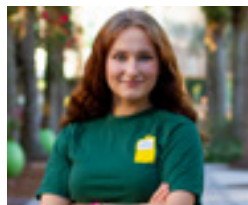


Faculty predict improved communication and funding in Law's presidency



Katherine Maily

STAFF WRITER

Rhea Law's appointment as the university's eighth president evoked predominantly positive support from faculty, excited for her continued fiscal leadership, although some were concerned about her absence of an academic background.

Over the seven months of her interim presidency, Law has shown herself capable of leading the university, according to Dean of Students Danielle McDonald.



Despite their concerns surrounding her lack of academic leadership experience, faculty members expect new opportunities, including funding and community input, from President-elect Rhea Law. ORACLE PHOTO/ALEXANDRA URBAN

"She has proven herself to have the stamina for the job," she said. "This is a taxing role, and I think that the great thing is that she knew what she was getting into, having now done [the interim presidency] as an introduction."

Faculty Senate President Timothy Boaz said he had some concerns when Law was first appointed in August due to her lack of experience in an academic environment. As a result, he believed she was not prepared for the unique demands of the job.

Despite holding several leadership positions in the past, Law's background revolves primarily around positions in law, having held the position of CEO and chair of the board at the law firm Fowler White Boggs.

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BRASA to host nationwide conference

By Gabriela Chahade
CORRESPONDENT

Brazilian students from around the country will meet at the Marshall Student Center from April 15-16 for the first Brazilian Student Association (BRASA) Connect network conference.

The event was designed for students to make connections in their fields of interests. Sessions will be structured in different ways, such as panels, workshops and presentations where

attendees will interact with professionals.

Other Florida universities are taking part in organizing the conference, such as UF, UM, Rollins College and the University of West Florida. BRASA Connect Co-Director Guilherme Pettenati De Moraes said there was no doubt USF should be the school to host the conference since it has the largest BRASA community in the world.

"Four out of the five people who started the idea of creating

this conference, including myself, are USF students, so it was determined from the start that it should be hosted here," he said.

There are more than 9,000 BRASA members nationwide, and USF's chapter is the largest in the world with around 300 members, according to Pettenati De Moraes.

USF was the first local BRASA chapter to host the Brazil Florida Student Conference in 2019, which had eight guest speakers,

three workshops and a career fair. The same conference was supposed to occur in 2020 and 2021, but the ongoing pandemic disrupted the plan.

Pettenati De Moraes said the Brazil Florida Student Conference was a different and smaller scale conference. BRASA Connect will provide several more resources through a variety of guest participants as means to provide the Brazilian student community an opportunity to make connections.

"I always felt that our BRASA had the potential to build something huge," Pettenati De Moraes said. "That's what we are planning on accomplishing with the BRASA Connect Conference."

The opening lecture will occur in the Oval Theater from 9:45-10:15 a.m. It will be followed by simultaneous events such as the engineering and health studies workshops as well as the investments panel April 15 happening in different rooms at

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Speakers specialized in distinct areas such as business management, engineering, sports and investments will participate during the conference.

Several well-known guest members such as Vice President of International Sales and Marketing of Universal Parks and Resorts LatAm Marcos Barros and former CEO of Orlando City Alexandre Leitão are already confirmed to participate in the conference.

Although all events will be held in Portuguese for the conference this year, there are plans to make BRASA conferences accessible for people who don't speak the language, according to Pettenati De Moraes.

With the spaces allotted, the conference is designed so around 400 students from Florida and universities across the country can participate. However, Pettenati De Moraes expects more than 90% of attendees to be Florida residents.

Students can buy tickets on the BRASA website. All of the weekend events are included with the purchase of a ticket. Ticket prices will increase after a certain number of tickets are sold, according to Pettenati De Moraes. The limit was not specified by the time of publication.

"Our objective is to provide students with essential resources to build connections that will ultimately impact our community," Pettenati De Moraes said. "We hope to achieve that through panels, workshops, a career fair and mentorship sessions spread throughout two conference days."

BRASA's public relations specialist and freshman advertising major Maria Luisa Alvarenga and Pettenati De Moraes said the plan is to make the conference a yearly event.

"Even though I will no longer be at USF [next semester], we are planning and hoping that BRASA Connect will continue to take place every year at USF," Pettenati De Moraes said.

