"1985 is a banner year for the College of Boca Raton," said President Donald Ross in responding to news of the college's financial operating surplus for the 1984-85 fiscal year and the college's record enrollment for the academic year begun in September.

"While many private colleges across the nation struggle to make ends meet, the College of Boca Raton ended the last fiscal year on June 30 with an operating surplus after debt service of over $572,000," according to Ross.

"This surplus is particularly significant in view of the fact that only 14 years ago the College was on the verge of bankruptcy."

"We are extremely pleased that with the help of the Boca Raton community we have been able to progress to this point of relative financial security, which is unusual for a small private college." added Ross.

In 1971, when the current Board of Trustees assumed the operation of the College, it had immediate cash needs of $1 million to forestall bankruptcy and was over $6 million in debt. Enrollment had dipped to only 250 students.

Today, full-time enrollment is almost 900 students, the College is financially secure, and a master plan for the College's future growth and expansion has been completed and submitted to the city of Boca Raton.

"These last 14 years have been very challenging but together we have produced an institution of which the entire community can be proud." said Ross.

"In an era when competition for the declining pool of high school seniors is fierce, the College of Boca Raton continues to thrive.

Applications for fall admission have climbed steadily in each of the past four years to a record-breaking 1,571 this year — an increase of 123 percent since 1982! Not surprisingly, enrollment is at an all-time high, with nearly 900 students on campus this year.

"The College is no longer the best kept secret in Boca Raton," said Marilyn Ciccone, director of admissions. "Marketing and recruitment techniques (to attract students) have been intensified and sophisticated in all respects."

Extensive travel, new literature, telemarketing, campus visits and receptions have been major ingredients in the College's recruitment success, she said.

Students from 35 states and 30 foreign countries are enrolled at CBR. The mid-Atlantic states and Florida continue to provide the majority of students.

New students, who number approximately 450 this fall, continue to choose business administration, hotel/restaurant management, fashion merchandising/marketing and high technology programs as their major areas of concentration.

With so much success in attracting students, according to Ciccone, "future growth and expansion of the College is inevitable."

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President Don Ross
The stage is set for the College's Fifth Annual Ball. "Scheherazade." to be held November 23. Pictured here are, from left, Hostess Committee Chairman Mrs. David Ashe, CBR President Don Ross and Countess Henrietta deHoernle, honorary chairman for the Ball.

THE STAGE IS SET . . .

Only the finishing touches remain to be made on the annual College Ball. to be held Nov. 23 at the Lynn Student Center on campus.

Chaired by Rosemary Cook, the Ball Committee has produced a school calendar and raised more than $16,000 from local businesses and individuals who sponsored the project. In addition to ticket sales, money has been raised through underwriting for the first time this year. Underwriters of the event will be honored with a special dinner in January. Proceeds from the Ball benefit the College scholarship fund.

STUDENTS HONORED ON MERIT

Fifty-two students were honored during a special convocation October 3 for academic achievement.

Awards were presented to Presidential Honor Society candidates Sean Barclay, Sandra Burke, Theresa Carmin, Rachael Colucci, Sandra Enge, Dennis Fitzpatrick, Susan Flook, Maria T. Herrera, Thomas LePere, Carlyn Lee, David Levasseur, Terrance Lynch, Marcus Milukas, Melanie Rose, Mark Rozzano, Suzanne Lutchman Singh, Bonnie Lee Twardoski, Christina Van Gehuchten, Diane Vesecky, Kaija Wipperman and Mazen Zoubi.

Presidential Honor Society members must have achieved Dean's List standing for two consecutive semesters and have a cumulative average of 3.50 with no withdrawals, incompletes or grades below "C."

In addition, 31 students were named to the Dean's List, which requires a grade-point-average of at least 3.25 with no withdrawals, incompletes or grades below "C."

FOREIGN STUDENTS COME 'HOME'

Going away to a college can be an exciting, yet frightening, experience for any youngster. Travelling halfway around the world to get there — and leaving family and friends behind — can be terrifying.

The College of Boca Raton understands. So, College officials and community groups organized a number of activities in the month of November to make international foreign students feel right at home.

The Boca Raton International Club served as host for an exhibit at the CBR Art Gallery featuring international artists and their works. An international festival and reception were held on the exhibit's opening day to welcome the College's 108 foreign students.

Members of the Club also invited students to dinner in their homes, joining students and members from the same country or region.

Cafeteria personnel contributed to the effort, as well. During International Week (Nov. 3-10) they prepared meals from a number of foreign countries.

According to College President Don Ross, the effort was organized "to extend friendship and hospitality to our students who have come from other lands and cultures." International student recruitment efforts have been intensified in recent years to include Europe, South and Central America and Puerto Rico.
COMMUNITY GROUP SUPPORTS LIBRARY

As part of its ongoing effort to improve the facilities and opportunities available to its students, the College has established a Friends of the Library group.

Under the direction of Chairman Dina McMenimen, F.O.L. is a service organization formed to improve the College Library.

Specifically, members are working toward two goals: 1) to encourage gifts, endowments and memorials to the Library, and 2) to sponsor programs designed to improve the cultural and intellectual life of the campus and the Boca Raton community.

"We intend to accomplish this through lectures, programs, publications, exhibits and book reviews," explained the group's chairman. Mrs. McMenimen added that four membership categories are available to those who lend their support to this project.

Assisting her as members of the committee are Helen Adams, Jarmila Goinga, Rosemary Cook, Pat Paretta, Jean Fox and Nancy Adams, CBR librarian.

More than $5,000 has been raised by F.O.L. since its formation. The College Library currently boasts a volume of 35,000 — nearly three times the number it had in 1971.

CBR GALLERY SCHEDULE 1985-86

December
Palm Beach Watercolor Society

January
Line Bloom Draper — Jan. 15-30
(Reception — Jan. 20)

February
Florida Pietransanta Group
The National Society of Arts and Letter — Feb. 24-March 7
(Reception — Feb. 28, 5-7 p.m.)

March
Student Art Exhibit (Parents Weekend) — March 8-10
Potomac School — March 15-30

April
Ernest Ranspach — April 1-12

May
Faculty — May 1-15
Student Art Exhibit — May 15-30
CHAMPIONSHIP LOOMS FOR SOCCER KNIGHTS

With post-season tournaments fast approaching, the Knights soccer squad appears headed for a championship. Currently ranked sixth among NAIA schools, the team has lost just two games this fall — one to NCAA Division I Loyola of Maryland and the other to Division II powerhouse Florida International.

The Knights survived a 9-day road trip to Georgia and South Carolina, which included a shutout of the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg, the 7th-rated team in the country.

Coach Roy Wiggemansen's squad is led by top scorers Paul Newman and Euclides dePouvia. Goalkeeper Darren Kelley has eight shutouts to his credit, while the stingy Knight defense has allowed just 10 goals.

With their number-one ranking in the area and district, the Knights are certain to host the District 25 tournament and, if they advance, the Area 9 playoffs.

But their ultimate goal is the national championships, to be held during the Thanksgiving holidays at USC-Spartanburg. They'll be looking to present the College with an early Christmas present — its first national championship.

Darren Kelly has been a mainstay of the Knights' defense in goal.

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