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As a result of interviewing Professor John Delano, I am very excited to go to college. His zeal for learning and pursuing his interests is awe-inspiring. I have heard the “always follow your passion cliché” many different times prior, but it never really struck me so profoundly as listening to Professor Delano.

Professor Delano is a very passionate man. His various gesticulations, and the obvious giddiness in voice reveal his unwavering desire to broaden his knowledge base. His expertise in many various disciplines of sciences seems unrelated on the surface, but to hear Prof. Delano explain his focus, it becomes very clear. Prof. Delano is an astrochemicalgeophysicist. As silly as that sounds, he makes it seem quite ordinary, as if anyone could fill his shoes. Prof. Delano shares his knowledge so matter-of-factly that the listener can't help but feel as though they should have already figured it all out on his/her own.

It's inspiring to hear Prof. Delano switch between theorizing on the origins of life and the destruction of the dinosaurs. While I interviewed him, an urge came over me to venture out into the library shelves nearby and read up on any topic that interested me, just for the sake of being able to better understand it. Delano gives the impression that he has, and still does employ that very tactic in order to satisfy his considerable curiosity.

As a child Sputnik piqued his curiosity, and Prof. Delano never looked back. Delano referred to that as one of his “life altering moment;” he then went on to explain that everyone has these moments, and the manner in which one reacts to that moment will shape their future. One can only identify these sorts of moment’s years after the fact, and I won’t know how my interview with Prof. Delano will shape me in the upcoming months and years. I do know; however, that I will never forget the ninety minutes that I spent across the table from the passionate Professor John Delano.