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LAST LECTURE

Randy made me feel a little sentimental, he made me feel hopeful for my future and the future of my friends. That feeling of knowing that I am going to find my dreams and live them, that all that I work for is for that dream, but it also makes me sad that this world might not exist long enough for me or my friends to truly enjoy those dreams. Maybe it's a sad realization, but the reality that it's hard to dream too far if the time limit of our days exists feels so squashed by the harsh reality of our future. Even though Randy was nearing the end of his life then, and we still have time, my dreams seem so subtle and so small in comparison. I have a dream, it's me driving through the deep mountains of the north west in a little pickup truck, and my little truck cat companion. That's all I want in life now, because I know that I will be able to do that.

I believe I try, I believe that I am a good person, and my actions are good. I spend as much time as I can, without being selfless, to help my friends achieve their dreams. Whether it is my friend wanting to play music for others or spreading a name to a piece, I want my friends to succeed, that's the best I can do. I won't get in peoples way, I won't be a person to stop others from their dreams, like karma, or Dean Wormer.

What will I change? I might need more ambitious goals in my life, the dreams he had, the walls he broke, the ways he went about it are all extraordinary. He is a super smart and intelligent person, but is everyone gifted with such talents, such privilege. Do not get me wrong, but I go to school at the University of Montana, I can't afford to be anywhere else, and I can't go to the schools he was offered. I just don't have those resources. Yet that does not subtract from the fact that I can strive for something, even if it's out of reach I can try, we can try. I don't believe the world is based on merit, but I do believe that we can do just enough for ourselves and each other.

CULTURE

The video, I was really moved by his ambition, his ability to bridge the gap. The fact that we spend a lot of the education system based on failure and success, not letting us learn from mistakes as much, feels so heartbreaking, but on the other side, we do need that push right? What would it be like if we had too much wiggle room, that matter of being too loose. I feel like we never tried to be culturally different in that matter, we are very structured as an institution, that kinda makes all of us go through the same childhood, at least for public schools. I'd like to see a culture change in schools.

In the reading I think it's wild that we do have our learning system built this way, but I think it is even more interesting how culture affects how people learn. It is really hard to teach all people the same way if all of us have different cultures, as in the reading when they went to these countries they all had different things enabling, or changing how school would start or just how people learned. Times for example, we are privileged to all have clocks on us, portable alarms, not everywhere has that so life is more loose when people get to where they are going,

or when things start or stop. I think that learning will always need to be more shapen to the times and I hope to see that.