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SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

HONORS BIOCHEMIST FOR "MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH"

The School of Public Health Sciences, a unique new school sponsored by the State University of New York at Albany and the New York State Health Department, will honor biochemist John M. Buchanan for his discovery of the role of thrombin, a clotting enzyme involved in wound healing.

The award, to be presented to Dr. Buchanan February 6 in New York City at a meeting of the New York Academy of Sciences, represents the first in a series of honors to be given by the School of Public Health Sciences. The School, which opened last fall, is the first in the nation to be located within a major public health agency.

Dr. Buchanan, professor of biochemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was instrumental in identifying thrombin as a substance in the blood that can initiate cell proliferation, a vital part of the clotting and wound healing processes.

"It was in Dr. Buchanan's lab that the first observations were made that thrombin is a potent substance that causes cells to divide," says Dr. John Fenton of the Health Department's Wadsworth Laboratories. "It didn't prove, but it suggested, that thrombin was a factor in wound healing."

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Dr. Fenton, who is also a professor at the School of Public Health Sciences, called Dr. Buchanan's observation a "major breakthrough" in the understanding of thrombin, a key bioregulatory enzyme in the human blood system. The discovery also had far-reaching implications for tissue culture work, according to Dr. Fenton.

"His pioneering work was the first to provide insight into the multiple roles that thrombin plays in key life processes," noted Dr. David O. Carpenter, Dean of the School of Public Health Sciences. The first research paper on Dr. Buchanan's observations was published in 1975.

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50 STUDENTS NAMED WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Fifty students from State University of New York at Albany have been included in the 1986 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nominees were selected on the basis of academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

These students join an elite group of students chosen from more than 1,400 academic institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Students named this year from the University are (listed alphabetically by county):

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Nancy Estrada, 400 Central Ave., Albany, NY
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ALLEGANY COUNTY

Darren Fleege, Riverside Dr., Wellsville, NY

BRONX COUNTY

Eddie Jiminez, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Bronx, NY

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Lynn Cunningham, 61 South Gate Dr., Poughkeepsie, NY
Jacqueline DuSault, 88 Ridgeview Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY
Jeffrey Urbin, 11 Hiview Rd., Wappingers Falls, NY

FULTON COUNTY

Terry Goodemote, Rd. 2, Box 502, Broadalbin, NY

KINGS COUNTY

Jaclyn Bernstein, 1580 E. 19th St., Apt 4A, Brooklyn, NY

NASSAU COUNTY

Ross Abelow, 84-35 Lander St., Apt. 4, Briarwood, NY
Dorothea Antonio, 78 Spindle Rd., Hicksville, NY
Darienne DeSalvo, 40 E. Woodbine Dr., Freeport, NY

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Steven Heller, 515 Green Pl., Woodmere, NY
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Michele Ketcham, 104 Cambridge Ave., Garden City, NY
Howard Lindenbaum, 2588 Elderberry Rd., N. Bellmore, NY
Mary Margiotta, 20 Harcourt Rd., Plainview, NY
Michael Miller, 206 Devonshire Dr., New Hyde Park, NY
Mark Perlstein, 1 Livingston Ave., Jericho, NY
Steven Russo, 394 N. Virginia Ave., N. Massapequa, NY
Eric Schwartzman, 22 Cornell Dr., Plainview, NY

ONEIDA COUNTY

Jean Pollock, 2 Rock St., Rouses Point, NY

ONONDAGO COUNTY

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ORANGE COUNTY

Sherri Netburn, 229 Summit Dr., Newburgh, NY

QUEENS COUNTY

Gerald Akins, 84-16 Rockaway Blvd., Rockaway Beach, NY
James O'Sullivan, 95-12 158 Ave., Howard Beach, NY
Jane Rand, 17 Hilldale Ln., Sands Point, NY

RICHMOND COUNTY

Karen Paone, 223 Robinson Ave., Staten Island, NY
David Soldini, 51 Van Brunt St., Staten Island, NY

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Lisa Birenbaum, 4 Karin Ct., E. Northport, NY
Steven Gawley, 35 Stone Rd., N. Babylon, NY
Betty Ginzburg, 23 Amherst Ln., Smithtown, NY
Marc Seligson, 22 Markwood Ln., E. Northport, NY
Timothy Star, 10 Andover Dr., Port Jefferson, NY

ULSTER COUNTY

Donna Burnham, 12 Juniper St., New Paltz, NY

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Carissa Barletta, 592 Manhattan Ave., Thornwood, NY
Lisa Buitekant, 26 Charter Cir., Ossining, NY
Jonathan Cosin, 130 Underhill Rd., Ossining, NY
Bette Dzamba, 34 S. Clinton Ave., Hastings-On-Hudson, NY
Karen LaPorta, 67 Sterling Ave., Harrison, NY
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TELETHON '86 TO MARK 20TH ANNIVERSARY APRIL 11 EVENT;

ANNUAL DANCE MARATHON KICKOFF IS FEB. 22

For the past 19 years, they've suffered a variety of indignities from pies in the face to chorus "girl" routines. Each year they exhaust themselves through 24 hours of entertainment plus a lot of hard work. But their motivation has remained constant: to raise funds for local organizations that serve area children.

Now students at State University of New York at Albany are gearing up for the 20th time for the largest student-run telethon in the country. This year's theme "20 Years of Keeping Children's Dreams Alive" and a number of activities surrounding Telethon will focus on the tradition of the annual event, which has, through the years, raised more than \$440,000 for area charities.

