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GAINESVILLE, Fla— Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, Four-Star General Wesley K. Clark, will speak on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 8:00 p.m. in the Stephen C. O’Connell Center at the University of Florida. General Clark’s visit is free and open to the public and his appearance is sponsored by ACCENT Speaker’s Bureau. His speech is part of ACCENT’s September 11, 2001 Memorial Series and is entitled, “An Evening with General Wesley Clark.” The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. A brief press conference will take place in the Martial Arts room of the O’Connell Center at 7:15 p.m. Proper press credentials are required and all journalist may enter though Gate 1.

General Wesley K. Clark, former Supreme Allied Commander of Europe, retired as one of the nation’s most highly decorated military officers since General Dwight D. Eisenhower. His leadership experience has taken him from Vietnam to Latin America and ultimately to the position of NATO’s Supreme Allied Commander, where he lead a unified force to victory in NATO’s first major combat action. General Clark commanded all NATO forces to success in the important Kosovo conflict, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing without a single Allied casualty. Since September 11, 2001, it has become clear that the lessons of Kosovo are directly applicable to the war against terrorism and the nations that sponsor it.

In September 2003, General Clark, with thousands of supporters and the urging from the national Democratic leadership, entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. He ran a campaign that, according to *The New York Times*, “Changed not only the election but also elections to come.” With a strong showing and exceptional fundraising, Clark, who left the race in February, now commands national attention as a voice for positive change, solid policy agendas and principled leadership.

ACCENT Speaker’s 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.

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