

### **Last Lecture Paper**

While watching the “Last Lecture”, what really affected me the most was his football goal. When he was talking about starting football at nine years old, he mentioned that the coach was really onto him to fix his screw ups. He was told that it was a good thing and “When you’re screwing up and nobody’s saying anything to you anymore, that means they gave up. The lesson he learned from that experience stayed with him for the rest of his life. Another aspect of the whole football goal, was that he gained valuable experience, but he didn’t make it into the NFL thus led him to thinking that there’s something more valuable for him to do.

Another thing that affected me the most was when he discussed his imagineer goal. The first thing he mentioned was when he went on a family trip to Disneyland, went on the Alice ride and decided that he wanted to make the stuff instead of just riding it. It was a bit of a setback, but he worked hard enough to where he was apart of the VR on Five Dollars a Day project in 1991.

I really identified with these two messages because it kind of reflects the conflict in my brain, but in a ‘happier’ context. These two messages really puts into a perspective that my brain is more of a ‘fixed mindset’ than a ‘growth mindset’. A lot of my experiences leading up to now I struggle to work through, to find an alternative route to getting what I wanted to do. Within the last few years, after living through some difficult times, I decided to pick up learning again to get my life back on track via going back to University and learning some new things on the side. These messages in the “Last Lecture” really brought out the little child in myself to follow my childhood goals. One of which I took a parallel path of going into Archaeology instead of Paleontology.