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Letter to the Editor

All of UF is Machen's responsibility

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I was instantly drawn to the headline in Friday's Alligator, "Machen says plan not his responsibility." As a former student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, majoring in one of those unimportant subjects - history - I was appalled by both the five-year plan and UF President Bernie Machen's response to it.

Machen is the president of this university. Everything is his responsibility, no matter how far removed from his perceived domain. It all comes back to him. His complete and total failure as a leader is evident in CLAS' multimillion-dollar debt. Yes, others are in charge of the day-to-day operations of CLAS, but at the end of the day, the buck stops at Machen.

Does anyone remember the fundraising - supposedly more than \$200 million - that Machen secured this past year? The Alligator pointed out that it's being invested. But God forbid we invest that money in the university now, when it needs it the most. Downsizing academic departments, shockingly enough, won't make UF a top university. Sorry Bernie, but this whole place is your responsibility.