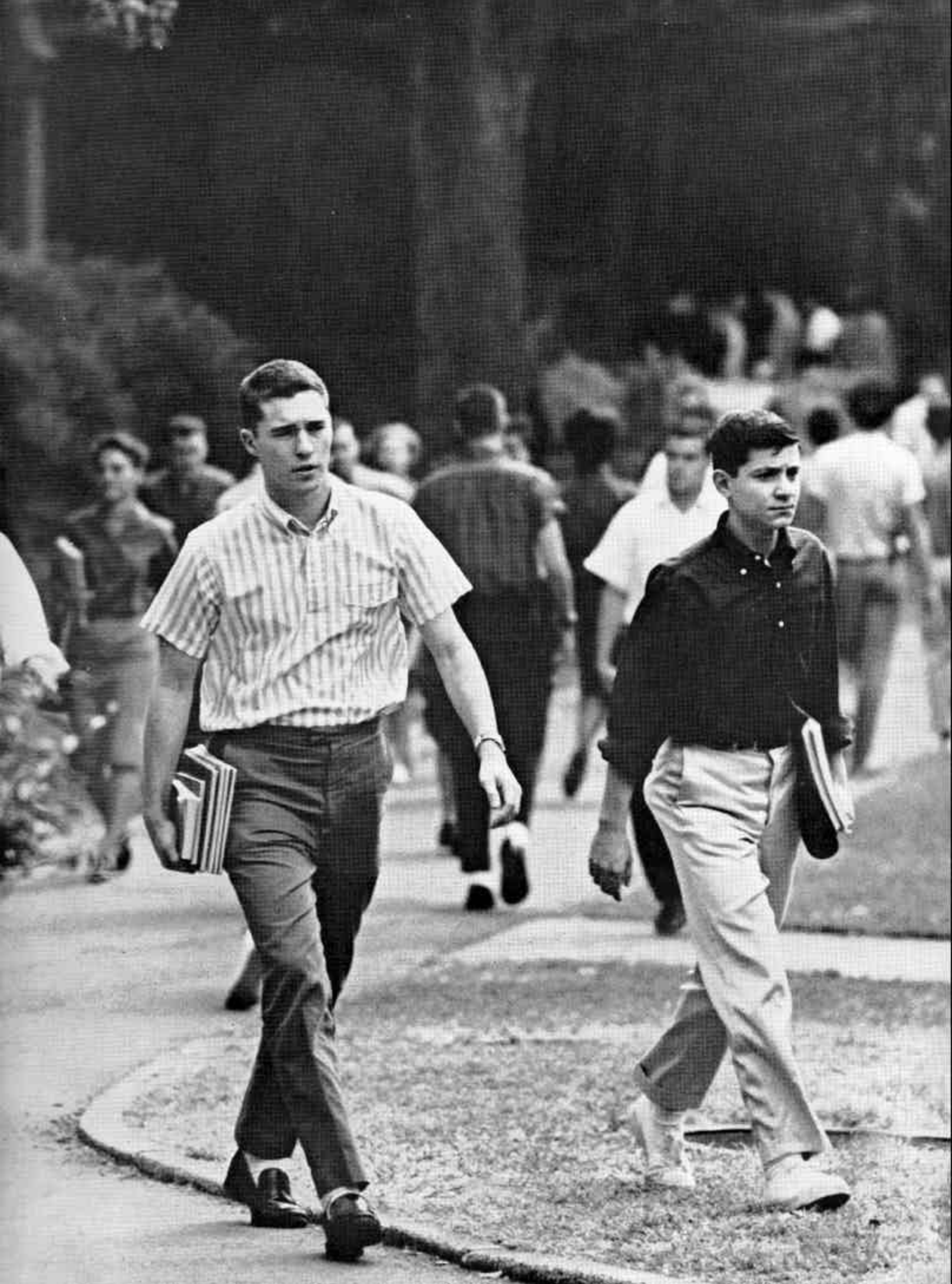
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UNIVERSITY MEDICAL TEAM IN ALGERIA





The return to normalcy

YES, THINGS are back to normal. Cars are again parked in front of fire plugs and the check-cashing line in Houston Hall once again reaches past the outside door on Friday afternoon. The intersection at 37th and Spruce again resembles Times Square in the number of humans and automobiles attempting to cross at the same time. The library is again populated with large numbers of students (only this year the library in question is the shiny new Van Pelt Library). And little clots of students can be spotted around the campus, discussing everything from politics to Saturday night's date. (This is particularly noticeable around Houston Hall, where the men can be observed observing the freshman women.) Houston Hall is again jammed, and one more often than not takes his coffee standing up. (This is particularly rough on the University's year-round population which, during the summer, had got used to sitting down.) The freshmen at the Opening Exercises on September 7 were told that they comprised Pennsylvania's best-qualified class ever to enter the University. And some of the oldsters in the audience congratulated themselves silently that they didn't have to meet today's standards. People are everywhere.

In other words, the students are back after their summer vacation. And Pennsylvania is once again a busy, bustling, exciting place to be.

Of awards and such

All editors, whether they have any writing talent or not, reach that point in their careers at which they desire to write a regular column. (This is similar to the comedian who longs to do a straight dramatic role.) I seem to have reached that point here at Pennsylvania, so what follows is the first installment of what I hope will be a regular — and readable — part of the Gazette each month. Incidentally, I shall use the first person pronoun, because it is the editor only who is writing, and the editorial “we” can often be confusing.

THE evening of June 25 found me at Philadelphia International Airport ready to begin a 58-hour journey which would take me almost across the continent twice and still provide 23 hours at one of Canada’s — and the world’s — loveliest spots. Although I had not planned to attend the American Alumni Council’s annual summer convention, in Banff, Alberta, I was now on my way. And the reason was certainly sufficient to make that long a trip in so short a time: the *Gazette* had won several honors in the Council’s annual magazine competition, and I was to be present at the awards ceremony to pick them up.

The magazine awards fall into three categories. There are the so-called general awards, in which the magazines are judged on six different aspects of their work. In this area, the *Gazette* received honorable mentions for its *faculty coverage* and for its *photographic content*. And it won a third place for its *alumni coverage*.

A second category is the so-called special award, presented to magazines for specific items not covered in the general awards. Here, the *Gazette* won an award for (the citation says) “the high quality of writing” by my wife, Christine, in her article based on her interview with Sheila Auerbach, ‘61 *CW*, which appeared in the May, 1961, issue. The title of the article: “College

is Really to Teach You to Think.”

Finally, saving the best to the last, the *Gazette* was named one of the ten best alumni magazines in the country, joining the publications from the University of California (Berkeley), Carnegie Tech, Johns Hopkins, Rensselaer, the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins, Sarah Lawrence, Simmons, Temple, and Washington University (St. Louis).

It would be the understatement of the year to say I was a happy guy. I have never been able to be blasé about this sort of thing, and I hope I never

will be. I want to record here my thanks to Leonard C. Dill, Jr., for giving me the kind of editorial freedom which almost all alumni editors claim they have but only a few of us really have.

So we begin another year, trying to tell the story of the University of Pennsylvania, surely one of the most exciting American universities. As always, your comments on the *Gazette* are welcome — in fact, are solicited. While I was happy to find out what six judges thought about the magazine, I am more interested in what you, the reader, thinks. —RMR

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