Pettenati De Moraes said how his personal experiences resulted in his determination to make BRASA Connect a reality.

"I watched a friend of mine get an internship at J.P. Morgan and then an actual job there as a result of the connections he made as a BRASA member," he said. "I hope that this conference will generate opportunities such as this one for other Brazilian students."

The creation of BRASA Connect gave some BRASA members, such as Alvarenga, an opportunity to be involved in the planning of a large event.

"Being someone who is contributing to the development of an event that aims to inspire the next generation of Brazilian students in the U.S. and help students here that look for a future both here and in Brazil is simply amazing," Alvarenga said.

LAW

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Law has no hands-on experience in the classroom, unlike other presidents such as Judy Genshaft.

Law has presented herself ready for the position through her leadership as interim president, according to Boaz. He said that with her skills in communication with the university faculty and her proficiency in fundraising, she portrays strong leadership skills.

"When she was first nominated as the interim president, I really didn't know her," Boaz said. "I feel like I have learned a lot about her in the last seven and a half months or so. I've been very impressed with her abilities."

Similar to Boaz, Chair of the Department of History Brian Connolly said he was apprehensive concerning Law's appointment due to her inexperience in academia. However, they were partly eased by her performance so far.

"I think that there's often been too much meddling in institutions, not just USF, but nationwide by non-academics, [who have] visions for [the university] that don't really align with the academic mission of the university," Connolly said. "I'm keeping an open mind."

By prioritizing the input of academic leaders throughout the university, including faculty and deans, Law will be able to ensure that she makes decisions that benefit academic groups, Connolly said.

He said Law has demonstrated her leadership capabilities and willingness to listen to other voices in the university in order to guide her decisions, which will hopefully make up for her inexperience in academic



Some faculty believe Law's leadership efforts will rejuvenate communication between faculty and administration. ORACLE PHOTO/ALEXANDRA URBAN

positions.

In the past decade, faculty have struggled to be heard due to a "top-down" communication hierarchy, according to Connolly. Under a Law administration, he believes faculty voices will be given more precedent.

Comparatively speaking, Law has already done more than her predecessor to engage with faculty, according to Boaz.

She has attended all Faculty Senate meetings in her term while former President Steven Curall made a singular appearance only in the second half of his presidency, Boaz said.

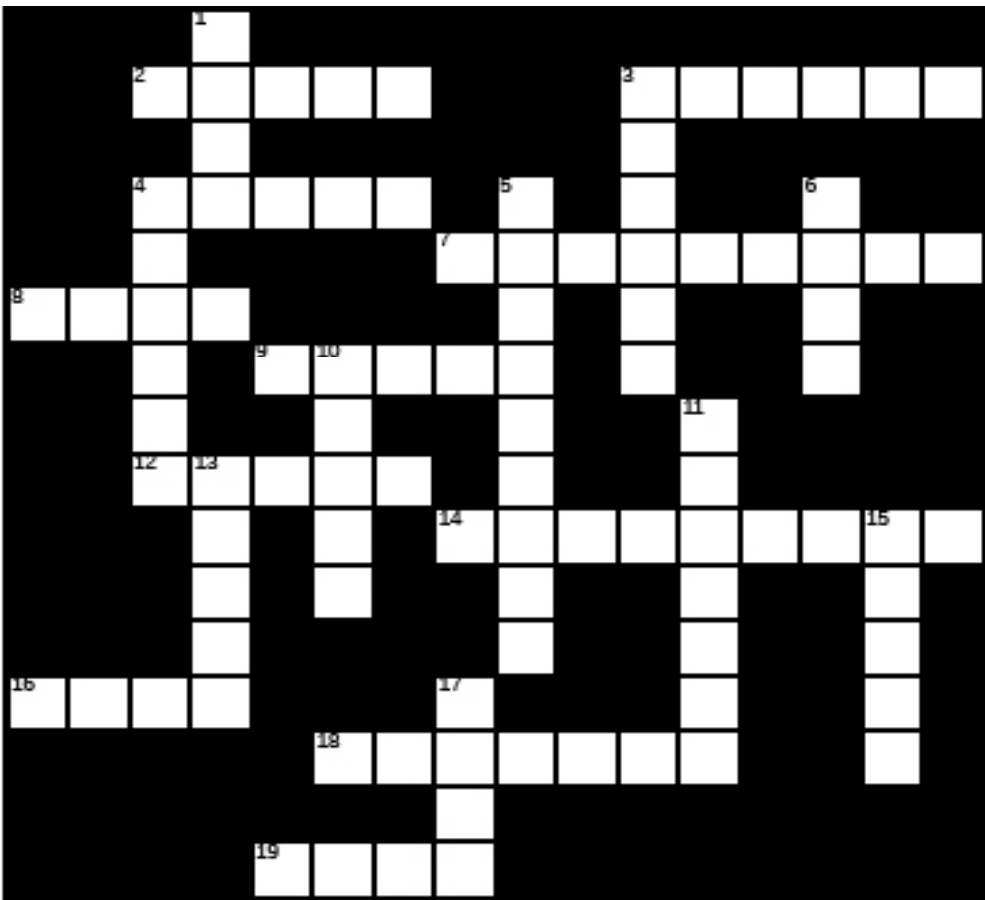
Given her success in drawing more funding to the university, Law has also been applauded for her ability to manage the university's budget, according to Boaz. The budget was difficult to maneuver and was threatened by budget cuts during Curall's administration. He said with Law's changes, it has become

easier to navigate.

USF is also gaining historic new funding increases from the Legislature following Law's advocacy for the university, according to a March 16 Tampa Bay Times article.

Compared to two years ago, Connolly said he has greater faith in the university effectively distributing the funding under Law's leadership. He said he hopes throughout Law's time as president, academic departments will see increased funding where he currently believes they are lacking.

"She's going to be a presence at this university," Boaz said. "I can see that she loves engaging the faculty. She loves engaging with students. She loves engaging with our community. And she's got an enthusiasm for this university and our work that I think will be infectious."



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| 9 School colors, with 6 down | 10 Our mascot |
| 12 Basketball games take place in this arena | 11 Nickname for Fletcher Avenue, with 18 across |
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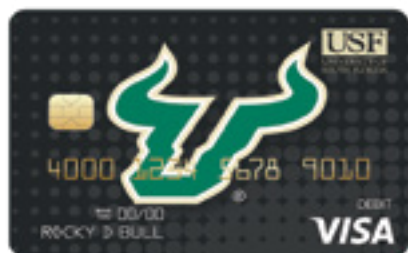
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The collected photographic data is for face and head shots only. The series would be taken from several angles at about twelve inches distance using an iPhone with our test app installed and operated by one or more of our representatives on-site. Each session is expected to take five to ten minutes. The face data will simply be used for internal test purposes to help train our computational algorithms and experimental Artificial Intelligence (AI) to build a new type of 3D face measurement app for consumer health and skin care uses. Face data will remain internal for software engineering development use only and will not be sold or posted publicly online.

Compensation is \$100 on completion of the four sessions, which are planned to take **five to ten minutes per session** (four sessions) and will be conducted on campus at ACCESS 3D Lab, CAS 102 (one block west of the main library). Testing involves time series measurements, so candidates need to commit to the full four sessions so that we can measure certain observables which may be occurring across the face.

All four sessions must be completed consecutively each week during our planned intake windows - either Tuesday or Friday afternoons - in order to receive payment. No partial payments if sessions are missed, which disqualifies a model from continuing in the series since this is a time series-based test project. All subjects must be approved in advance. A model release form will be provided for signature using DocuSign. Payment will be processed using PayPal (only) following completion of the fourth imaging session. All resulting images will become copyrighted property of Galileo Group.

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New garage is not solution to parking problem

By Rachel Beaird
CORRESPONDENT

For years, USF has had problems with the parking, or lack thereof, on campus. Several students have called for new parking facilities as the solution to this issue.

While this may seem reasonable at first, new parking lots and garages are not the answer. Instead, USF should encourage and develop other forms of transportation so students don't feel like driving is their only option.

Students have been complaining about the parking problem for years, and rightfully so. Finding parking is often a struggle, with just over 20,000 parking spots on campus and more than 44,000 students on the main campus, according to USF's website.

However, building new parking facilities will likely do more harm than good, on an environmental, cost and safety level.

USF prides itself on being an environmentally friendly university, even charging students a green energy fee of \$1 per credit hour to fund sustainable amenities and projects, as stated by the USF Undergraduate Tuition Rates for fall 2021 and summer 2022.

