

Last Lecture
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I found Randy Pausch's "Last Lecture" to be an amazing lecture, potentially one of the best I have ever seen. I was not expecting much going into it and thought I may just try and skim through the video. However I quickly was very into the video and picked up on a lot of really good things. I was so surprised to see how positive he was even though he knew the end of his life was coming soon.

The "head fake" part of the lecture stuck with me the most. I began to connect other times in my life where this likely happened. For example in highschool I took an aerospace physics class, everyday we went into class and built airplanes out of foam or paper, flew planes virtually, or just simply played around with remote controls. I rarely felt like I was actually there learning about how aviation worked, but by the end of the semester I knew so much. I was able to describe parts of planes, know what did what, and have a general understanding of how a plane even works, after just seemingly having fun all semester.

I also learned to not necessarily follow your dreams but do what you want to do in life. Having a good life and moving forward is the best thing someone can do for themselves. This will likely create a positive impact on those in one's life and put them that much closer to achieve their dreams.

The lecture overall had a very positive impact on me. To see someone so happy with the life they have led is inspiring. Getting to see every accomplishment he has had really pushes me to want to learn more. It certainly helps in a class like coding that I don't know much about. Everything in this class is new to me but I am already seeing the "head fakes" and how they are helping me learn that much easier.