GRADS, OTHERS EARN DEGREES FROM COLLEGE

A national political leader, a local businessman and community leader, and hundreds of graduating seniors were among those receiving degrees during annual commencement exercises at the College of Boca Raton.

Included among the new alumni were the College’s first graduates from its four-year degree programs in business and technology.

Richard Richards, immediate past chairman of the Republican National Committee, was the keynote commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from CBR President Donald E. Ross.

Now a partner in a Washington law firm, Richards was President Reagan’s choice to serve as Party chairman for a two-year term beginning January 1981. The Utah native was a regional director for the President’s 1980 campaign and, following his election, led a transition team at the Department of the Interior.

LECTURE HALL NAMED FOR COUNT, COUNTESS

The names of Count and Countess A.W. de Hoernle now adorn the College’s lecture hall following their gift of $50,000 to refurbish and endow the 125-seat hall in the Library Building.

The Count and Countess, who make their home in Boca Raton and Bronxville, New York, were honored at a champagne reception held recently in Sylvester Hall.

"Although their rewards are personal, their efforts reach out to touch many," College President Don Ross told those in attendance.

Originally from the Black Forest region of Germany, Count and Countess de Hoernle have lived in the United States more than 50 years. They hold the distinguished title of Knight and Dame of Malta.

The couple is active in civic and charitable pursuits both in the metropolitan New York area and in Palm Beach County. Last February, the Cardiac Section of Boca Raton Community Hospital was named in their honor.
WORKING PARTNERS: THE COLLEGE

Now officially open, the Schmidt Centre provides a breathtaking entrance to the College on Military Trail.

SCHMIDT CENTRE DEDICATED

Charles E. and Dorothy F. Schmidt were the guests of honor at the dedication of the Schmidt College Centre on the campus of the College of Boca Raton September 21.

Those taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony included the Mayor and Mrs. William Konrad, College President Donald E. Ross and his wife, Helen, and friends, faculty and administrative staff of the College.

The Schmidt College Centre was made possible by the Schmidts' generous donation of more than $1 million. Construction of the building began almost two years ago on October 1, 1982.

The building was designed by the architectural firm of McCall & Lynch and was constructed by Rogers and Ford Construction Company.

COMMENCEMENT—

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According to Dr. Ross, Richards "has gained the respect, gratitude and admiration from the business, political and cultural community in which he has . . . so graciously served."

Also honored during the College's commencement was Howard L. Davidson, who received the honorary Doctor of Science degree for his "business acumen and creativity (which) have gained him respect at IBM and in the high-tech industry," Dr. Ross noted.

An area resident, Davidson has been active on a number of local boards and committees including the Boca Raton Community Hospital, George Snow Foundation, the city's Ad Hoc Committee on Education Improvement, Florida Atlantic University and the College.

Receiving a special certificate of appreciation during the ceremonies was Gordon Christopherson, for his "pioneering efforts" on behalf of the CBR Computer Center.

NEW GIFTS ANNOUNCED

A number of new and increased gifts by benefactors recently announced by College officials are helping to improve the efficiency and achieve the educational goals of our institution.

Helping to improve the lines of communication between the College and the community are Mitel, Inc., which donated a master telephone switching system, and National Business Communications, Inc., which has graciously donated new telephones for use throughout the campus.

A new scoreboard now stands proudly on the College's soccer field thanks to the generosity of Dan Burns, president of Dan Burns Oldsmobile. Mr. Burns made his gift in memory of Rosemary McCusker, late wife of CBR Trustee Richard McCusker. McCusker is chairman of the College's Athletic Advisory Board.

In addition, two new gifts were made to the College by local business leaders to increase their endowed scholarships. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Assaf and Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Ritter have generously added to their previous gifts and, in so doing, have strengthened their commitment to academic excellence.
-ALUMNI NOTICE-

Where are you? And what are you doing? Your alma mater wants to know. If you know of any alumni who are not regularly receiving a copy of CBR Report, please send us their current address so that we can keep them equally informed of campus activities. We encourage all alumni (CBR and Marymount) to drop us a note and let us know what's new with you. New job? A baby in the family? Let us share the good news with your classmates and friends. We'll publish the information in a future edition.