As a result, it hardly makes sense for the school to cover what green space it has with a layer of pavement for a new parking lot.

There is also barely, if any, room for a full parking lot in a location that would benefit students. A look at the campus map shows there is not much



Parking inaccessibility would be better solved by further developing public transportation, not by building more parking garages. ORACLE PHOTO/ALEXANDRA URBAN

central space that is not already taken up by buildings or parking lots.

Multi-tiered parking garages would take up less space, but they come with their own problems. In particular, the hefty price tag.

A 2,000 space garage could range from \$30 million to \$40 million or more, Associate Director of Communications Aaron Nichols said in a March 24 email.

At roughly \$20,000 per parking space, a new garage would be a questionable financial decision by the university and could lead to even more expensive parking passes for students.

When asked if a new garage would affect prices of parking permits, Nichols said it would be decided during the planning

stages of funding a new garage.

The solution to this issue lies not in making more room for cars, but in focusing on the other forms of transportation, such as walking or taking public transit.

A more cost-effective and environmentally friendly solution would be to allocate resources, making these alternatives safer for students.

Not all students can live on campus, which means limited options of travel and succumbing to university parking spots.

However, there are plenty of students living on or around campus who have more options, such as walking or taking public transport. If the university can help provide other options for these students, there would be less demand for parking spots.

Being a pedestrian in and around USF can be dangerous. Fletcher Avenue, Fowler Avenue, Bruce B. Downs Boulevard and other roads surrounding the campus are far from safe for those walking, cycling or skateboarding.

The intersection of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard at Fletcher Avenue is known to be a hotspot for accidents, according to the law firm Anderson & Anderson.

Public transportation, such as the Bull Runner, are safer alternatives that USF could develop further. Per mile, public transit is 10 times safer than driving your own vehicle, according to the National Safety Council.

USF has its own bus system, the Bull Runner, which has stops

throughout campus and in the surrounding area, but much of the system is outdated and impractical.

It is difficult to know if and when the bus will arrive, and this is not very useful for students who need to get to class on time.

"[The] Bull Runner would be great but I don't use it because they don't seem to have an actual schedule, only 'live maps' that mean you can't plan a route anytime in advance or have any idea of how long it will actually take to get anywhere, so I drive instead," user @L-accord said in a post on the USF subreddit.

"[It] would be cool to use the bus, because I like them, but as it stands right now, late-ness isn't even the issue, when the way they set it up is so you can't plan a trip in advance at all."

The university needs to focus on updating the bus system and making the roads safer by cracking down on dangerous driving so students don't feel like driving around campus is their only option.

USF leaders should be lobbying for improvements to the county's infrastructure that will benefit students and the school as a whole.

Parking will automatically become less of an issue if USF provides and encourages safe and practical options other than driving.

Rachel Beaird is a sophomore majoring in mass communications.



The Bulls offense struggled to produce much against the UCF over the weekend. Infielder Madison Epperson (pictured) had just one hit over the three games. ORACLE PHOTO/ ALEXANDRA URBAN

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“I think they probably did a lot of scouting of me,” she said. “I’ve thrown probably more innings than anyone else in the NCAA. So it’s one of those things where they’ve seen a lot of my pitches and they’re going to try and settle into what my patterns are, they’re going to try and settle into what my pitches were. And I think they did a pretty good job of guessing correctly a couple of times.

“It’s one of those things where you can’t be unhittable forever. The more you throw, the more information there is about you out there and they did a really good job with that information.”

As good as Corrick was on Sunday, she didn’t receive much help from the Bulls’ offense. She was outdueled by UCF senior pitcher Giana Mancha who gave

up just one hit in a complete-game shutout.

This followed a similar performance from Mancha in Game I in which she again completed the game and surrendered two runs.

“You can use the reasoning that we had a bad weekend offensively, but you got to give credit to their pitchers,” Eriksen said. “Their pitchers pounded the zone, made great pitches in great situations and against that type of team you need to be very aggressive early in the count and challenge early so you don’t have to give in late.

“I thought their pitching staff did a great job of forcing us into having to give in late.”

Next up for USF is its first true road trip of the season as they head to Greenville, North Carolina to take on ECU. As they continue their run through the conference, Corrick believes the

Bulls had a lot of positives to take away from their first series loss.

