

Gary C. Peters

Class of 1959

Gary Peters, one of Grove City College's all-time basketball greats, turned his athletic talents to baseball and a career as a major league pitcher.

Peters entered Grove City College from Mercer (Pa.) High School. In college, he made the varsity basketball team as a freshman, scoring 284 points. In his sophomore year, he scored 311 points and was leading scorer. He left Grove City in the middle of his junior year for a major league baseball career. His scoring total for two-and-a-half years at Grove City was 725 points.

Peters was signed by a Chicago White Sox scout in 1956 and, during the two summers while he attended Grove City College, played at Holdrege, Neb., and Dubuque, Iowa. In the spring after leaving Grove City, he played for Colorado Springs and Davenport.

In 1959, Peters moved up to Indianapolis in the American Association. Earning a chance with the parent Chicago White Sox, he relieved in two games and had no record. He moved to San Diego in 1960 and won 12 and lost 9. For the next two years he pitched for San Diego and Indianapolis, moving up to Chicago for short appearances. In 1963, he saw success with Chicago, winning 19 and losing 8. The following year he tied for the best record in the majors with a 20-8 mark. He is considered one of the veteran American League pitchers and a mainstay of the White Sox hurling corps.

Peters completed his 13-year Major League career with 124 wins and two All-Star Selections. After baseball, he was a project manager for the Sarasota County (Fla.) School District, where he oversaw the design and construction of various schools and facilities.

