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## The Great Blitz

Next Thursday is annual Blitz Day for students at the University of Alberta. The significance of Blitz Day arises from the fact that it provides the one great opportunity of the year for U of A students to make a positive and worthwhile contribution to the community.

On Blitz Day, students are asked not to donate money, but rather just a bit of their time. The time is spent in "blitzing" various sections of the community for donations to the United Community Fund.

Various incentives exist to attract students to take part in the blitz. The "day" starts off Thursday morning with a "survival breakfast" at 7:30 in the Armed Services Building; football tickets will be sold at a reduced rate to canvassers for a game between Edmonton and Calgary, and a section of Clarke Stadium will be reserved for U of A students; and finally, half-time intermission during the game (a week from tomorrow) will be devoted to recognizing the winning team and presenting the team with a prize.

Indeed, the material rewards available to blitzers are more than adequate for the amount of time and work involved.

It has been suggested in addition that this is the chance for U of A students to take part in an excellent activity and show the community that they are truly responsible and worthy citizens.

This premise is valid. All too often

are university students regarded by non-students as carefree, irresponsible, underworked individuals. And even more frequently is one particular sector of the student community—the fraternity group—thought of as a motley crew of under-age, rowdy, would-be alcoholics.

Yes indeed, university students can to some extent correct these impressions by becoming blitzers for a day of each year.

We feel, however, that something beyond material rewards and an improved public image should move students to take part in the blitz. This "something" is an honest desire to help our less fortunate neighbors; it is a desire not often experienced by university students.

We have, then, in order of increasing importance, three sources to inspire students to make Blitz Day 1963 a bigger and better success than last year's original: these are material rewards, improved image, and a desire to help the needy.

If the last does not apply to you, consider the second; if neither inspires you, join a blitz team for material reward and the pure fun of it.

Whatever way you may be inspired, act now, for today is the deadline for registering yourself as a canvasser. Proceed directly to the Blitz Day office in the Students' Union Building immediately and give your name to the sweet little lady therein. It will only take a moment.

## Pigeon Trouble

The pigeon situation is degenerating rapidly at Athabasca Hall.

The situation is this. Pigeons have been roosting for a number of years over the main entrance to Athabasca Hall. The effects have in many cases been near-tragic, and there have been undoubtedly some unreported cases of tragedy pure and simple.

But the situation is degenerating. It is degenerating because residents of Athabasca, Assiniboia and Pembina Halls fear more and more for the tops of their heads when they are passing in or out of Athabasca through the main doorway.

As for the pigeons, they sit nonchalantly overhead, letting loose at random. A secondary effect of their roostings at Athabasca has been to give an unsightly whitewashing to some of the masonry. If the white were pure, it would not be so bad. But any resident of Athabasca will argue that the white is not all-white.

It is now an accepted fact that the pigeon is the enemy at Athabasca Hall.

In past, numerous attempts have been made by various residents to

exterminate the enemy. But the whitewashing of masonry and shelacking of residents still goes on.

An unidentified resident was disarmed recently when he used an air rifle against the enemy. The rifleman was waging an effective campaign against the pigeons, but one residence authority went soft on pigeons and the rifleman no longer has a rifle.

