

UAPD officer charged with assault after hitting wife

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A UAPD corporal was arrested Friday on charges of assaulting his wife after he accused her of adultery.

Vincent David Tracey Jr., 32, who has been with UAPD for more than 10 years, was arrested for punching his wife Thursday night, Tucson police reports stated.

The fight was over an Eegee's receipt Tracey found in his wife's purse that caused him to believe she was seeing someone else, reports stated.

Tracey turned himself in to the Tucson Police Department at noon Friday and was charged with assault, disorderly conduct and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Tracey's wife told police she had gone out with her daughters to get food Thursday and received several calls on her cell phone from Tracey while she was gone, reports stated.

Tracey's wife said that when she came back to the house, Tracey was upset she hadn't answered her phone. He began looking through her purse, reports stated.

An argument then ensued and ended when Tracey punched through his wife's Styrofoam food container, hitting her stomach, reports stated.

According to the report, his wife received minor injuries.

The couple's daughters locked themselves in the guesthouse while their parents were fighting. One told police she heard her mom shriek along with crashes. She then saw her mother walk out with food all over her, the report stated.

Tracey's wife told police that Tracey had left after the assault and took his fanny pack and possibly his Glock pistol. She also told police Tracey had been drinking all day, the report stated.

A restraining order has been placed on Tracey, and his wife allowed police to remove all firearms from the house, the report stated.

UAPD was unavailable for comment yesterday, but Cmdr. Kevin Haywood told the Tucson Citizen Tracey was still employed by the department.

OH, BEE-HAVE



Kent Griffith from Catalina Bee Removal sprays a mixture of diluted soap and water on a swarm of Africanized bees yesterday afternoon at the Park Student Union. Griffith estimated there were 12,500 bees in the swarm. For the complete story, see page 3.

Advisers challenge student contracts

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A new ASUA-created advising contract that would prevent students from being punished for bad advising may not be effective or even necessary, campus advisers said.

Kim Bui and Cassi Sonn, Associated Students of the University of Arizona academic affairs directors, recently created a contract that will enable students to keep a record of their academic advising appointments.

The contract, signed by both adviser and student, can be used as evidence if bad advice is given, so that the student is not penalized.

But academic advisers said the contract is not the best solution to a problem that might not even exist.

Ann Parker, Advising Resource Center director, said when Bui and Sonn had first presented their idea for advising contracts, the first question was whether bad advice was actually a problem.

"This was the first question advisers asked: How much research had they done in determining how big this problem is?" Parker said.

Bui said ASUA has received several complaints from students in the past year about bad advising. A common problem is that students are sometimes incorrectly told a particular class can be substituted for a major requirement, Bui said.

Four years later, students learn that the information was incorrect, Bui said.

"Its purpose is to protect students and give them proof of any agreements or discussions that might have been made during an advising session," Bui said.

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High school senior Ashley Muma uses a laparoscopic suture trainer during a surgery expo on Friday at the Arizona Cancer Center.

Surgery department learns lots from dummies

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The department of surgery is looking for new ways to cut into innovative medical technologies.

Along with the Arizona Surgery Club, the department hosted the Surgery Simulation Expo Friday to showcase various medical simulation machines.

The machines are mannequins that look and feel like real humans, complete with movement and internal organs. They can be programmed to suffer from various medical conditions, which doctors can practice curing.

Jo Marie Gellerman, public affairs coordinator for the surgery department, said the UA is developing a simulator laboratory this summer.

"These simulation centers are happening in universities all over the country," Gellerman said. "These skill labs are ways to train doctors efficiently and (the) UA sees the value in that."

The expo featured representatives from six top international medical simulation companies, which demonstrated intricate surgical procedures ranging from laparoscopic surgery to needle decompression.

Like pilots who train in flight simulators, the machines allow medical school students to train with simulated patients.

Patrick Brown, global accounts manager for Simulab Corporation, displayed the company's "TraumaMan," which had a simulated skin layer participants could slice through to reveal blood and breathing lungs.

"The old adage goes, 'See once, do once, teach once,'" Brown said. "But with simulation, you can do two or three times."

Chandan Kundavaram, a first-year medical student and president of the surgery club, said the simulators increase the amount of practice surgeons get, which will lead to better-trained doctors.

Peggy Stipe, western division sales manager of Medical Education Technologies, said her model speaks and comes with hundreds of profiles showing complete medical histories, including a truck driver who smokes, drinks and is suffering from a stab wound.

Dr. John Hughes, an associate professor of clinical surgery and a Vietnam War combat surgeon, attended the expo out of curiosity. He ended up performing a needle

decompression on Laerdal Medical Corporation's "SimMan" and showing onlookers what to do when a patient has tongue edema (swelling) and pulseless electrical activity.

SimMan, which can be programmed in dozens of critical conditions, costs \$30,000. But Kelly Swaim, territory manager for Laerdal, said the price pales in comparison to lawsuits inexperienced doctors must face.

"The question we need to ask is, 'How can we prevent as much as possible?'" Hughes said.

The department of anesthesiology owns one human patient simulator while the College of Nursing already has 11 similar mannequins and one

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