

Football Support Staff



Adrian Melendez

Manager South End Zone Facility, Athletic Trainer

Adrian Melendez enters his fourth season as the Athletic Trainer for the Gator football team and as manager of the South End Zone Training facility after serving two years as the athletic trainer for the Florida men's and women's track and field programs. Melendez is in his 10th year overall on the UF staff.

As the athletic trainer for the track and field program, his responsibilities included care for the teams, assisting with travel and coordination of home track meets, including the annual Florida Relays. His current duties include the prevention, evaluation and treatment of injuries to the football players in addition to serving as a liaison between the student-athletes and team physicians and managing the South End Zone Training facility.

Melendez joined the Gator staff in 1992 after working as a student athletic trainer at Texas Christian University from 1986-1990. During his years at TCU, Melendez worked with both the football and the men's and women's track and field teams.

The El Paso, Texas native has served internships with the Houston Oilers and Dallas Cowboys. He also worked as Head Trainer for the USA Track and Field Junior Olympic Championships in 1994 and the 1995, 1996 and 1997 Walt Disney World Marathons in Orlando. In 1997 he traveled as therapist to then World Record holder and Olympic Champion Donovan Bailey and in 2001 was invited to be one of three collegiate trainers to attend the NFL scouting combine as a guest of the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society.



Tim Sain

Football Equipment Manager

Entering his 15th year at the University of Florida, Tim Sain serves as the Football Equipment Manager for the Gators. Sain's main responsibilities center around ordering and accounting for Florida football equipment, while also directing actual game-day equipment efforts for the team.

A 1975 graduate of UF with a degree in Parks and Recreation Administration, Sain was a student manager for the Gators as an undergraduate. Sain went on to work with the Portland Thunder of the World Football League in 1974 and 1975.

After a stint as a construction manager and job superintendent from 1976-81, Sain became the Equipment and Facilities Director of the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits, where he served from 1982-85.

Sain is married to the former Nancy Kristich of Port Charlotte, Florida. Nancy serves as Coach Spurrier's secretary.



Jamie Speronis

Director of Football Administration

Entering his 20th year at the University of Florida, Jamie Speronis was named Director of Football Administration in February of 1996. He previously worked for the football program as a Senior Administrative Assistant, graduate assistant and student assistant in the weight room.

His primary responsibilities include assisting Head Coach Steve Spurrier with the day-to-day administration of the Gator football program. Speronis oversees the football budget and serves as a liaison to the compliance office. Speronis coordinates the NFL scouting and walk-on programs as well as the preseason, mini-camp and post season itineraries. He has served for four years as the district coordinator for the Football Operations Committee of the American Football Coaches Association.

A 1985 graduate of the University of Florida, Speronis also earned his Master's Degree from UF's College of Exercise and Sport Sciences in 1989. A native of Lowell, Massachusetts, Speronis has served the Gator football program since 1982. He and his wife, Kristy, were married in February of 1997.



Peter A. Indelicato, MD

Head Team Physician

Dr. Peter A. Indelicato, UF's head team physician since 1977, is one of the nation's leading orthopaedic surgeons in the field of Sports Medicine and holds the H. Wayne Huizenga Professorship of Sports Medicine at the UF Health Science Center.

A native of New York, Dr. Indelicato attended New York Medical

2001 Athletic Trainers

Graduate Interns:

Kelli Frye
Bryant Baugh

Student Athletic Trainers:

Kristi Davidson
Joanna Mattox
Marze Houlemont
Jeff Schills
Darrell Turner
Emily Jones
Brandy Hart

2001 Managers

Equipment Assistant:

Ahmand "Bubba" Faniel

Student Managers:

Shaun Anthony
Clay Carter
Jennifer Collins
Matt Douglas
Scott Edson
Keith Gelder
Aaron Mays
Olivia Odell
Jason Smith
Greg Talbot

College and received his medical degree in 1969. He successfully completed his orthopaedic residency training at NYU and spent two years in the US Navy serving as a staff orthopaedic surgeon at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas. Following this, he served as a sports medicine fellow at the well-known Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic participating in the care of the Los Angeles Rams, Lakers, Dodgers, and Kings. In 1977, he was appointed as assistant professor in Orthopaedics Surgery and Director of Sports Medicine at UF. In 1993, he was named Medical Director of the Shands Sports Medicine Center at Hampton Oaks.

In 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999, his name was published in "The Best Doctors in America." He has been an honorary member of the National Athletics Trainer Association since 1984 and received its "Outstanding Services" Recognition Award in 1991. Indelicato has also been elected a member-at-large to the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine's board of directors and also serves as chairman for the Council of Delegates. He currently is a member of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Orthopaedics Society of Sports Medicine, the Florida Orthopaedic Society, the American College of Surgeons, the Florida Medical Association, and is a founding member of the Southeastern Conference Sports Medicine Committee.

He has lectured extensively around the country on the recognition and management of athletic knee and shoulder injuries. Over the past 17 years, he has been invited to speak in 15 countries outside the United States regarding similar topics. He has made a total of 33 lectures internationally.