“I think any loss or win is a really good learning experience,” she said. “I think UCF definitely did a lot of scouting on us and I think we need to take that understanding that information is power ... At the end of the day, knowledge does so much for you.

“I think we’re going to go out there and we’re gonna try and learn a little bit more and truly not make too many adjustments but have a couple of different mindsets when we go out to play.”

The Bulls and Pirates will begin their series in Greenville on April 1 at the Max R. Joyner Family Stadium. The series will run through April 3, times for the games have yet to be announced.

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USF 9, Niagara 4

On Friday night, redshirt junior Orion Kerkerling had another tremendous start in the first game of the series against Niagara.

Kerkerling went seven innings with just one earned run and two hits along with eight strikeouts. Not only was it his longest outing so far this season, it also tagged on another win to his 4-1 record.

The former closing pitcher has eased his way into the starting rotation and has made a huge impact for the Bulls. Kerkerling has a posted ERA of 2.06 with 51 strikeouts in 35 innings pitched.

Kerkerling also received recognition of his outing by MLB and ESPN pitching analyst Rob Friedman, who praised the effectiveness of his breaking balls during the start.

“He’s more than a star, he’s an entire constellation,” the tweet read.

Offensively, the Bulls had a great day at the plate, tallying nine runs and 11 hits. Redshirt sophomore infielder Carmine Lane hit his seventh homer of the season and freshman outfielder Jackson Mayo notched his fourth.

USF 7, Niagara 1

Redshirt sophomore pitcher Jack Jasiak had a solid outing in his slow comeback to the mound. Prior to his start against Mercer on March 20, Jasiak hadn’t been present in the rotation for two weeks.

The ace pitched for five innings only giving up one hit and put up two strikeouts, extending his record to 2-0.

The bats enjoyed another productive day with a two-run shot by redshirt junior Roberto Pena. Redshirt sophomore Ben Rozenblum and sophomore

Joaquin Monque each hit a double, driving in four RBI combined.

Monque has been finding his way into the lineup the last two series with his improved at-bats thanks to the help of associate head coach Bo Durkac.

“Me and Bo have been working a lot on trying to be more on time and more on plane with the ball,” he said. “I think that’s helped me a lot, be more selective with pitches, and then see the ball longer.”

USF 11, Niagara 3

The Bulls finished the weekend sweep with another high-scoring win, racking up a total of 27 runs for the weekend.

The pitching staff shined once again leaving Niagara to six hits and just three runners driven home. The Bulls started redshirt junior pitcher Brad Lord who contributed four innings and six strikeouts for the game.

The offense also continued their weekend rally with four runs in the fourth inning followed by an explosive two-run homer to right field by redshirt sophomore Daniel Cantu in the fifth.

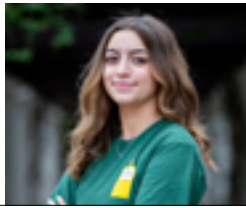
The Bulls closed the series with an 11-3 win to take the weekend and finish on a high note before their last nonconference game.

As USF’s schedule pivots to stronger AAC opposition, Lord feels the pitching rotation is ready to face any challenges put in their way.

“Everybody’s been stepping up to the role when their numbers are called, they’ve come out to do their jobs,” he said.

USF baseball will finish nonconference play on Tuesday against Bethune-Cookman at 6 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPN+ and iHeartRadio Bulls Unlimited.

USF picks up second sweep of season against Niagara



Lanie De La Milera

STAFF WRITER

USF closed out its final nonconference series in dominant fashion with a sweep against Niagara, extending its winning streak to five games and their eighth win in nine games.

