

STUDENT COMMENTS ON TANYA BROWN'S LECTURE 10/20/11

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I thought Tanya Brown did an excellent job on speaking about domestic violence. She was very informative and it made me realize that this happens in our society more than we would like to see. I learned that one of the first steps is harassment. When a guy calls you fifty times and texts you two hundred times a day; that's a form of harassment and it is not necessary. So many girls go through this and they honestly believe it is out of love and care. Listening to her speak made me more aware of my surroundings to look and listen to see what is going on between couples in our society. I thought Tanya Brown was amazing and I really enjoyed listening to her speak.

Man oh man! What an awesome night. Tanya was amazing!! I loved her names that she gave people who are abusers. She had 7, if I remember correctly, different names of people who abuse people. I learned that sometimes you may look past things because you think someone loves you but you need to open your eyes and see a little more clearer. You don't have to be getting physically abused to be a victim of domestic violence. Although I already knew that. Every single name and all the signs have been things I've dealt with before so when she was saying them I was just like yep, yep, yep. I did learn something I did not know though. I learned that the children of a victim of domestic violence will either grow up to be an abuser or a victim. I guess I never really looked at it that way. I battle this with my son on a daily basis and never really looked at it in that way. I also learned that you can not ever fully trust someone, and you may want to do a background check just to be safe. All in all she was awesome and I was grateful to be there to see it. The only thing I wish she would have done was maybe go into more detail about how OJ had abused her sister and how Richard had abused her, but other than that, GREAT!! Can't wait till next week!!!

I thoroughly enjoyed Tanya Brown's lecture last week. I also really enjoyed the amazing food that was provided by our culinary majors! YUM! I am so glad that I decided to attend the lecture and listen to Tanya because that is an experience in which I never thought I would get to participate. I grew up listening to media speculation about what happened between OJ and Nicole, but to hear it straight from her sister's mouth was truly something else. It is crazy knowing that Nicole kept a journal for years and years before her death about how she was getting abused and absolutely no one knew it. It is so unnerving because it makes you wonder if anyone that you may know could be going through the same thing without you knowing. I really admire her for having no questions being out of bounds during her question and answer segment of the lecture. No matter how many years it had been, I am not sure if I would have been able to sit there and answer questions about something as tragic as what happened to their family during that horrific time during their lives. The fact that she has been able to put her life together and forgive OJ and Richard just amazes me and really shows a lot about how she is as a person. A few of the things that I learned during her lecture were the different types of abuser. You may think that having your significant other "checking up" on you every thirty minutes is out of love, but when it starts to interfere with you doing the things that you love that is a completely different story. Probably the most important thing that I learned was that there are hot lines that you can call and places that you can go to seek help if you are being abused, or

know someone who is being abused. The worst thing that you can do is remain silent.

this lecture that i went to was absolutly amazing! the most important infomation that i learned from the lecture are the different stages an abuiser goes throl storyugh. the first one starting with harassment. when she was explaining the stages she was so informative about them. she gave many details and plenty examples. i also learned there are different types of abuse besides physical. i give Tanya so much courage for going on stage and sharing such a personal story. i also thank her for sharing her knowlege with everyone she is such a strong person and i felt moved and inspired very much!

Ms. Brown was very motivational in her speech. She showed great strength to even get up there and talk about her sisters death. What she is doing is an awesome thing. I think different things from here; one being let each other be each other and dont try to change one another. If it wasnt like this it would be considered controlling and controlling is a sign of abuse. Also dont be nosy, she spoke about her ex boyfriend who would yell at her when she came home from even grocery shopping. He would ask why it took her so long, who were seeing just the typical aggressive man. Also she said to make decisions for yourself, because if you didnt you wouldnt be living your life the way you wanted it to be lived. Im very glad she came to speak to us, i do believe that alot of people are blind to what is happening right in front of them.

Hearing Tanya Brown describing all of the patterns of abuse her sister went through really hit home. It's like she was decribing parts of my story. It really helped me realize that we as a society really need to step up to the plate and take a stand on educating everyone on just how severe DV really is. Even though I always knew anyone can be affected by DV, hearing her sisters story and the diary entries and all the years Nichole suffered; really just hit home. If a celeb. wife can be abused and then murdered, then so can anyone!! Tanya Brown is a brave women for standing up and telling her sisters story. I'm sure every time she speaks, it brings up all those old emotions and is very hard for her.

Hearing Ms. Brown talk about Domestic Violence really opened my eyes in that it makes you realize that anyone can be effected by this ongoing problem, not just people who have a history of Violence from their up bringing. It was very hard to hear her talk about all of the emotional roller coasters she has been on and how she lost her sister. I am very glad I attended this lecture because you really don't know what to look for in any relationship until you have the education from someone else who has been through it. the signs she was giving about domestic violence made you look around for a little bit and realize that you know at least a handfull of people who are now or have been effected by this problem.

I found Tanya Brown to be a very compelling speaker. From her I learned how to deal with a friend who may be experiencing some of the lighter forms of abuse such as constant texting, jealousy and wanting to know of her whereabouts 24/7. Erin Wilde too made the same point that a friend must be understanding. However Tanya Brown made it even clearer that understanding may mean to just sit back and listen- let the friend deal with how she is going to handle the situation. Also, whenever I have ever thought about situations dealing with a controlling/abusive boyfriend my response would always be that that would not happen to me and if it did I would leave immediately. As a matter of fact, people always ask why did they stay? I think that it doesn't occur to people on the outside that it is not just a matter of packing up and going but a matter of leaving at the right time which is why Tanya Brown reminded us that you can not leave a very dangerous situation cold turkey;you have to be smart about it and plan it out.

Going into the domestic violence lecture, I was not sure what to expect because I have never attended anything like this before. I was pleasantly surprised of how informative Ms. Tanya Brown's speech was. I would say the main point that I took from her lecture is being able to identify the seven types of abusers. As Ms. Brown was teaching us about the types of abusers, I was able to think of a type of abuser that my best friend has dealt with in the past. My best friend's ex-boyfriend could definitely fit under the category of the abuser who constantly called and texted her asking where she was at, what she was doing, and who she was with. It was very strange being able to relate to what she was saying. This lecture easily opened my eyes to see that domestic violence is happening all around us. It was also shocking to learn that there are more animal shelters in the United States than there are shelters for victims of domestic violence. Ridiculous! I'm happy that Tanya also took a moment to address the men in the audience and made sure that we were all going to get involved in this fight to help stop the violence. I am very impressed with this lecture and how poised Tanya was throughout the lecture, as well as the question and answer session.

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