

There were quite a few things in Randy Pauch's Last Lecture that affected me. One of which affected me the most was his optimism especially in the face of death. I imagine that it takes an incredibly strong person to accomplish anything after a diagnosis with a terminal illness. I don't think I would react the same way he did if I had that kind of diagnosis. As sad as it sounds, I would probably just live with reckless abandon until the illness took over and I couldn't do anything any more. The love he had for his family was one of the most moving parts of his lecture and I really hope they're doing well these days. Something else that affected me was how smart Randy was. I got the impression that he was wise beyond his 47 years. With lessons to share like following your passions no matter what they are, and to have fun in everything you do, I can't imagine he always had a lot of support in those philosophies. I've encountered plenty of people who would rather see someone get a job and make money than follow a passion that could possibly lead to nowhere. One of the great things about Randy's lecture was his message about taking risks, and how it is much better to fail spectacularly than to pass by with mediocre work. It seems like every time I watch this lecture, I learn something new. One of the messages I took away this time is to live my life like I'm going to die, because one day I will, and I don't want to wish that I had spent my time doing something else.