

I liked Randy Pausch's outlook on life in The Last Lecture. Some specific things that stood out to me were when he said he "never made it to the NFL, but football got me to where I am today." This is a sentiment I think about a lot in my own life, that you should try to go out and do as many things that you're interested in and take as many opportunities that you can because you never know what you will get through doing so. This became especially true in my personal life recently. I switched degrees to filmmaking after already taking a 15 credit WRFI course in Montana which got me a lot of ENST credits. If I hadn't gone on this trip though, I wouldn't have been able to pitch my idea about a documentary about Colstrip, MT, which my capstone class ended up making and getting into festivals, which are tangible things that translate to my career and what I want to do.

It also struck me how creative students of all disciplines were in his class at Carnegie Mellon when they were given the opportunity and space to do experimental performances and bring in props like rafts for VR. It's interesting to see people be so creative when given the tools even when they aren't "artists" by practice.

All in all it made me feel happy to see a lecture by someone so driven and hopeful!