

Football Support Staff



Adrian Melendez

Manager South End Zone Facility, Athletic Trainer

Adrian Melendez enters his fifth 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 11th 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.



Ahmand "Bubba" Faniel

Football Equipment Manager

Ahmand "Bubba" Faniel was named Florida's Football Equipment Manager in May of 2002. Faniel's main responsibilities center around ordering and accounting for Florida football equipment, while also directing actual game-day equipment efforts for the team.

A native of Melbourne, Faniel graduated from UF in May of 1999 with a degree in Athletic Training. He began working as a student assistant with the UF equipment staff in time for the 1999 Orange Bowl game against Syracuse and continued on after graduation as an intern. Faniel has certifications from both AEMA and NATA in addition to being a licensed massage therapist.



Michael Stoeber

Director of Football Administration

Entering his 13th year at the University of Florida, Michael Stoeber was named Director of Football Administration in January of 2002. He previously worked for the football program as the Game Analysis Coordinator where he was responsible for the opponent and self-scout computer and video analysis.

His current responsibilities include assisting Head Coach Ron Zook with the day-to-day administration of the Gator football program. He oversees the football budget and serves as a liaison to the compliance office. Stoeber also coordinates the NFL scouting program and the walk-on programs as well as serving as Summer Football Camp Director.

A 1993 graduate of the UF College of Journalism, Stoeber earned his Master's Degree in Sports Administration from the University of Florida in 1996. Stoeber also played Tuba in the Marching Band and currently serves as UF's chapter sponsor to the National Honorary Band Fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi. He and his wife, June, were married in June of 1994. June is the Director of the University of Florida "Gatorettes" who recently won the 2001 NBTA National Collegiate Baton Twirling title.



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. He has been selected as the "Godfather" for the traveling Sports Medicine Fellowship Program for the American Orthopaedic Society of Sports Medicine in 2002.

A native of New York, Dr. Indelicato attended New York Medical 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, 1999, and 2002 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 also 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 19 countries outside the United States regarding similar topics. He has made a total of 35 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. Since 1999, he has been chosen as the NFL neutral team physician.



Bud Fernandez

Director of Athletic Equipment/Assistant to the Athletic Director

Heading into his 31st 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, Fla. native, is also a member of the Nike Collegiate Athletic Council and the World Sporting Goods Advisory Board. In March 2002, the South End Zone equipment room was dedicated in his honor.



Betty Ling

Senior Administrative Assistant

A member of the University of Florida football family for 23 years, Betty Ling enters her 12th 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 also is involved in making scouting reports for the offensive and defensive coaches. Houts also has 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 55-year-old Houts and his wife, Beth, have two children, Matthew, 25, and Sara, 12.



Cheston Blackshear

Graduate Assistant Coach

Cheston Blackshear is in his first season as a graduate assistant coach.

Blackshear will work with the Gator offense and with the offensive line in particular. A four-year letterwinner from 1996-99, Blackshear was a fixture at right guard for the Gators during the late 1990s. The graduate of Jacksonville's White High School started a total of 31 games for Florida and played in 45, including four January bowl games. Blackshear received second-team All-SEC honors as a senior in 1999. That season he also received the team's coveted Fergie Ferguson Award which goes to a senior player who displays outstanding leadership, character and courage.

After graduating in May 2000 from Florida, Blackshear attended the Carolina Panthers' fall camp but did not make the team. He spent the spring of 2001 playing for the Orlando Rage of the XFL and coached running backs that fall at Sandalwood High School in his hometown.



James Speer

Graduate Assistant Coach

James Speer is in his first season as a graduate assistant coach.

Speer will work with the Gator defense and with the defensive line in particular. A four-year letterwinner from 1987-90, Speer came to Gainesville as a walk-on but eventually earned a scholarship. Speer played in 36 games with five starts, mainly as an outside linebacker and on special teams. During his Gator career, Speer had his most productive season in 1990 as a senior, making 28 tackles, including five for loss and a sack as the Gators finished first in the SEC.

After his Gator playing career ended, Speer signed as a free agent with the Seattle Seahawks but did not make the squad. After receiving his degree from UF in 1992, he spent three years as an assistant coach at Miami's Carol City High School, his alma mater. From 1996-98 Speer worked at Division III Widener University in the Philadelphia suburb of Chester, Pa., where he worked as the linebackers and defensive line coach in addition to being the special teams coordinator. He was later promoted to defensive coordinator from 1998-2000. Speer also received a Master of Education degree from Widener in 1997. Speer returned to Gainesville in 2001 where he served as head coach at Eastside High School.

2002 Athletic Trainers

Graduate Interns:

Bryant Baugh
Sheri Walters

Student Athletic Trainers:

Suzie Allain
Jason Armstrong
Kelly Fogarty
Stacy Leiberman
Trae Schiebel
Christy Wells

2002 Managers

Equipment Assistant:

TBA

Student Managers:

Shaun Anthony
Jessie Burchill
Aaron Mays
Olivia O'Dell
Jason Smith
Greg Talbott
Will Thompson



Mark Campbell
Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator



Randy Caton, DMD
Oral Surgeon



Andrew Couse
Game Analysis
Coordinator - Defense



David Green
Team Chaplain



John Grieco
Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator



Gerald Hazouri, MD
Team Ophthalmologist



Lou Hernandez
Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator



Malcom Jowers
Team Security



Jack Kearney
Telecommunications
Assistant



Therese LeGrow
Staff Assistant



Doug McDonald, MD
Team Physician



Megan McLaughlin
Office Manager



Tony Meacham
Academic Counselor



Keith Meister, MD
Team Orthopaedist



Richard Parent, DDS
Team Dentist



Brad Patterson
Massage Therapist



Bryan Patterson
Life Skills Coordinator



Bob Redman
Game Analysis
Coordinator - Offense



Jena Slocum
Staff Assistant



Rev. Otto Spangler
Team Chaplain



Jason Storch, PhD
Academic Counselor



Matt Walser
Athletic Trainer



Thomas J. Weber, DMD
Team Dentist



Scott Webster
Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator