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PRESS RELEASE

SPECIAL: Letter to the Editor from George DeTitta

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What Makes A Building Beautiful?

We are extremely pleased that Richard Huntington cited our new laboratory as destined to be one of Buffalo's great buildings. This was a Buffalo project: designed by Cannon, constructed by LP Ciminelli using steel from Buffalo Structural Steel, office furniture from Dates Weiser, leather upholstery by Spinneybeck, glass from Obersheimer, heating/cooling/plumbing from Mollenberg-Betz, and electrical systems from Ferguson Electric. Larry Quinn managed the project; perhaps working with scientists drove him back to hockey. We now work in truly first-rate labs, befitting the science we do. The building is a potent recruiting tool to entice new scientists to relocate to Buffalo. In the last twelve months we have recruited scientists from NASA, Duke and UCLA. They are hiring skilled technical staff from Buffalo. Our goal is to grow from our 1997 headcount of 40 to 110 scientists, technicians and support workers in the next few years.

We're proud partners in the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. In the next few weeks, UB officially opens its Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences building. Roswell Park Cancer Institute will follow suit with its Human Genetics and Pharmacology building.

Buildings are important, but ***scientists do science.***

George DeTitta
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Founded in 1956, HWI is an independent, non-profit facility specializing in the area of basic research known as structural biology. Our team of more than 70 staff members is committed to improving human health by studying the causes of diseases, as well as potential therapies, at their basic molecular level. We are located in the heart of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus in downtown Buffalo, New York, in a new state-of-the-art structural biology research center at 700 Ellicott Street. For more information, visit HWI's website at <http://www.hwi.buffalo.edu> or call 716-898-8600.