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USI School of Nursing and Health Professions Visiting Scholar Lecture

Dr. Richard M. Zaner, founder and director of the Center for Clinical and Research Ethics at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will be the first speaker in the USI School of Nursing and Health Professions Visiting Scholar Lecture series. The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, in Mitchell Auditorium, Health Professions Center. The public is invited at no charge.

Dr. Zaner is a clinical ethicist with extensive experience in dealing with moral choices most people hope they will never have to make. Dr. Zaner has held numerous positions in universities and hospitals throughout the United States. His book, *Troubled Voices: Stories of Ethics and Illness*, chronicles his personal experiences in the clinical setting. This publication which deals with euthanasia, assisted suicide, transplants, and genetic testing, won the "Outstanding Academic Books of 1994" *Choice* award.

On the faculty of Vanderbilt University as the Ann Geddes Stahlman professor of Medical Ethics, Dr. Zaner also serves as the Vanderbilt Transplant Center's ethics and policy program director. He has authored seven books, worked as editor for *Inside Ethics* newsletter, and served on professional journal editorial boards. Dr. Zaner has published articles and lectured on such topics as abortion, eugenics, cloning, and artificial insemination.

Dr. Ralph Matacale, assistant professor of USI dental programs and an organizer of the lecture, said that medical ethics can touch anyone. As the baby boom population ages, more individuals are experiencing ethical dilemmas and more families realize that the physician needs help in developing a sense of where patients want their treatment to lead.

For more information, contact Dr. Ralph Matacale at 465-1155. To arrange a telephone interview with Dr. Zaner prior to the lecture, call Helen Gleason, Dr. Zaner's administrative assistant, at 615/936-2686.