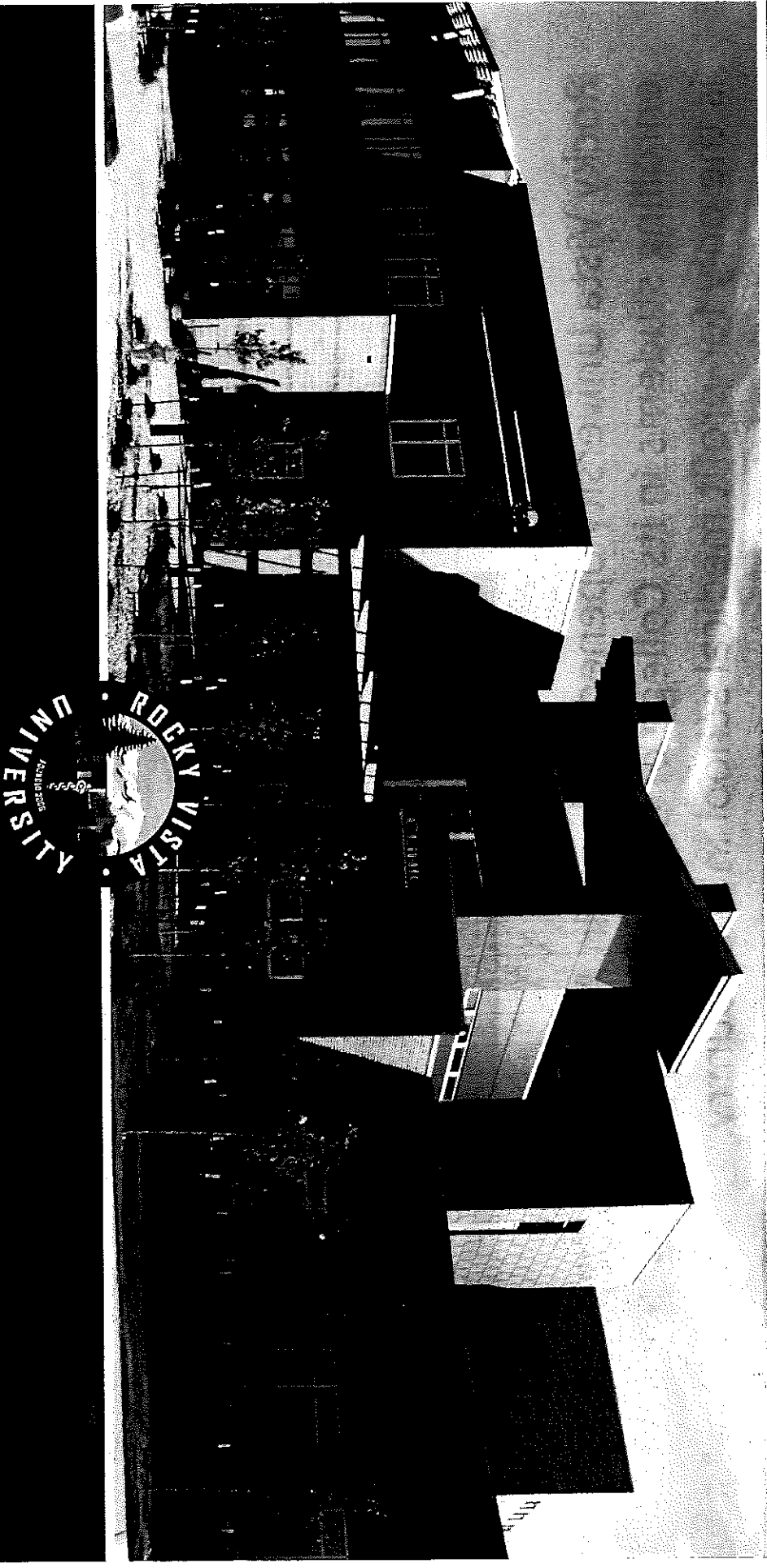


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Rocky Vista University opened its doors in August of 2008, enrolling students in its College of Osteopathic Medicine. It is the only for-profit medical school in the country.

