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**FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO TO
SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Gainesville, Fla. – Janet Reno, the first woman U.S. Attorney General, will speak on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center at the University of Florida. Her visit is free and open to the public and Reno's appearance is co-sponsored by ACCENT Speaker's Bureau and the Women's Leadership Council as part of the 18th Annual Women's Leadership Conference. Doors open at 7 p.m. A brief press conference will take place promptly at 6:45pm in the Martial Arts room of the O'Connell center. The press entrance will be through gate 1 of the O'Connell center, and proper credentials are required.

Reno served as the 78th U.S. Attorney General under President Bill Clinton from March 1993 to Jan. 2001. While U.S. Attorney General, Reno oversaw the 1993 FBI standoff with Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas, and the Elian Gonzalez case in 2000.

A Miami native, Reno acted as state attorney in Dade County, Fla., from 1978 to 1992 and later made a bid for the Florida governorship in 2002. Her UF speech will address themes involving women and leadership.

Other events scheduled for the Women's Leadership Conference, which will commence Sunday, Feb. 13, include a speech by Caridad Estevez-Lee, member of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and a public figure in Alachua County.

ACCENT Speakers' Bureau, the largest student-run speakers' bureau in the nation, has been bringing prominent speakers to the University of Florida since the early 1960s. This year, ACCENT has hosted the original "Hulk," Lou Ferrigno, CIA Analyst Ray McGovern, award-winning documentarian Michael Moore, Governor George Pataki and many others. Reno's speech follows a Jan. 26 ACCENT-sponsored debate on pornography between pornographic star Ron Jeremy and NOW magazine editor Susan Cole, entitled "The Great Porn Debate".

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