"We want to celebrate Telethon's birthday along with the birthday of the city of Albany," explains Lisa Buitekant, a senior, and Suzanne Murphy, a junior, both from Ossining, who are co-chairs of Telethon '86. "This is one way that Albany students have given back to the community something permanent, something that remains even after the students have graduated and left."

Each year, Telethon designates local organizations to receive Telethon's proceeds. This year's recipients are Parsons Child and

Family Center and two units in Albany Medical Center's Department of Pediatrics: the Spina Bifida Program and the Child Cancer Care Program.

The annual Dance Marathon, a popular fund-raiser whose proceeds go to Telethon, will be Saturday, Feb. 22 from noon to 2 a.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom on the uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave.

The Telethon committee is also planning a number of other events to highlight the event's anniversary. Alumni who previously chaired Telethons, including the founder and original chair John Fotia of Portchester, will be invited to participate. Honorary co-chairs from the community will be named, and students will hold the official kickoff in the week before Telethon by releasing 300 balloons into the air to commemorate Albany's birthday, with 20 of them specially designated to mark Telethon's birthday.

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FIFTH ANNUAL WORLD WEEK AT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

"An Exploration in Human Understanding" is this year's theme of the fifth annual World Week at State University of New York at Albany, March 3 - March 8, 1986.

World Week is a celebration of the cultural diversity on campus and in the community through exhibits, music, drama, dance, films, panel discussions and numerous social events. Activities will be held at both the uptown campus at 1400 Washington Avenue and the downtown campus at 135 Western Avenue.

South Africa, Central America, and World Hunger will be the featured topics this year. Festivities begin Monday, March 3, at noon with an Opening Celebration which will include performing groups representing many diverse cultures from around the world. The popular Ethnic Block Party, a festival of arts, music, dance, food and dress will be held Tuesday, March 4, from noon - 4 p.m. in the Lecture Center Concourse.

Father Augustine Sambola, a Franciscan priest, a Misquito Indian, and an expert on human rights in Central America, will be a keynote speaker on Wednesday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Rt. Rev. Patrick Matolengwe, the first Black Anglican Bishop in Capetown, South Africa, a member of the ongoing Carnegie Foundation Commission on Poverty in South Africa and a key figure in exposing the police atrocities of the 1976 student uprising in Capetown, will be a keynote speaker on Wednesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom.

The University's World Week began in 1977 as a small project by students wishing to inform the campus about problems relating to apartheid in South Africa. In 1981, "International Day" expanded the focus to recognize the impact of world issues on the campus, and in 1982 the first World Week was organized to increase campus awareness of world-wide issues.

All World Week activities are free and open to the public.

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NEW YORK TIMES' TOM WICKER TO SPEAK, MARCH 3

Tom Wicker, television commentator, novelist, award-winning columnist, and associate editor of the New York Times, will speak at the State University of New York at Albany on Monday, March 3, at 8 p.m. in Page Hall, 135 Western Ave. on the Downtown campus. His presentation, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute of the State University of New York.

Wicker is the author of eight novels, the most recent of which is Unto This Hour. His four nonfiction books include A Time to Die, which won the Christophers Award and the Mystery Writers of America Award, and On Press, a study of the evolution of journalism in the last decade.

In 1981, he was given the William O. Douglas Award for defense of civil liberties by Public Counsel, the public interest arm of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. He received the North Carolina Award in Literature in 1981. He holds 13 honorary degrees, including those from Columbia College, Duke University, Michigan State University, Notre Dame, Rutgers University, Wake Forest University, the University of North Carolina and New York Law School.

Wicker graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1948. He worked as editor of The Sandhill Citizen, Aberdeen, North Carolina, information director for the North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare and as copy editor for the Winston-Salem Journal before entering the U.S. Navy in 1952. He was released from active service in 1954 when he returned to the Winston-Salem Journal as sports editor, becoming editor of the Sunday feature section in 1955 and Washington correspondent in 1957. He was a

Nieman Fellow at Harvard University for the academic year 1957-58. He became associate editor of The Tennessean in Nashville in 1959.

He joined the New York Times in 1960 covering the White House, Congress and national politics. He became Washington bureau chief in 1964, a national columnist in 1966 and associate editor in 1968. He moved to the New York City offices in 1972.

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The Right Reverend Patrick Matolengwe, the first Black Anglican Bishop in Capetown, South Africa will give one of two keynote addresses for the Fifth Annual World Week at State University of New York at Albany. He will be speaking on Wednesday, March 5 at 8:30 pm in the Campus Center Ballroom on the University's uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave.

He will also be available to talk with the press Wednesday, March 5 at 11 am in the Campus Center Assembly Hall.

Also part of the University's World Week activities will be a talk by Father Augustine Sambola, an expert on human rights in Central America, and a Franciscan priest from Nicaragua and Misquito Indian, Wednesday, March 5 at 4:30 pm in the Campus Center Ballroom.

The popular Ethnic Block Party, an annual fest of food, cultural dance and dress is Tuesday, March 4 from noon to 4 pm in the Lecture Center Complex on the uptown campus. The Ethnic Block Party should provide good visual material as the University's growing international student population shares their cultures with American students and faculty. The best time for pictures is around lunchtime, since many students and commuters forego their usual dormitory fare in favor of some international culinary adventures.

The full schedule of World Week activities is attached. If you would like further information feel free to contact me.

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