

New Student Clinic for Northwestern

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Northwestern College of Chiropractic is constructing a new 9,000 square-foot student clinic in the lower level of the college's Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies. The clinic will be named the J. Lamoine De Rusha Clinical Education Center in honor of the venerated Northwestern professor who passed away in 1989.

"Dr. De Rusha was the most appreciated and most loved professor in our college's 57-year history," said NWCC President John Allenburg, DC, DABCO. "No one was more revered by the students of Northwestern, and no one has so impacted their professional lives and careers as Dr. De Rusha."

Don Eggebrecht, DC, DABCO, director of student health services, noted the opinion of the students and faculty about the old clinic: "Let's face it, this was an old classroom that was chopped into pieces."

Dr. Eggebrecht has been working with Charles Sawyer, DC, NWCC's vice president for academic affairs and research, and William Elkington, DC, the college's dean of clinical sciences in planning for the new clinic. "We talked to as many faculty and students as possible when we were planning and asked them for ideas. It was a good idea generator," said Dr. Eggebrecht.

The De Rusha clinic will have its own outside entrance and an elevator to the college's public clinic. It will have 16 exam/treatment rooms, seven offices, an intern work room, a full xray lab and viewing room, meeting and observation rooms, a reception area and a large room designed for holding public health education classes.

"The new clinic is a real-life model of a clinic," observed Dr. Eggebrecht, "and that will help our students build real-world skills."

Another important feature of the new clinic will be the inclusion of video cameras in each exam/treatment room. "The (video) technology lets us work more productively, and it is a good learning tool that helps us refine things they learn in class," noted Dr. Eggebrecht.

Northwestern has raised about \$210,000 for the clinic's construction, a little less than half of the total funds needed to finish building the clinic, according to Jim McDonald, MBA, the college's vice president for institutional advancement.

Those who would like to help contribute to the construction of the De Rusha Center can contact the college at (612) 888-4777.

CEO of Compete Wellness Centers Appointed President

Eric Kaplan, DC, 46, who has served as CEO of the multidisciplinary management company Complete Wellness Centers, Inc., since Nov. 1997, has been named by the board to also serve as president. Company President E. Eugene Sharer was named to vice chairman of the board.

Dr. Kaplan is a graduate of NYCC, and has owned and operated chiropractic practices for 18 years.

DCs Abound on Medical Staff of Association of Volleyball Professionals

The Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP), founded in 1983, represents the top competition in the field of two-man beach volleyball. It was through the efforts of the AVP and its fans and sponsors that beach volleyball became an Olympic sport. The AVP proved it had the best beach volleyballers in the world when two AVP teams captured the gold and silver medals at the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996.

Professional beach volleyball has its own tour: the Miller Lite/AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour. Last year the tour had 23 events around the country, and not just at the beach. Cities such as Dallas, Chicago, Cleveland, and Tempe, Arizona were among the venues.

Because two-man beach volleyball is intensely physical, the AVP has a medical staff. DC's clinical nutrition columnist, Doug Andersen, DC, DACBSP, CCN, has long been associated with treating beach volleyball players. He is director of AVP Sports Medicine, and gets support from a number of DC from around the country.

This is how the AVP media guide lists its "medical" staff:

Doug Andersen, DC -- Director, AVP Sports Medicine
Tim Brown, DC -- Assistant Director, AVP Sports Medicine
Keith Feder, MD -- Chief Orthopedic Consultant
Gary Andersen, DC -- Tour Chiropractor
Scott Blatt, DC, ATC -- Tour Chiropractor
Warren Kramer, MD -- Orthopedic Consultant
Robert Reisse, MD, FACP -- General Medicine Consultant
Bryan Collier, DC -- Director, Sports Medicine -- Northeast Region
Mary Collings, DC -- Director, Sports Medicine -- Texas Region
Pat Helma, DC -- Director, Sports Medicine -- Florida Region

For more information on the Association of Volleyball Professionals, you can contact the AVP's website at [[url=http://www.avptour.com](http://www.avptour.com)]<http://www.avptour.com>[/url].

Chiropractic Represented at Goodwill Games

Alan Sokoloff, DC, DACBSP, of Pasadena, Maryland and Dr. Andy Klein, a faculty member at Northwestern College of Chiropractic, were selected as members of the USA sports medicine team for the 1998 Goodwill Games.

This year's Goodwill Games were held in New York City, July 18th through August 2nd. The doctors covered venues and treated participants in events as diverse as gymnastics, track and field, swimming and figure skating.

Dr. Sokoloff is the team chiropractor for the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, and hosts a radio show that covers current health and fitness-related topics.

Life Gets Top Assistant from Georgia for Women's Basketball

This fall, Life University will expand its athletic department with the addition of a women's basketball team. Dr. Sid Williams has announced the appointment of Sharon Baldwin to serve as the Running Eagles' first women's head basketball coach.

A 1990 graduate of the University of Georgia, Sharon was a starter for the Lady Bulldogs her senior year, averaging 8.6 points a game and finishing second on the team in both assists and steals.

Sharon served six seasons as a full-time assistant and two years as a graduate assistant for the Lady Bulldogs. During her tenure, the team made two appearances in the NCAA's Final Four tournament and won two Southeast Conference championships.

Ms. Baldwin will officially assume the position of head coach on September 1 and will begin recruiting and preparing to open the Lady Eagles' inaugural season in 1999. "We are very excited about bringing this outstanding coaching talent on board to begin our women's basketball program," said Dr. Williams. "She has excellent credentials, and we expect her to come in and develop a winning program. Who knows, one day she may even lead our team to a victory over the University of Georgia."

"I'm extremely excited about both the opportunity and challenge of starting a new program," Sharon said at a press conference. "Under the leadership of Dr. Williams, Life has established a winning tradition, and I hope to take that tradition into women's basketball."

Life's athletic department now boasts three women's NAIA intercollegiate teams: basketball, cross country, and track and field. The men's program fields five NAIA teams: basketball; cross country; track and field; soccer and golf.

San Diego Chiropractors Donate Spines to County High Schools

The San Diego County Chiropractic Society, with additional financial support coming from the San Diego County Chiropractic Health Foundation and American 3D Scientific, a model spine manufacturer in Tucker, Georgia, will be donating 80 model spines to high schools in the area to raise the quality of health education.

Grossmont High School principal Bill Ashman was one of the first to receive a model spine and is grateful for the donation. "Because of budgetary limitations, schools just don't have the money to purchase classroom aids such as these on their own. Students in science and anatomy classes have very old skeletal models, if any at all. Because of their age and frailty, the models can't be handled and examined closely."

Dr. John Pinnix, treasurer of the San Diego County Chiropractic Society, said he was inspired to respond to the need for high-quality skeletal models after speaking at his daughter's physiology class. "The students really liked handling the spine and feeling the different parts and how they moved. When I realized they didn't have one of their own, I immediately decided to give them the one I had with me. I realized that probably every school had these budget problems and they could all benefit if they had their own model spines. This was a perfect way for chiropractors to give back to our community."

