I enjoyed this lecture, I thought that Randy Pausch was very entertaining and insightful. I think that I am maybe in awe of this person who found out he was going to die, and decided to sum up his life and everything he's learned during it. I think one quote that stuck with me was early in the lecture, when he was discussing his childhood dreams and wanting to play for the NFL: he said "not achieving this dream probably taught me more than achieving it would…" (I'm paraphrasing). I liked this quote because I do think there is a lot of pressure on people to succeed in their dreams, and that not doing so is a personal failure. This turns it around in saying that there is still value in not succeeding, and there's always something to learn and it wasn't time wasted. I forget this sometimes. It's still important to try hard, I think.

I think his advice on how to live life was good. The question he asked himself of "how do I enable childhood dreams of others" is an amazing set of values to live life by. I've always tried to enable people's creative pursuits. During art studio classes I try to make a point to stop by other people's work and explain what I like about it, or reinforce their enjoyment of the project. I always end up having great conversations this way, and I'd like to think that at the end of it we both came out of it with a little something extra in our creative pursuits. I don't think enabling other peoples childhood dreams really takes a lot of effort from you, but just a little bit of mindfulness and care for them. It really makes things better for everyone.

I loved the Alice project video. That was such a fun creative use of coding….

This overall was just an awesome lecture to get to watch, and I'm glad Pausch was convinced to give it.