

## Last Lecture

There are so many important facets to Randy's lecture, and I suppose I'll start at the beginning when he mentions he has cancer. Being terminal and knowing you have a short time to live is always such a conundrum. You feel greatly for those suffering, but people like Randy are so incredibly positive, that they really make you analyze the fragility of life. Take something negative and turn it into a positive is something everyone should strive to do. He mentions that during his lecture he won't be talking about his illness, minimizing the tragic part of life, instead spending the rest of the lecture highlighting the importance of living.

Which brings me to the next part of what I took from his lecture, and that is how life really is a journey. There is no fixed route. He laid out all of the dreams that he had as a child, which is important, because it made me stop and think back on what it is I wanted to do. For him, a good number of his dreams did come true. He started in one place, which led him to another, and so on. Personally speaking, and I'm sure others could probably relate, but sometimes I try to force things to happen, instead of just letting them happen. It's important to be positive and work hard. Not only that, but Randy didn't seem to have an ego, which can be a detriment, at times. Personally speaking, it's important to remind myself that I'm only a small part of the world, although one's actions, good or bad, can make a significant impact.

These thoughts then brought me to the third part of my thoughts, and that's what I really hope to accomplish moving forward. Obviously, Randy bringing art and technology together is awesome. How many doors did he open for others? Reflecting on this, I hope to give everything my all in my studies, remaining inspired by my educators and peers, and hopefully I can contribute something positive to the world.