VICE PRESIDENT VISITS CAMPUS

Vice President George Bush was the featured guest at a Republican Party fundraiser held May 8 at the Lynn Student Center on campus. About 300 local Republicans, including a number of elected officials, along with several CBR students, faculty and benefactors heard the Vice President deliver a strong message of support for his boss.

"President Reagan is leading the country to peace and prosperity."

More than 130 students and two outstanding business leaders were honored with degrees from the College of Boca Raton during commencement exercises on May 21.

With four generations of his family on hand, Mr. Charles E. Schmidt was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree. For many years, Mr. Schmidt was a controlling shareholder of the Gulfstream Banks, Inc., prior to its acquisition by NCB Corporation of Charlotte, N.C., where he now serves on the Board of Directors.

One of Boca Raton's outstanding business and community leaders, Mr. Schmidt and his wife, Dorothy, have always been mindful of the area's needs and have generously supported many charitable organizations including the Boca Raton Community Hospital, Florida Atlantic University and CBR. In fact, the Schmidts' recent donation to the College of more than $1 million is being used for an academic complex that will offer expanded library services, a computerized classroom and new administrative facilities.

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THREE NAMED DIVISION CHAIRMEN

Three members of the CBR faculty have been named chairmen of their respective divisions by College President Donald E. Ross.

Carol Wershoven, chairman of the Humanities Division, is a graduate of the College when it was known as Marymount. She earned her Ph.D. in English from the University of Florida and did additional graduate study at Oxford University in England. The recent author of a book on American novelist Edith Wharton, Dr. Wershoven recently served as chairman of the Steering Committee for the 1983 Self-Study for Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She is currently writing a textbook as well as several articles on American literature.

Charles W. Uhlinger, chairman of the Business Division, holds degrees from Hofstra University, Columbia University and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, where he taught for several years. He earned his Ph.D. from Fordham University in New York. Throughout his professional career, Dr. Uhlinger has been an adjunct professor at the University of Delaware and Widener College, specializing in personnel management and labor relations, and has served as a consultant in labor relations, personnel administration and industrial development planning. He is retiring from Columbia Gas System Service Corp., where he has been vice president of employee relations.

David J. Demko is the new chairman of the Health and Human Services Division. He joined the CBR staff from Delta College in Michigan, where he developed the school's first gerontology center. A certified specialist in aging, Dr. Demko has received many honors for professional excellence and community leadership, including the American Association of University Professors Award for outstanding service. Elected as a delegate to the President's 1981 White House Conference on Aging, Dr. Demko has authored numerous gerontology-related articles.

APPLICATIONS REACH RECORD LEVEL!

College officials are beaming over the latest news from the Admissions Office — applications for the coming year are up 31% over last year at the same time. Nearly 900 applications had been received by July 18, including more than 100 from foreign countries. Prospective students have expressed the most interest in careers in business administration, fashion merchandising and hotel/restaurant management.

Construction is well underway on the Charles E. and Dorothy F. Schmidt Student Centre. It represents the first major expansion at the College in more than a decade.

CBR-TRAINED ARTIST TO EXHIBIT WORKS

The works of Cornelia Vanderbilt Whitney, who has taken her art training at CBR, will be exhibited as part of a two-woman show at the James Hunt Barker Galleries beginning August 27. The week-long exhibit will display Cornelia's collages in postage stamp sizes. She is the granddaughter of Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, famous American woman sculptor.

COLLEGE NOW OFFERS TWO PLUS TWO!

The College of Boca Raton has become a four-year institution offering the highest quality of private education, not only within our community, but also to young people throughout the nation and abroad. Having achieved outstanding academic success, the College's priority is to create athletic programs of matching excellence.

The addition of three new tennis courts and a new soccer field would complete the athletic complex and would enable interested students to compete in intercollegiate athletics.

Our total goal in this endeavor is $75,000. A fundraising drive to meet this goal is being headed by Richard P. McCusker of Boca Raton, chairman of the CBR Athletic Advisory Board and secretary of the Board of Trustees.
Mrs. Harcourt Sylvester introduces herself to the Vice President. Mrs. Sylvester needs no introduction to College officials: her generosity has made possible a faculty chair in gerontology and the College's administrative office building bears the name of her and her husband.

Mr. Ron Assaf, whose recent donation prompted a dramatic expansion of the Electronics program, poses with the Vice President on campus.

PLANS UNDERWAY
FOR ANNUAL BALL

There's great excitement in the air already for the Third Annual College of Boca Raton Ball, even though it's not scheduled until November 19. Planning sessions have been held, and if the first two are any indication, this third ball will be truly fabulous. (The theme of the ball is still a secret.)

Kathy Assaf has accepted chairmanship of the event. She will be joined by Christine Lynn, co-chairwoman.

Others involved in the event are Dina McMenimen, honorary chairwoman and publicity; Mary Anna Fowler, publicity co-chairwoman; Kathleen Bell, programs; Teena Blum, cocktails; Marianna Temple, dinner; Rosemary Cook, decorations; Eleanore Humiston, tickets and invitations; Eleanor Zaccagnini and Toni Tringali, favors; Ronny Christopherson, hostesses; and Sandy Schmidt, treasurer.

The ball benefits the CBR Scholarship Fund. Tickets are $100 per person and include complimentary cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing.
Athletic Programs Moving Up!

In keeping with its commitment to offer quality athletic competition, the College of Boca Raton has joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). In the fall, the soccer, tennis and golf teams — which were clubs last year — will compete with other small colleges as a part of the NAIA.

"We've started these programs because we saw a need for them," explains Athletic Director Shada Overton. "The College of Boca Raton is not one of the strongest-known schools, but, through athletics, we hope to improve that."

Former Fort Lauderdale Strikers star Roy Wiggemansen, who has coached the soccer team for the past two years, will have six full scholarships for deserving recruits next fall. The 1983 schedule includes matches with several tough NCAA Division II foes such as the University of Central Florida.

"In the first year, we wanted to hire the finest coach who was interested in starting a (soccer) program," said CBR Vice President Greg Malfitano. "We also wanted to have a solid schedule, then in the second year we could introduce athletic scholarships." The Knights' soccer season opens Aug. 26.

If all goes well, Overton hopes to move the men's baseball, basketball and track teams — as well as women's volleyball, softball and golf — up to the NAIA level next year.

"So far, we're extremely happy with what has happened," she said.

Degrees

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Also honored during commencement was movie and theater producer Allen Carr, who received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Mr. Carr is internationally recognized in the industry, having co-authored and produced "Grease," the most successful movie musical in film history. A benefactor and active member of many organizations, Mr. Carr told students of plans to inaugurate a new four-year TV/motion picture curriculum at the College.