David Fanning wrote:
>> Braedley writes:
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>>> Why don't I ever see these simple solutions?
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>> You are probably University-educated. Not your fault. :-)
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> While we are on this topic (and while I wait for SOLARSOFT
> to finish downloading), what is the most useful class you
> ever took in school?

Easy. Programming in Fortran 251. Not so much for the Fortran stuff (it was taught to us physics majors, with drippingly evident disdain, by a CS professor) but because said prof failed me on the first assignment because I was the only one in the class that had ordered the (correct) results opposite from everyone else. When I confronted him about it mentioning that he never specified an order in the assignment, he grudgingly (at least, how I remember it) agreed and gave me an appropriate mark. That's when I learned that smart people are sometimes just as dumb as the rest of us. No more pedestals for me! :o)

> For me, two come immediately to mind. The typing class
> I took as a sophomore in high school because I was a shy
> boy and the girl/boy ratio was 15:1. I use that knowledge
> every single day of my life. (In, uh, more ways than one.)
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> And the freshman English Composition class I took in my
> first semester of college from a hippie instructor who
> gently taught a good evangelical Christian boy to question
> everything.

Hmmm...maybe there's a theme here. The important lessons that one remembers are those that provide more questions than answers. (Although, nothing earth-shattering there I guess).

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