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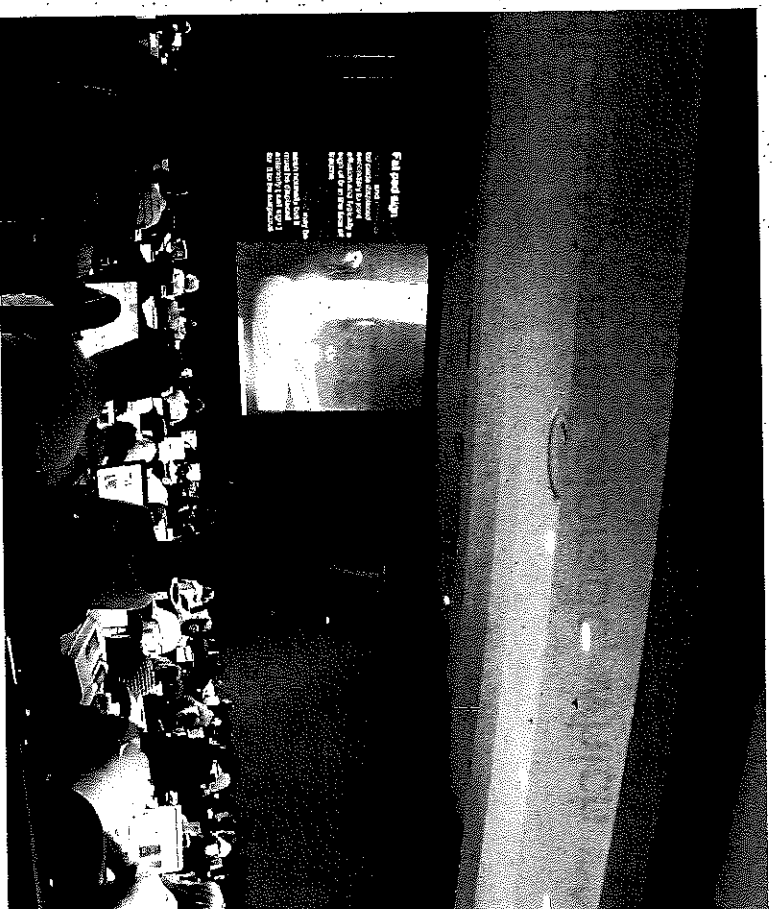
RVU Receives Nearly 5,000 Applications for 160 Seats



STATE OF THE ART SIMULATION LABS



TRADITIONAL HANDS ON LEARNING



21st CENTURY TEACHING TECHNIQUES

Training physicians for areas in need

Rocky Vista University fulfills critical needs in the medical field

- It trains a significant number of military medical professionals.
- Many primary care physicians trained at RVU go on to serve rural and other underserved areas.
- RVU is one of only two medical schools in Colorado, which currently has a severe shortage of primary care physicians.

Track Record of Success

The accomplishments of the institution and our students include:

- RVU students **ranked number one in the nation** on national board passage scores.
- All three graduating classes have had **100 percent residency placement rates** – i.e., they are employed.
- RVU has the **largest number of military medical school students** at any civilian medical school in the country.
- RVU's recent federal compliance audit for Title IV aid programs raised no issues, despite having participated in Title IV for only two years.

RVU Accreditation

- RVU's College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by COCA (The Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation).
- RVU is regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC).
- RVU's Surgical Simulation Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons (the first and only Osteopathic Medical school in the nation to receive this special recognition and only one of two medical schools in the Rocky Mtn West).

Nationally Recognized as a Great Value in Medical Education



RVU was recently ranked by
U.S. News & World Report's
Short List as one of the
Nation's 10 least expensive
private medical schools.

GE Impact on RVU

Rocky Vista University will be uniquely impacted by the gainful employment regulation. Despite our track record of success, the regulation will jeopardize our ability to offer Title IV loans to our students, and will drive students back into private loans with worse terms and conditions.

We urge the Administration to exempt the institution from this regulation, or at a minimum, provide an alternative means that permits RVU to have a fair chance to comply.

GE Impact on RVU

Rocky Vista University is at risk of being categorized as in the “zone” for failing to meet the debt-to-earnings ratio:

- RVU would not pass the annual debt-to-earnings ratio.
- RVU would be at a yearly risk on the discretionary debt-to-earnings rate.
- Four years of violating both of these measures would put RVU in the “zone” and lead to termination of our eligibility to participate in Title IV student aid programs.

Medical school tuition

While RVU is a comparably low-cost medical school, four years of borrowing leaves RVU graduates with approximately **\$200,000** in student debt.

- This debt grows due to interest accruals while a medical school graduate is in their residency.
- This debt level could lead to debt-to-earnings ratios in excess of the acceptable levels in the proposed regulation.

