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**BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND COMIC AARON KARO AND NEW YORK GOVERNOR
GEORGE E. PATAKI TO SPEAK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

Gainesville, Fla. – Bestselling author and comic Aaron Karo will speak on October 21 at 8pm at The Phillips Center for Performing Arts. Doors for Karo’s speech will open at 7:30pm. Tickets for Karo may be picked up in advance, starting on Oct. 19 at the Phillips Center. The first Republican-Conservative chief executive in New York State history, George Pataki, will also speak at the University of Florida on October 27 at 8pm in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center. Doors will open at 7pm for Pataki. Both speakers are brought to UF by Accent Speakers' Bureau and all of our shows are free, and as a courtesy, open to the public.

Aaron Karo graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where he first began writing down his musings on college life at the request of his friends. In fall of 2001, Karo was offered a publishing deal and quickly turned his monthly column into the bestselling book *Ruminations on College Life*. After the book’s release in August 2002, Karo took his thoughts from page to stage and was headlining sold-out comedy clubs within a year. Karo’s second book, *Ruminations on Twentysomething Life* will be published in 2005. His website is www.aaronkaro.com.

George Pataki entered the political sphere in 1981 when he was elected the youngest mayor ever of the City of Peekskill. In 1992 Pataki was elected to the New York State Senate, where he served as the Chairman of the Ethics Committee. Now in his third term in office, he is known as one of the nation's most influential leaders. Chosen to introduce President Bush for his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention this year, Pataki is celebrated for his dedication to personal freedom and individual responsibility. His discussion is titled, “A Vision for the Future: Conservative Politics in America.”

ACCENT Speaker’s Bureau has been bringing prominent speakers to the University of Florida since the early 1960s. Previous speakers this semester include the original “Hulk” on the 1970’s television show, Lou Ferrigno, former CIA analyst Ray McGovern, and award-winning filmmaker and author Michael Moore. ACCENT Speaker’s Bureau is a non-partisan organization and does not support or oppose any speaker’s specific viewpoints. Please visit our new website at www.sg.ufl.edu/accent for more information. Also note ACCENT’s new press only phone extension at (352) 392-1665 ext. 411.

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