



President Billy Greer, above, throws the Derby Day hat into the air, signaling the start of the Battle of the Dorms. West Beam girls, right,



show their team "coordination" during a volleyball game on Derby Day. (Photo by Eric Klingensmith)

Derby Day fun kicks off new year at BC

by Bonnie Davis

The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat," prevailed over the college campus Labor Day weekend as Brevard held its annual Derby Day celebration and Battle of the Dorms competitions.

Though the day was cold, clammy, and downright uncomfortable at times, the students, faculty, and administration had a good time as the games were played to determine who is number one on Brevard College campus.

And who is number one at BC? When the scores were totaled up after the competitions, the Complex and Green dorms ended up tied for first place. Taylor Hall and East Beam followed in second and third places. In the women's competition, West Jones came out in first place ahead of East Jones and West Beam.

Following a picnic lunch, Derby Day was officially opened as SGA president Susan Bethel gave a short welcome speech, and President Billy Greer threw the Derby Day hat into the air, signaling the beginning of the games.

The afternoon began with some intense volleyball playing, dominated by W. Jones girls and the Green men. In the egg toss competition which is always a favorite,

Tadd Conner and Dee Moulton representing the Complex, beat out the other teams by keeping their egg intact. When their win was official, the two did a "high-five" in the air and splattered the winning egg between them. Though the girls' egg toss wasn't quite as eventful, Samantha Douglas and Paula Swartz of W. Beam brought in a winner.

The wheelbarrel and the three-legged race were both dominated by the Complex men. The E. Jones girls carried first place in the three-legged event while W. Jones won in the wheelbarrel race. Traditionally, one of the most popular events of Derby Day is the "Izzy Dizzy" race. It was fun to participate in, but the real fun was in being a spectator. Contestants had to dash down the field, run around a baseball bat 15 times, and then somehow find their way back to the finish line. This is where the fun happened, as contestants fell and sweerved and ran into each other, as well as the crowds. The Green and E. Jones teams somehow managed to overcome the effects of "Izzy Dizzy" and win.

Musical Wash-tubs was probably the most outrageous event, and surely the most refreshing on a hot day, but since the weather wasn't cooperating, things got a bit chilly. Contestants circled water-filled

tubs, listening for the music to stop. When it did, they made a mad dash for a tub and the odd man/woman out got dunked head first into a trash can filled with water. Jason Miele of Taylor managed to stay dry and win the men's round, and even though Susan Bethel won the women's round for E. Jones, she still got all wet.

As the last event of the Derby Day games, the tug-o-war usually ends up being the deciding factor in determining the victors. This competition was fierce especially among the men, who tried to show that their brawn is biggest and best.

In the final round which was held over the creek, the Complex pulled a defeated E. Beam team into the water, and the W. Jones girls were victorious over E. Jones.

Though the competition was often intense, it was, however, all in good fun. Derby Day was a great way to kick off a new year and get to know fellow school-mates before the pressures of the school year set in. It was as much fun to watch as it was to compete — and some day in the coming winter, we'll wish we could do it all over again. Anybody for musical wash-tubs — in the snow?

Fitzgerald challenges students

by Bonnie Davis

Last Wednesday Brevard College held its annual Fall Convocation, a calling together of the students and faculty to welcome the beginning of a new academic year.

Dr. Bernard Fitzgerald, senior minister of the Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte was the guest speaker.

Though he spoke of many things, having potential and the ability to use it was his main point. He said, "use it or lose it."

Dr. Fitzgerald ended his speech by challenging students. "The greatest failure of all, is not to try at all," he said.

The Convocation program included a prelude of music followed with the processional of the faculty wearing their academic regalia. President Billy Greer gave a short welcome speech and Dr. Charles Zimmerman gave the invocation. Everyone joined in the singing of a hymn.

The Convocation concluded with special music by the Collegiate Singers, and the benediction given by Zimmerman.