These figures would hold true for any medical school graduate whether they attended a public, non-profit, or for-profit school.

The Bottom Line

If the goal of the gainful employment regulation is to ensure that colleges produce students who are able to find secure employment with quality positions upon graduation, then...

Rocky Vista University should pass with flying colors, rather than be penalized by a regulation that was never intended to apply to medical students.

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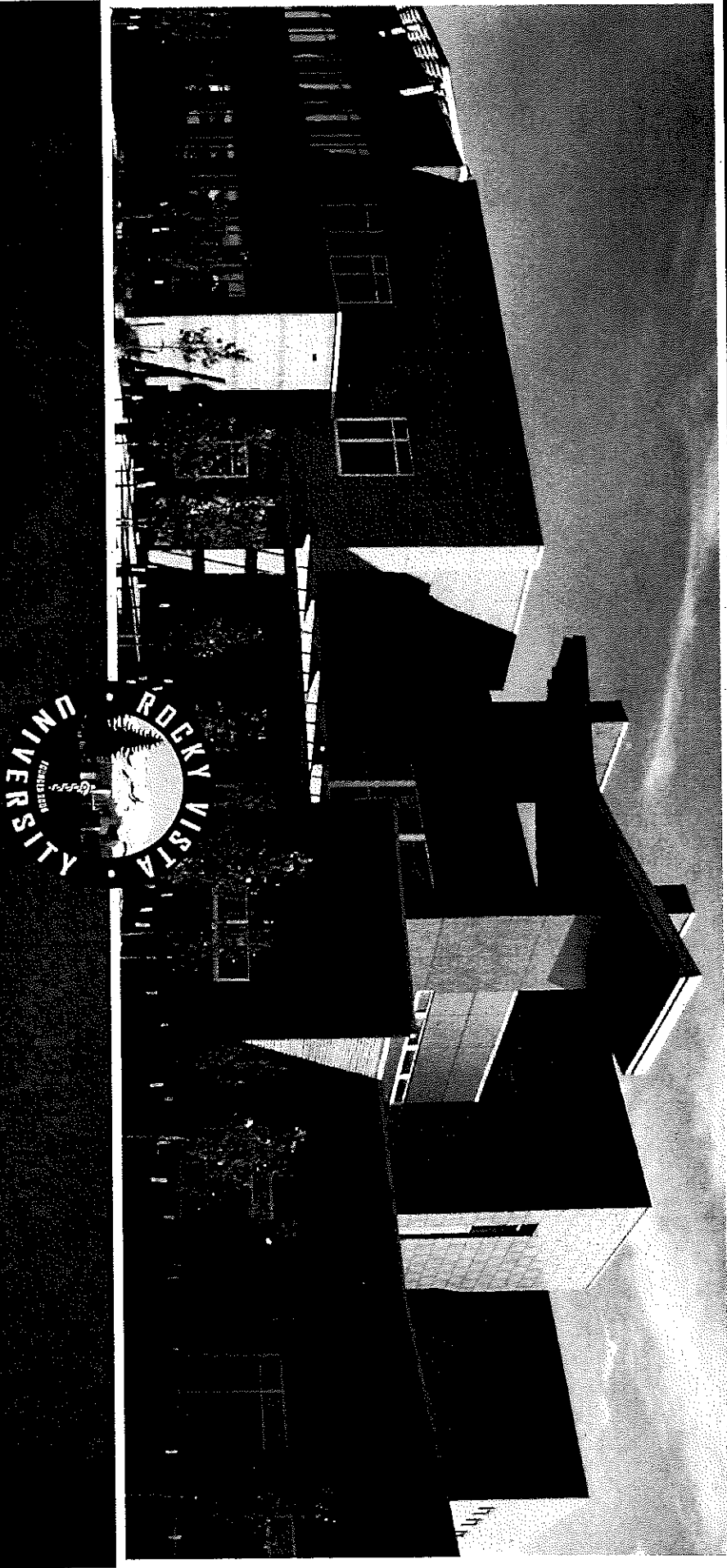
Alternative Means

If an outright exemption is not possible, we suggest the following additional means by which to test RVU's compliance with the debt-to-earnings ratios:

- Board passage scores for the COMLEX 1 exam at a passage rate on average with other osteopathic medical schools;
- Graduation rates;
- Residency placement rates on average with other medical schools; or
- Simply holding RVU responsible for only the program cohort default rate.

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