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University, 'the best days of your life'…that sums things up pretty well, I think. I was attracted to Birmingham by the wonderful redbrick campus and was impressed by the Geography department. After spending three years studying and then working in the area, I know that I made the right choice.

The course offers such a wide range of modules that there must be something you are interested in. For me it was the various meteorological and climatology topics that grabbed my interest. Since Geography is such a varied subject, your dissertation can be on almost anything that interests you (you will be doing it for months, so make sure you are interested!). I chose to examine the effects of weather on cricket.

I had the honour of being the Chair of Kinvig for a year, a position I absolutely relished. It gave me the chance to represent the student body in the department and help with open days. However the most fun came from organising the sports teams (anything from frisbee to mixed netball, from rugby tours to staff-student rounders) and social events especially the annual black-tie ball… which I am sure you can imagine is a model of sophistication and absolute decorum.

Since graduation I have worked for a Birmingham-based 'Road Ice Prediction' company for the past three years. Not only does this draw on quite a lot of what I learnt at Uni but it has also helped me improve my people and computer skills. However, now I am intending to train to be a geography teacher, so its time to dust down the books and remember all the other aspects of the subject.

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