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And, did you like it? What did you do and where are you  
now?

Thanks.

While I went to college, I worked at the same company where my father worked, and I was variously employed as a draftsman/illustrator, technical writer (for a military manual), and QC inspector. When I left college, I worked at this same place as a draftsman, at a very low hourly wage. I often helped one of the other draftsmen to do his job, and when I found out he was making about twice what I was, I asked for a raise. It was refused, because the personnel director said that the other draftsman had a family to support, while I was still living at home and didn't need the money. IIRC, I quit immediately.

So, I found a job supervising newspaper boys selling new subscriptions, at a higher pay than I was getting, and then I found a better job as a draftsman again at a job-shop. Their contract ended and I enjoyed unemployment for 26 weeks.

Three years out of college, after also running a part-time TV/stereo repair

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business, I got a "real" job as an instrument technician, and about three years later, I became an electronics design engineer, which was what I always wanted to do. The company was sold 15 years later, to a company in Dallas, but I didn't want to relocate (or work for them), so in 1989 I started my own business in electronic design ([www.pstech-inc.com](http://www.pstech-inc.com)), and still enjoy it.

It took you SIX years to get the job you were educated to do?

I had some very interesting adventures in the early 70s, that were much more educational and rewarding than a boring 9–5 job. I had originally planned to work as an instrument tech for a while to get enough money to set up a shop for self–employment, but the job got more interesting and it was good to have a steady income, so I finally entered the corporate mainstream.

Paul

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