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Some thoughts on Dr. Keith Dupré A student's farewell to a beloved professor

by Wendy B.

I can still see Professor Dupré on the other side of the desk, striped or plain shirted, and I remember his eyes flashing fire when we got off on a tangent about pollution and its impact on the animal kingdom. I'm trying to understand why it all happened, you know, the suicide.

I don't think it was madness or insanity, his academic prowess and expertise make me doubt that. As both administrator and scientist at a great university, he was what I hope to be. In physiology he used to sow the seeds of comprehension and wonder, and now he's opened my eyes to something I don't want to prepare for, my own

mortality...all mortality.

Success, teaching, suicide? It's frightfully confusing. Perhaps the god's impersonal world of biologic truth angered him. Maybe

acted more dramatically and permanently than that. Passion looks ugly sometimes, but it's the truth. And when the troubled urgent chamber of a man's heart is

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it was an act of courage, or desperation, or revenge.

I can try and sympathize with this. I mean, there's millions of men who tie themselves off at the neck each day and go about life's work with their heads separated from the truth of their broken bodies. Dr. Dupré

broken and swells up to demand its merciless attention, life is literally never the same again. In a violent expression of power and control, with resolved defiance, he did what none of us wanted him to do.

I never thought that our brilliant and warm Dr.

I'm selfish. I want this never to have happened. I want a body with no spleen, no gall, no bile. I want to believe Jesus can love the desperate wounded chamber we call heart. I wish everything was OK like it seemed. I want teachers to know how much students love them. I want respect for professor Dupré because it was his choice, his pain, his statement. We miss you professor, you have our love and prayers, we have what we learned, and our memories.

Some people say the Democrats have no chance in '92.

Some people say planarians can be good pets.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tyson article disrespectful to victim

Dear Editor:

I am appalled at the opinion piece by Kelcey A. West (Sept. 17) about Mike Tyson being accused of rape.

First, the fact that the alleged victim's name is printed in the paper is a total disregard for the rights of rape victims. Wasn't anyone paying attention when major U.S. news agencies apologized for using the victim's name in the William Kennedy Smith rape case?

All major print news agencies have kept the woman's name undisclosed. When Tyson referred to the woman by her name on television, her lawyer David Hennessy said, "This is an additional violation of her privacy and it's pathetic."

Second, West refers to the incident as "the impossible." This is in reference to a man who was charged a few years ago with physi-

cally abusing his wife; a man whose drunkenness caused him to wreck into a tree with his BMW; a man who was witnessed in Indianapolis swigging alcohol and allegedly groping half the women in the contest; a man who has a \$552 million suit filed against him by the beauty-pageant organizer, who referred to Tyson as a "serial buttocks fonder." Why then is the charge impossible to believe? Maybe because you don't want to believe your heroes can be as desperately violent as the rapist who "stalks women from behind the shadows."

West then says Tyson has taken away a "child's self-esteem and trust." An 18-year-old woman is hardly a child; this condescending attitude furthers her victimization.

"If Tyson is found guilty and America allows this fight to happen," West says, "it will...be a major setback in

the fight for humanity." Whether the fight will go on is a secondary issue. The real setback for humanity will come if Tyson is found guilty of rape and not sufficiently criminally punished.

According to *Newsweek*, several news agencies reported that the National Organization for Women organized boycotts of the fight, but that misinformation, according to Rosemary Dempsey, vice president of NOW, can be traced to a rival boxing promoter who doesn't want the \$100 million fight to be successful.

"The women's movement is being cynically manipulated," Dempsey has said. NOW's position is that Tyson has the right to due process and that "the question of whether there should be a fight trivialized the issue of rape."

Finally, West says that he hopes "for the sake of Tyson and the sport of box-

ing, he is found innocent."

How about for the sake of the alleged victim? Why doesn't he worry about the impact this incident will have on her life? I have a hard time believing Mike Tyson and the sport of boxing will be greatly affected by the outcome of this case, but the effect on her life will be devastating. Who is the victim here?

In the last line, West actually said, "Good luck, Mike." This sentiment would not be heard being wished to Jeffrey Dahmer or anyone accused of more "socially unacceptable" crimes. The victims are clearly defined in such cases.

I would like to wish good luck to the woman allegedly raped. She will need it a lot more than Mike Tyson.

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by Ray Collins

Victim's name should not have been published

Dear Editor:

I vehemently oppose the publishing of the name of the alleged victim in the Mike Tyson rape case. As long as rape is viewed separately from all other violent crimes, it deserves to be treated as such. Rape is the only crime where the woman is blamed for causing the crime; she is placed on trial as well as her attacker.

No one asks why a person was in a position where he or she was robbed, yet women who are raped are continually asked why they

were (take your pick) jogging in the park, going with a man to his home or hotel room or drinking at a party. Because of this attitude of woman being responsible, it is unconscionable to further victimize the woman by publishing her name.

I am extremely disappointed in *The Yellin' Rebel* for the Sept. 17, Mike Tyson article and I think you made a very poor editorial judgment.

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