A gala Rainbow Ball celebration highlighted the College's 10th anniversary on Nov. 21. The first annual College Ball was held on campus with a capacity crowd of over 500 guests attending.

Hundreds of lights encircling the lake created a spectacular effect as the guests entered the terrace, complete with a red carpet. Here, they were greeted by College President Donald Ross and Helen Ross, ball chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Francis McMenimen, and Hugh Carville, chairman of the College board of trustees.

Trumpets sounded as the first annual Boca Raton Award was presented to Eugene Lynn, founder of Lynn Insurance Group. Following this presentation, Lynn's wife Christine joined him on the platform and they were presented with a "soaring eagle" in Lalique glass.

A posthumous Boca Raton award in honor and memory of Harcourt Sylvester, was presented for his contributions to the College and community. The late Mr. Sylvester's wife Virginia acknowledged the award.

The Duchin-Grant orchestra with Marshall Grant at the piano entertained the guests during the champagne and candlelight dinner of shrimp, veal Francaise, and flaming baked Alaska.

A colorful rainbow was created on stage with a backdrop of silver streamers to give the effect of falling rain. This followed the rainbow theme, which was carried out in programs and invitations.

The Ball raised over $100,000 for the College's Scholarship Fund and will be an annual event.
The first annual Boca Raton Award was presented to Eugene Lynn by College President Donald E. Ross during the College Ball on Nov. 21.

In making the presentation, Ross said, "This award was created to honor the individual who is deemed to have contributed the most to the business, cultural and economic development of the community during the year."

"It is especially fitting that the first award be presented to Eugene Lynn. He has been a generous benefactor of the College, hospital and many other local institutions, as well as having built a large business which means much to the economy of our area.

"His leadership has meant much to the growth and progress to the city of Boca Raton."

Lynn is chairman of the Board of the Lynn Insurance Group, Boca Raton. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chief Executive Officer of the Boca Raton Community Hospital and as a member of the Advisory Committee to the School of Business Administration at Stetson University.

The Boca Raton Award Committee was composed of: Donald Ross, Chairman. Mr. Nelson Jordan, Hon. William Konrad, Mr. Harold Mehrer, Mrs. Lawrence Paretta, Mr. Clarence Smith, Mrs. Harcourt Sylvester, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Wagner, Mr. Clement C. Winke.
College President Donald E. Ross announced in December that Mr. Ronald Assaf, Chairman of the Board of Sensormatic has pledged $400,000 to strengthen the Electronics Technology Program at the College. At a reception for the chief executive officers of the major electronics firms, President Ross said: "This magnanimous gift from the Assafs and Sensormatic would permit the College to develop one of the finest electronics curriculums in the nation."

"This gift will provide an educational center that will prepare men and women to work in a growing electronics industry and fulfill an important need for technologists to meet the needs of this growing industry in South Florida. Ron Assaf recognized the need and met the challenge."

The College's Electronics Technology Program was created by a blue-ribbon committee of chief executive officers of the electronics industry and the college faculty.

A pilot program was initiated two years ago and the major electronics heads serve on the Electronics Advisory Board to monitor the program's growth and development.

The College plans to raise additional funds to create a separate division of technology. "South Florida is fast becoming one of the centers for high technology and several major electronics companies have moved to this part of Florida: IBM, Siemens, Motorola, Sensormatic, Burroughs to name a few," Ross said.

Mr. and Mrs. Assaf reside in Boca Raton. The Sensormatic Corp. is located just off Hillsboro Blvd. in Deerfield Beach. Wall Street analysts consider Sensormatic to be one of the great growth companies of the future.

Sharon Shubin has been appointed director of community relations for the College. Mrs. Shubin has been an active volunteer in the community and has served on numerous committees since she moved to Boca Raton in 1975. Her husband, William Shubin, is chairman of the College's Advisory Board and vice president of the Arvida Corp.
The first week in February marked the opening of the College's Center for Continued Learning. The Center offers both credit and non-credit college-level courses in numerous subject areas with classes on weekdays and on Saturday.

This program allows the college to better utilize the faculty and the campus for the betterment of the community. It provides continued learning opportunities for those already in the workforce, for homemakers, and for the retired population.

Courses range in areas from computers to art and plantlife. Computer courses offered are: All About Microcomputers, Business Applications, and Basic Basic.

General courses such as Florida Plantlife, Interior Design for the Home, Drawing and Painting, Basic Photography, Creative Writing, Financial Planning for the Eighties, and Coping Today are available. A special offering of the Center is Planning for College, a five week series designed to aid highschool students and their parents in admissions criteria and procedures, selecting a college, financial aid programs, career assessment and testing.

An additional area that will soon be included in the course offerings for the Center is an eight-week introductory Word Processing class. This class will include the same "on hands" training which has been so successful in the microcomputer courses.

Two bills recently introduced in the Florida Legislature would extend eligibility for the state's tuition voucher program to students at accredited independent two year colleges, such as the College of Boca Raton.


Passage of the bills could encourage more graduates of Florida high schools to attend the College of Boca Raton. Supporters of the College are urged to write their state legislators on behalf of these bills.