

THE FIRST AMENDMENT CENTER presented a series of six public conversations about First Amendment freedoms and contemporary issues conducted by First Amendment Center Founder John Seigenthaler. It was offered weekly, Oct. 13 - Nov. 17, 2006, as part of the Retirement Learning at Vanderbilt program. Topics included:

- 1** Patriotism: Salute the Flag or Burn It? (Oct. 13)
- 2** Freedom of the Press: "A Set of Infamous Scribblers!" (Oct. 20)
- 3** A Dangerous Dichotomy: Freedom and Fear! (Oct. 27)
- 4** One Nation Under God: Indivisible or Divisible? (Nov. 3)
- 5** The Cultural Chasm: Defining Obscenity (Nov. 10)
- 6** The First Amendment: For Better or For Worse? (Nov. 17)

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John Seigenthaler founded the First Amendment Center in 1991 with the mission of creating national discussion, dialogue and debate about First Amendment rights and values. A former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Seigenthaler served for 43 years as an award-winning journalist for *The Tennessean*, Nashville's morning newspaper. At his retirement he was editor, publisher and CEO. He retains the title chairman emeritus. In 1982, Seigenthaler became founding editorial director of *USA TODAY* and served in that position for a decade, retiring from both the Nashville and national newspapers in 1991.

The First Amendment Center works to preserve and protect First Amendment freedoms through information and education. The center serves as a forum for the study and exploration of free-expression issues, including freedom of speech, of the press and of religion, and the rights to assemble and to petition the government. With offices at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., and Washington, D.C., the center is an operating program of the Freedom Forum and is associated with the Newseum. Its affiliation with Vanderbilt University is through the Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies. For more information about the center, visit firstamendmentcenter.org.

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— Gene Policinski,
Vice President and
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