From Club President Frances Childers

My year as your president is rapidly coming to an end. Officers for 2018 were announced at the last meeting and Directors will be announced later this month. The events and fundraising does not just happen. There are folks that put many hours into making those events a success. Come join the fun.

We’ve had some great speakers so far this year and Jason White continues to come up with great speakers to entertain the FGTC faithful. Check the list in the newsletter.

DISCOUNTS. John Seibold has been working diligent to garner benefits for club members and he has been very successful. Check the newsletter to see if your favorite restaurant is there. Please support the businesses that are offering member discounts.

The Awards Banquet/Holiday Party is coming in December. This is our final event of the year. Tickets are on sale at the meetings. Please join us for a fun filled evening.

We will have one meeting after Thanksgiving this year so please put November 30 on your calendar and plan to attend the final meeting of the year.

It has been a tough season for the Gator football team, heart breaking close losses and then gut-wrenching losses to Georgia and Missouri. It is going to take a lot of rebuilding to make the Gators great again. I look forward to good news in the near future that a new coach will bring energy and team building back to Florida.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meetings.

Frances Childers
2017 FGTC President

November Guest Speakers

11/09 - Andy Staples
11/16 - John Brantley III
11/30 - TBA

WHO’S NEXT?

STAY TUNED!
Two Tailgating Games Remain for Getting Great Food at the SWAMP

Be sure to join the club 3 hours before each game for Food, Fun and Football. FGTC will be setup outside Gate 4 of the O’Connell Center between the O’Dome and the parking garage.

This year we will have food catered at each game by the following local business:

- UAB....................Peach Valley
- FSU....................Mojos

Meals can be purchased for a small donation.

There will be music provided and satellite TV to watch football. Ready for some tailgating games? Each week we will be setting up Corn Hole and other tailgate games.

Bring your own coolers and chairs, we will have someone staying at the tailgate through the game to watch your items (We do recommend labeling your items with your name).

Have a Favorite Tailgate Side Dish, Appetizer, or Dessert you want to share? Bring it on down!

For more information contact Amanda Paul at 863-409-9692 or by email at: charityapaul@gmail.com.

COST: $45 per person    $85 per Couple

The FGTC Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet is set and we’re selling tickets.

The Committee Chairman, Chairman Donnie Van Wie and Co-Chair Bette Benedik are getting set to finalize décor, the band and other much needed areas of business.

The Banquet committee has worked with the staff at the Women’s Club to make this year’s celebration is an enjoyable one. The menu will include at least 3 entrees salad, vegetables and dessert. The open bar will be repeated this year.

The Committee will be talking with Tony at the Holiday Inn for special room rates for those that plan on staying in town after partying all evening. Stay tuned!!!

Tickets for the event are on sale, and have been during the weekly members meetings. Please purchase you tickets soon from Donnie or Bette at the meetings, or call to make reservations with them at: 352-318-0473.

Swampfest finale

A great big thank you to Gordon Sellers and his amazing team of cooks for Swampfest. I couldn’t get enough food, and there was plenty of it. Bette Benedik and I just want to say “Thank you for the wonderful meal and time you put into Swampfest”.

Also, a big shout out to Walt Krumm for allowing Swampfest to be held on his business premises once again. Great food, spacious location and jamming music produced by Tom Mix-Master Mason.

We appreciate all your hard work and time in making Swampfest a success.

FGTC on the Internet

Club members who are on the Internet have expanded access to club information and pictures. Please be sure to explore these options: Our official FGTC website: http://www.fgtc.org/ Newsletters, events and membership information 24/7.

Follow us on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/FightinGatorTouchdownClub Gator athletics updates, photos, videos, and social networking with our Gator friends.

Check out our picture site on Shutterfly: http://fgtc.shutterfly.com/ Join Shutterfly and enjoy free photo sharing, storage, software and prints.

Click on any of the red web address links above to get to each site.

FGTC By-Laws

Anyone wishing to have a copy of the club’s By-laws can send and email to the Club Parliamentarian at tom.mason@sfcollege.edu .
OCTOBER GAME RESULTS

Gators lose by a whisker 16-17!

Aggies kick the Gators while they’re down! 17-19

Dawgs bite was worse than their bark 7-42!

