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**WOMEN TO SPEAK ON THE DRAMATIC IMPACT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND
DATE RAPE ON COLLEGE CAMPUS**

GAINESVILLE, Fla.— Kelly Addington and Rebecca Tieder, two lifelong friends, are traveling the nation educating students on the realities of sexual assault on today's college campuses. They will speak at the University of Florida on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event is free and open to the public. ACCENT Speaker's Bureau and ARREST, Acting Against Rape: Every Students Taskforce, are sponsoring the presentation.

The presentation, "Let's Talk about IT," it being "sex," involves interactive exercises, audience discussion and personal experiences to further enrich the understanding of the topic. Addington and Tieder not only give students a "true-life" example of a college woman who was a victim of date rape in her own bedroom by a "friend," but also offer solutions for improved campus awareness and safety while speaking honestly about sex. They feel that students' fear of talking openly and honestly about sex contributes to the stigma and misunderstanding surrounding sexual assault and date rape prevention efforts.

ACCENT Speakers Bureau, the largest student-run speakers bureau in the nation, has been bringing prominent speakers to the University of Florida since the 1960s. ACCENT strives to bring controversial and influential speakers to the university, with the intent of further educating the student body outside of the classroom, on current hot topics and controversies. Past speakers include presidents, prime ministers, entertainment, media, business and sports legends.

A.A.R.E.S.T, Acting Against Rape: Every Student's Taskforce, is an official agency of the University of Florida Student Government whose purpose is to provide education and programming about Sexual Assault and exploitation. AAREST's aim is to spread awareness about sexual assault and inform students about the resources available both on campus and in the community.

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