

Last Lecture Reflection

I thought this was a really good lecture with some great information. Randy Pausch was not only really clear, but he found entertaining ways to speak to his audience. I really loved that the entire lecture was a “head fake.”

The thing that resonates with me more than anything else is his speech is the mention of brick walls. He talks about how brick walls are there to stop those who aren’t dedicated enough or don’t care enough; walls that are there to stop the “others.” He was determined to find a way past the walls, even if it wasn’t an easy task. Randy Pausch would not put himself under the “others” category. I think this stood out to me because I tend to default to that category - assuming something is too hard and giving up because of the difficulty. His speech encouraged me to push through the brick wall to find the reward of doing so on the other side. Even though it isn’t easy, it is the best way to achieve any dreams I have; just dreaming isn’t enough and action is required.

I also liked how he focused on enabling other peoples’ dreams. Not everything was or is about him and he lived that out. Just like he had help from various people, he helped others to find what they wanted. I know he mentioned something about favors coming back to you and I would agree with that. It not only brings joy to both parties to help a person out, but they very well could help you out as well.

Even just focusing mainly on one part of The Last Lecture, the brick walls, there is a lot that can be learned from what Randy said. He did a good job showing how to chase your dreams, or according to the head fake, “how to lead your life.”