I thought the Last Lecture had some interesting points. He was quite charismatic and had a good mindset, he was able to set dreams at a young age, and to fulfill them (mostly) later in life. I didn’t really have any dreams as a kid other than “have money and buy video games for my friends” – which makes sense as a kid. My family was poor as dirt, so anything outside of a basic education and low income life was essentially out of the question. I do feel that Randy’s situation was rather unique, and not typical/a special case scenario that happens rarely. The stars aligned and he had the proper channels open to him at the right time and was able to get his foot in the door in many ways. Not saying he is without merit or skill, but that most of these things are simply not feasible for most people.

What affected me the most would probably be his determinism and tenacity in what he sets out to do and to achieve. The “never give up” mantra is something that many people should adopt for themselves. I find that the most difficult part is to actually get started, and once you get going it’s very hard to quit as I feel like it would otherwise have been a waste of my life. I definitely can relate to having an almost stubborn mindset when you set to accomplish something. For better or worse.