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AUTHOR SUSAN COLE AND PORN STAR RON JEREMY TO PARTICIPATE IN PORNOGRAPHY DEBATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

_____Gainesville, Fla. – Porn superstar Ron Jeremy and journalist and author Susan Cole will debate the issues and effects of pornography on January 26 at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center. The event will take place at 8pm and doors will open at 7:30pm. Admission is free and open to the public and both speakers are brought to UF by ACCENT Speakers' Bureau.

Ron Jeremy graduated with a Masters degree from Queens College in New York. Before his 1979 debut in pornography, he taught as a special education teacher and worked off-Broadway. Since then he has become one of the most prolific stars in the porn industry, has appeared in guest roles in Hollywood features and was a frequent consultant on films such as "Boogie Nights" and "Nine and a Half Weeks."

Award-winning journalist Susan Cole is a native of Toronto, Canada, and has been active in the anti-pornography movement since the 1970's. She holds a bachelors degree from Harvard University, and her book "Pornography and the Sex Crisis" and her essays opposing the porn industry are used in women's studies classrooms nationwide. Her book addresses topics such as the effects of pornography and how it influences its viewers' perceptions of sexuality. Cole is currently a senior editor of NOW magazine in Toronto.

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 is currently accepting staff applications for Spring 2005. Applications are available on our website as well at the JW Reitz Union. 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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