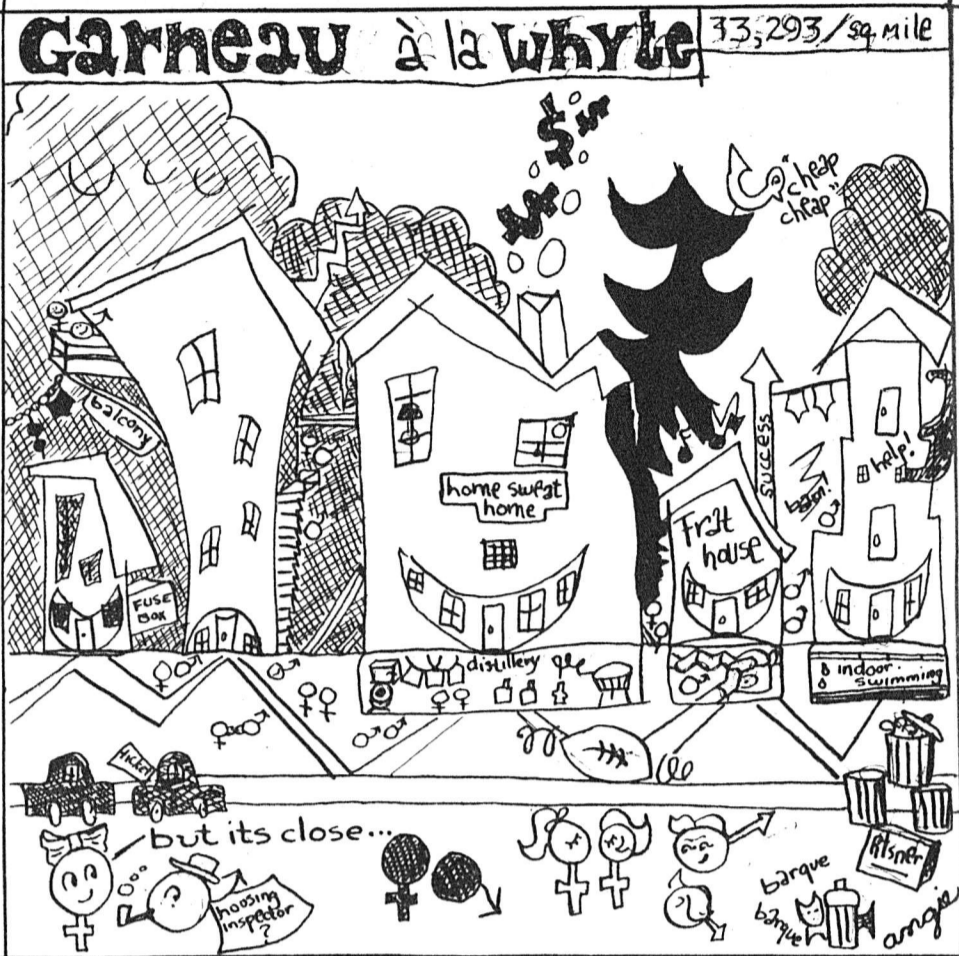
Thus the pigeons have been strengthening their numbers and the situation in general has been getting worse.

We think it is time the administration stepped in and declared war against the enemy.

In fact, we believe it would be advisable to rid Athabasca Hall of the pigeon pest before some notable visitor to the university falls victim to a dropping.

If the administration does not act soon, the students using the main entrance to Athabasca will be forced to mass-produce sling shots and do away with the messy birds.

We sympathize with the residence students and believe that pigeons are better roasted than roosted.



## What the hell

by Jon Whyte

(As told by Robin Hunter)

One of my more idealistic friends the other day claimed that students on this campus just aren't facing up to their scholastic duties. They don't, he argued, concern themselves with the Great Issues, being more concerned with a pub in SUB, or Doctor Vant jingles.

This is an interesting question. I'm inclined to agree that some concern with the great issues of our time is desirable, especially on the university campus.

But which Great Issues?

You see my friend never got around to saying what Great Issues he meant. It used to be that scholars spent hours discussing which was more beautiful, the chamber pot, which had a use, or a Grecian Urn, relatively useless. With the invention of flush toilets this discussion became redundant.

Other Great Issues which on occasion have demanded our attention are numerous. Camus has stated that the major question facing man is whether or not to commit suicide. So far, a poll on this and other campuses has shown unanimous senti-

ment against it.

The only people I know of who haven't made up their minds on the question of suicide are employed as military experts in the US and the USSR.

The existence of God (or gods) has traditionally been featured as a Great Issue. I see the Lutheran Student Movement is sponsoring a panel—"Who Killed God?" One undergraduate, a representative one, I suspect, looked at the poster and dismissed it with a prefatory "Who cares?" So much for another Great Issue.

To judge from recent issues of The Edmonton Journal (Gateway's only competitor) we are forced to conclude that the Attrition of Public Morality is a Great Issue too.

Conveniently, this Great Issue worked in favour of the Journal's political preferences.

Judging from the opinions passed by most of the people I've spoken to about public morality I am forced to conclude that the real wrong Hawrelak committed was getting caught. "After all, wouldn't you do the same thing if you had the chance?"

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