

I enjoy watching lectures with an entertaining professor, or spokesperson. It makes them an entertaining watch and I feel it's easier to learn and connect with the point being conveyed. In this case, the video was about living life, and the best ways to go about it, as Randy Pausch shared his life story essentially. Telling us about his childhood dreams, and how although they were not achieved in the way he originally thought he still led a fulfilling life.

I think what affected me the most watching through this, was his explanation of “head fakes” in learning. How you often learn things you weren't even looking to learn, while you are doing something else. The example he used was football, how when you go to football practice you are obviously learning about football but you are more importantly learning life skills, such as sportsmanship, and teamwork. At the end of the whole hour-long lecture, Randy relieved to be a head fake teaching the audience more about valuable life lessons, rather than just the education aspect of his lecture. I really connect with this because the whole reason I got into the media arts program at the UM was sort of unintentional. I came into college wanting to design things on a computer, and then physically make them. I made skis in highschool and worked with cnc machines and 3D printers, and I thought that's what I wanted to do. So I was going to get a certificate in Media Design, and then be done with school. However after taking a required class for the certificate, Intro Media Arts, I realized I wanted to learn how to do so much more, and now, here I am going for a Bachelors in Media arts, all because I just had to take that class. I agree and identify with a lot of the points from the lecture, I think they are good ways to look at things going into the end of college. One that really stood out to me was the point of “Brick walls are there to help you.” I didn't understand that at first but I loved his explanation. Simply put, they are there to see who really is there to put in the work. The people who are will get over the brick wall and those who aren't can't get past it. Which is a good thing in a creative field like

media arts, and specifically filmmaking which is my track. Great filmmakers need to be able to get through many brick walls and can't stop when they get to a roadblock.

I was a little hesitant about this video when I learned it was dated, and did not think I would find it interesting. After watching the video and learning about all these great points from Randy and how he went about his life even in the later stages, wanting to live it to the fullest, was moving to me. The final point of his that I just love is “You can’t do it alone.” For a long time I thought I could, and it's taken me a while to realize the value of building a network for your professional life, and having close personal relationships to help you through all life has in store for us.