In 1989, he was appointed as Associate Team Physician for the Miami Dolphins and served in that capacity until 1996 when he became an orthopaedic consultant for the Dolphins.



Bud Fernandez
*Director of Athletic Equipment/
Assistant to the Athletic Director*

Heading into his 30th season at the University of Florida, Bud Fernandez is officially responsible for supervising the athletic equipment needs for the University Athletic Association. His responsibilities include the establishment of inventory procedures, while also assisting the Athletic Director with

special projects.

Fernandez, known within the UF football family as "Uncle Bud", came to Florida in 1971 after a 26-year military career from which he retired as a command sergeant major. During his distinguished career in the armed forces, he studied through the University of Maryland, University of Wisconsin and the Armed Forces Institute.

Fernandez, a Pensacola, Florida native, is also a member of the Nike Collegiate Athletic Council and the World Sporting Goods Advisory Board.



Betty Ling
Senior Administrative Assistant

A member of the University of Florida football family for 22 years, Betty Ling enters her 11th year as Senior Administrative Assistant. A Tampa native, Ling serves as the Administrative Assistant for football recruiting. Ling's responsibilities include: assisting with the arrangements of official and unofficial visits by recruits, coordinating

high school relations, while also heading up the Gator Guide support squad. She also helps coordinate UF's High School Coaches Clinic. Ling coordinates all recruiting coaches travel and correspondence and all prospect student athlete's game day activities.

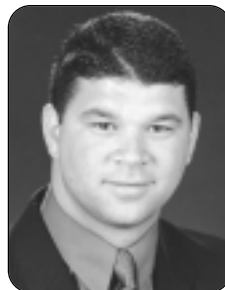


Dave Houts
Director of Video Services

Dave Houts, who has been associated with the Gator football team since 1977, has worked for the UAA as Director of Video Services since 1989 and worked for the University of Florida since 1983. Houts' duties include taping games and practices for the UF football, basketball, baseball, track, gymnastics and swimming teams. He is involved with computer and video cutups, as well as making opponent exchange tapes. The Pontiac, Mich. native is also involved in making scouting reports for the offensive and defensive coaches. Houts has also worked with the National Football League, Major League Baseball, NASCAR, 1996 Summer Olympics, as well as on such movies as "Parenthood" and "Just Cause."

Houts was in the United States Peace Corps in Brazil before getting his bachelor of arts degree in anthropology from Western Michigan and his bachelor of science degree in journalism from Florida, where he received academic honors. Houts then worked for two television stations before joining the university's staff. Houts also is a Vietnam-era veteran with U.S. Army engineers. Houts was honored with the Alachua County United Way Volunteer of the Year Award in 1986.

The 54-year-old Houts and his wife, Beth, have two children, Matthew, (24), and Sara, (11).



Noah Brindise
Graduate Assistant Coach

Noah Brindise is in his third season as a graduate assistant coach. Brindise, a three-time letterwinner at Florida from 1995-1997, is a former walk-on who was awarded a scholarship in the spring of 1997. Brindise, a two-time member of the SEC Academic Honor Roll, was named to the honorable mention team for the 1997 College Football Chronicle's Unsung Hero All-America Team. He was also co-recipient of UF's 1997 Fifth-Year Senior Team Player Award. Brindise will be remembered in Gator history for his role in leading UF to a 24-10 victory at Auburn in 1997. He relieved starter Jesse Palmer in the second half and led a 97-yard drive in the third quarter to put the Gators ahead 17-10.

Prior to the 1999 season Brindise worked at Ursinius College outside Philadelphia as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach. Brindise, who hails from Fort Myers, will be enrolled in graduate school this fall. He will be working with the Gator offense. Married the former Jennifer Guyan on March 17.



JON BAXTER, DDS
Team Dentist



ART DAY, MD
Team Neurosurgeon



RON FORBES
*Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator*



DAVID GREEN
Team Chaplain



JOHN GRIECO
*Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator*



**GERALD
HAZOURI, MD**
Team Ophthalmologist



MARTY HUEGEL
Physical Therapist



**MICHAEL
HUEY, MD**
Team Physician



MALCOM JOWERS
Team Security



JACK KEARNEY
*Telecommunications
Assistant*



TONY MEACHAM
Academic Counselor



**KEITH
MEISTER, MD**
Team Orthopaedist



**RICHARD PARENT,
DDS**
Team Dentist



BRAD PATTERSON
Massage Therapist



NANCY SAIN
Office Manager



THERESE SCULLY
Staff Assistant



JENA SLOCUM
Staff Assistant



MARK SMITH
*Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator*



**REV. OTTO
SPANGLER**
Team Chaplain



MIKE STOEBER
*Game Analysis
Coordinator*



JASON STORCH, PhD
Academic Counselor



SANDRA VIGIL
Life Skills Coordinator



MATT WALSER
Athletic Trainer



SCOTT WEBSTER
*Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator*