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"THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF LIFE"TOPIC OF USD LECTURE OCTOBER 16

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Diego, California

Second in a series of four lectures entitled "The New Genetics", the University of San Diego will present Dr. Lawrence Alexander, Associate Professor of Law at USD. The October 16 lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in Salomon Lecture Hall, De Sales Hall, and is free and open to the public.

Dr. Alexander will discuss generally, on October 16, the law's relation to philosophy and philosophy's relation to science in the area of protecting life.

More specifically, Alexander said, "I will discuss the reasoning used by both sides of the abortion dispute and that used by the Supreme Court in its recent abortion decision. I will also discuss how protectible life might be defined in law, and the implications of this definition for such issues as death, personality modification, and euthenasia."

Dr. Alexander graduated Magna Cum Laude from Williams College in Massachusetts with a B.A. in Philosophy. In 1968 he received his L.L.B. from Yale University and began his profession as a Research Attorney, California Court of Appeal.

In 1970 Alexander joined the USD Law School faculty and currently specializes in Constitutional Law. He was most recently recognized with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for work on the justification of punishment and war.

Coming soon will be:

Ethician: Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. De Sales Hall

Topic: "Ethical Implications, Questions WITHOUT Answers;
The Need for an Etho-Science"
Fr. William Shipley, Ph.D., USD

Sociologist: Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. De Sales Hall

Topic: Social Consequences
Sr. Emerine Glowienka, Ph.D., USD

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