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## UF nonprofit awards 1st scholarship

IT'S FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY OR DIAGNOSED WITH MS.

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A UF student plans to use his new schol-

arship to further his education and help others suffering with chronic illnesses.

UF's chapter of Hopping 4 A Cure, a nonprofit dedicated to raising money for multiple sclerosis research, awarded its first \$1,500 scholarship Friday night to Michael Brown, a UF senior with multiple sclerosis. Brown, a nutritional science student,

said he was speechless when he received the award. He was one of the top three scholarship applicants invited to attend the organization's banquet.

"I think (H4AC) makes a difference in that it gives people that are affected by

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## CAMPUS Biotech firm to invest \$1 million in UF

By Sophia Karnegis

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A prominent biotechnology company is investing in UF's biomedical engineering department.

BioD is giving \$1 million to the UF Department of Biomedical Engineering to sponsor research in the field of regenerative medicine, which involves the body's natural regeneration of tissue.

"(Regenerative medicine) allows us to develop systems that we can implant into the body that serve as an internal Band-Aid," said Christine Schmidt, a professor and the chairwoman of the biomedical engineering department.

"We can see an actual change as a result of the work we do."

Anthony Davis

UF biomedical engineering junior

BioD's motto, "Enhancing Life Through Birth," embodies its mission to develop therapies for the body to naturally assist itself, as opposed to relying on the current artificial technologies in place, Schmidt said.

The majority of the endowment will fund a professorship, allowing a faculty member to further develop his or her research, Schmidt said.

Anthony Davis, a 21-year-old UF biomedical engineering junior, said conducting research is critical to the advancement of the field.

"Without research, you wouldn't be able to create new technology and new treatment for patients," Davis said.

Davis said he hopes to put his degree to use after graduation by creating prosthetics, specifically for veterans.

"(Biomedical engineering) has always been something I've been interested in because it helps so many people," Davis said. "We can see an actual change as a result of the work we do."



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### Cave Hunt

A diver descends into Devil's Den before Scuba Monkey Dive Center's third annual night underwater Easter egg hunt Saturday. Hidden in the springs were more than 300 dyed eggs and three golden eggs. Prizes included a Tusa Nitrox dive computer, a Big Blue 750 lumens LED light and an Epcot DiveQuest trip. See more photos on page 3.

## Police: Former UF track and field star arrested for battery

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Gainesville Police arrested a former UF athlete early Sunday after he reportedly punched a bouncer at a downtown night club.

At about 1:20 a.m., Omar Das-

ean Craddock, 23, was denied entry to the club after he caused a disturbance, according to a police report.

After being denied entry, the former track and field star argued with the bouncer before punching him in the face and head, according to the report. The fight left the bouncer with a two-inch cut on his forehead, which was bleeding heavily and required stitches.



Craddock

Jail where he remained as of press

time in lieu of a \$17,500 bond. Officers arrested Craddock on one charge of felony battery and one charge of resisting an officer without violence. Police took him to the Alachua County

program history.

Due to inconsistencies in reports from police that could not be clarified as of press time, it is unclear which night club Craddock was at.

Craddock was in town for the UF-hosted Florida Relays this weekend. He won the triple jump (16.70 meters).

Craddock ended his UF career as one of the most decorated athletes in

program history.

During his four years competing for UF from 2010 to 2013, the Gators won five national titles. Craddock finished first in the triple jump at the NCAA Championships during three of those title runs.

He won the triple jump title in the 2013 U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championships after jumping 17.15 meters to top the 16-man field.

### Gators, Glass shatter records at UF-hosted Florida Relays

Florida athletes set 20 personal records and had 17 top-five finishes, pg 13.



### Club hockey team put on ice to raise funds

The group has made \$745 so far with GoFundMe, pg 9.

### Students shouldn't be kept in dark for presidential searches

Read our editorial on a proposed Florida bill, pg 6.

### UF wakeboarding club shreds its way to 2nd place in Red Bull competition

The competition was on Saturday, pg 8.