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ADULTS BACK IN SCHOOL

Many individuals have acquired a great deal of knowledge from military service, employee workshops and other pursuits.

To meet the needs of this new breed of student, the College of Boca Raton has combined traditional academic programs with innovative scheduling for the working adult.

It's called Continuing Education. Since the program was officially announced on April 19, the Office of Continuing Education has answered nearly 400 inquiries about the program.

APPLICATIONS, ENROLLMENT AT RECORD HIGH

A few years ago, a prominent local businessman referred to the College of Boca Raton as "the best kept secret in Boca Raton." Today, the four-year institution is hardly a secret, with applications pouring in from 35 states and 36 foreign countries, according to Marilyn H. Ciccone, Dean of Admissions.

In September of 1983, the College broke all previous enrollment records as 400 new students embarked on their college studies.

The stage is set for the College of Boca Raton's Fourth Annual Ball, scheduled to be held Saturday, Nov. 17 on campus. Proceeds will benefit the College Scholarship Fund.

This year's event, titled "Sophisticated Soiree," promises to be even more entertaining than those before it, according to Co-chairmen Sharon Shubin and Margaret Mary Shuff.

An art deco exhibit by artist Robin Morris will be on display, while Lester Lanin will provide music of the '30s for the guests' listening pleasure. There will also be a performance by dancer Gerry Humphries and partner Ulla McClave from the Royal Palm Center for the Performing Arts.

Committee chairmen selected for the 1984 College Ball are:

- Reservations — Ann Rutherford
- Trombola — Soozie Bosse and Michelle Burns
- Decorations/Favors — Mary Thom Osborne
- Invitations — Toni Tringali and Eleanor Zaccagnini
- Hostesses — Bonnie Fisher
- Program — Kathleen Bell and Chris Bull

Dean Ciccone reports that applications for the 1984-85 school year were nearly double the number from last year! Currently, the total number of students enrolled at CBR is 823. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) averages are up, too.

"I think the upturn in the economy had a lot to do with people feeling positive about making an investment in education at a school like CBR," says Ann Rutherford, a public relations department spokesperson.

Between 1980 and 1985 the number of eighteen-year-olds is expected to decline by 25 percent, dropping from four million to three million. As a result, the College has redoubled its recruiting efforts to attract the best applicants in this shrinking pool.

Most students attending CBR come from Florida, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania. The Northeast and Florida continue to generate the highest numbers of applicants.
GOING FOR THE GOLD...

TEAMS START WITH EYE AT THE TOP

With their fall seasons in full swing, CBR athletic teams appear to be headed for top honors in the 1984-85 campaign.

Under third-year coach Roy Wiggenmansen, formerly of the NASL’s Fort Lauderdale Strikers, the soccer squad is hoping for the opportunity to play for a national title.

In just its second year as a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), CBR is ranked seventh in the nation — and number one in its district and area — as the Knights enter postseason play.

Coach Wiggenmansen’s squad has its eye on the NAIA national tournament to be held Nov. 19-24 in Fresno, California. Three players have been honored with selection to the NAIA “Super 8” Tournament: Johnny Clare, Nandy Ramos and Mark Wright.

For the second consecutive year, CBR’s baseball team will be coached by Harry Christiansen, a product of Miami-Dade South Junior College who pitched in the Minnesota Twins system. Though he lost two key underclassmen from last year’s squad to the professional draft, Christiansen is optimistic. “We’ve upgraded our fall training schedule, and we will be playing a full schedule of 55 games in the spring,” he said. “We’re dedicated to the overall development of our young players.”

CBR golfers, under Coach Dick Thomas, have been participating in a variety of fall tournaments with major colleges from throughout the South. Returning captain Dave Levasseur is joined by two of Britain’s finest youth players.

Rounding out the athletic program for the fall is the women’s tennis squad, which has been showcasing the talents of top-seeded Darleen Kahn of Panama, one of her country’s most heralded players.

CBR soccer players are chasing after a national title.