2017 Gator Football Schedule

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Ooooo, A Peek at the 2018 Schedule

- Sept. 1: Charleston Southern Buccaneers at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL
- Sept. 8: Kentucky Wildcats at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL
- Sept. 15: Colorado State Rams at Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, TN
- Sept. 22: at Tennessee Volunteers at Neyland Stadium, Knoxville, TN
- Sept. 29: at Mississippi State Bulldogs at Davis Wade Stadium, Starkville, MS
- Oct. 6: LSU Tigers at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL
- Oct. 13: at Vanderbilt Commodores at Vanderbilt Stadium, Nashville, TN
- Oct. 20: OFF
- Oct. 27: Georgia Bulldogs at EverBank Field, Jacksonville, FL
- Nov. 3: Missouri Tigers at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL
- Nov. 10: South Carolina Gamecocks at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL
- Nov. 17: Idaho Vandals at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, Gainesville, FL
- Nov. 24: at Florida State Seminoles at Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, FL
- Dec. 1: SEC Championship Game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, GA

As McElwain departure sets in, UF feels future is bright

Florida players have had a chance to let the Jim McElwain departure sink in and opined on how quickly the program can move on and turn things around going forward.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- It's been a little more than a week since Florida coach Jim McElwain departed from the program, stepping away in a mutual agreement with the administration. Reactions have been mixed, but now that players have had a chance to digest the move, several have spoken out about the turmoil in recent weeks.

"It's horrible. It sucks because I feel like I lost a best friend," kicker Eddy Pineiro said. "The reason why I came here was because of him. So, I mean it hurt. It hurt a lot, but we've got to win and this program expects a lot from the players and it's all about winning at the end of the day."

Pineiro, of course, was one of McElwain's most high-profile recruits. McElwain very publicly targeted Pineiro in the recruiting process to fix his team's kicking woes, going to visit the kicker the day after the 2015 SEC Championship Game, the first recruit he saw.

Others, though, had fewer ties to McElwain, like fourth-year defensive tackle Taven Bryan. A prospect from Wyoming, Bryan was uncovered by former coach Will Muschamp and his staff. Bryan sounded excited Monday about the chance to play against Muschamp.

He also had some pointed comments about the leadership of the Florida program. "Honestly, I think it'd be easy to turn around," Bryan said. "There's just some small things, and once they fix that. Coach (Randy) Shannon has done a great job of doing that. Coach (Chris) Rumph, great dude. They're both great coaches that are able to influence people in a very positive manner very quickly. When they're in more of a leadership position, it really helps out the team a lot."

Even some of the players recruited by McElwain to play on offense had some question marks about the staff, it seemed.

Receiver Dre Massey was brought in early on to be an explosive option in the passing game. He was a huge part of the team's plans in 2016, serving as the lead return man and an X-factor, do-it-all threat as the trigger man in the Wildcat package. At least, he was supposed to be, before he suffered a torn ACL on the opening kickoff of the season.

When he returned, Massey found it much harder to come by touches as others passed him on the depth chart. Prior to Saturday's game against Missouri, the first without McElwain, Massey had totaled just four catches for 23 yards on the season. But against the Tigers he racked up two catches for 75 yards, showing why the Gators had thought so highly of him at one point.

"I'd say it's a step forward in the way I got the ball," Massey said with just a hint of frustration and relief in his voice. "Not really kind of check-down types but a designed play for me." Later, asked how Florida can fix the ailing offense, Massey was blunt. "I think we need to just get the ball to our play makers quick," Massey said. "Kind of let us play."

Other offensive players seemed to be at more of a loss for how to fix things. Or, at least if they had ideas, they didn't really want to share them in public. And who can blame them, when they've been coached the same way every week with the same maddeningly ineffective results?

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November Specials
11/09 - ½ half off Pepperoni Rolls
11/16 - ½ off Calamari
11/30 - ½ off Bruschetta Flat Bread

Please support our bar at the meeting. No Outside alcohol is permitted in the meeting rooms.

McElwain departure (Continued from Page 5)

"Next question, please," offensive guard Tyler Jordan said when a reporter noted that the offense was broken and asked how they could fix it. The bottom line is that it's easy to understand why Florida came out as flat as it did on Saturday.

When the offensive results have been as poor as they've been the last few years, it's easy to question the coaching staff. Players aren't blind to the lack of execution or criticism of the staff that has permeated the media and the fanbase. And reading between the lines a bit, it sure seems like at least a handful of players are pretty optimistic that the right hires will change quite a bit, even if they're doing their best right now to avoid all the rumors and speculation about the next coach to focus on the task at hand.

"I don't really pay much attention to the news, so it's kind of easy for me to ignore," Bryan said. "I don't know. It's more important to help these guys out and really usher them into the next stage 'cause, like I said, they're good, they just haven't shown you how good they are yet. They've been playing way under their full potential."

It's just about finding the right coach who can get the most out of them and take full advantage of the potential.

"I think we can definitely recover from it. With this team, there's so much potential that you guys don't get to see that I'm around all the time," Bryan said. "They just haven't had the opportunities to really shine, (show) how good they really are."

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