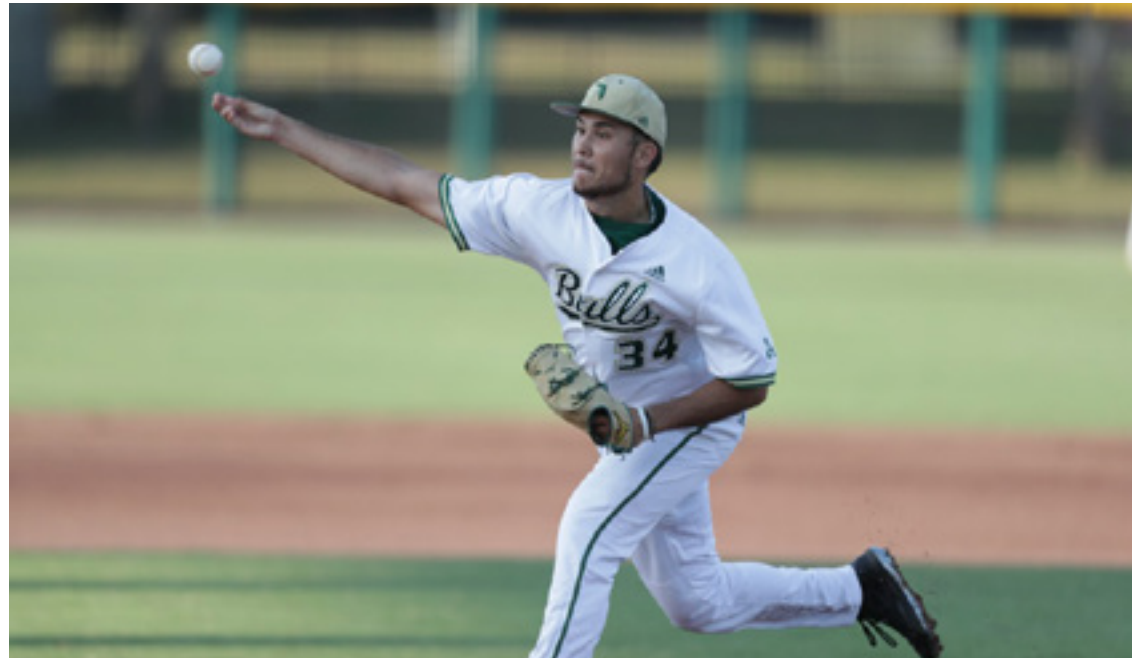
With only two wins this season, Niagara (2-18) were overmatched against the Bulls (17-7). The Purple Eagles came in with a low .223 team batting average and an overall 9.51 ERA.

The Bulls have been off to a much better start this season going into AAC play. Last season they were just 11-12 going into their first conference series, and coach Billy Mohl knows where the improvements lie.

"Everybody's a year older for the most part. So the experience factor plays a role in that last year. We were really really young," he said.

"We're still young and we still got some young players in our lineup but last year helped those guys develop some confidence and you look at our walks, hit by pitches, and a much more patient offense."

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Redshirt junior Orion Kerkerling challenged Niagara's offense with eight strikeouts in seven innings in the first game of the series. USF ATHLETICS PHOTO

Softball shows room for improvement, swept by UCF



Francisco Rosa

SPORTS EDITOR

Conference play got off to a less-than-ideal start for USF softball over the weekend as the Bulls got swept in their first three-game series of the season to No. 24 UCF which included

a 3-0 loss Sunday at the USF Softball Stadium.

It was the first time the Bulls (28-10, 0-3 AAC) matched up against the Knights (29-7, 3-0) since their rivals knocked them out of the AAC Tournament last year. The Knights seemingly still have USF's number as they won the first two games of the series in convincing fashion with 5-2 and 7-2 wins Friday and Saturday, respectively.

While his team dominated the nonconference slate, never losing back-to-back games, coach

Ken Eriksen acknowledged that this weekend showed how much improvement is left for the Bulls.

"If you look back on a couple of plays in game one that could've turned the series around a little bit so the game is a game of inches and we have to take advantage and play as perfect as possible," he said. "That's what we need to do defensively and offensively in execution."

"We have four days to try to rectify the things that we didn't do so well and get ready for next weekend."

Sunday was a bit of a bounceback for senior pitcher Georgina Corrick who struggled in her start on Friday, giving up a season-high five runs and eight hits over seven innings of work.

In her second appearance of the series she kept a hot Knights offense relatively at-bay. After surrendering a first-inning homer, she kept UCF scoreless until the sixth inning when sophomore catcher Jada Cody hit one over the left-field fence for a two-run homer.

"We got beat a couple of times,"

Corrick said. "But at the end of the day, it's one of those things where I throw the ball hard and there's going to be a couple hard-hit balls. I think three-hitting a team like that is very impressive and I'm really proud of this team and how we stuck together and competed against what is a very strong offensive team."

Corrick finished the game allowing three runs on three hits while striking out eight batters. She felt the Knights had a game plan against her.

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