

# Meeting Georgia Haynes

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First and foremost, I would like to personally thank Georgia Haynes. She truly is a remarkable person. I do not know of anyone else whom would meet you at midnight for an interview when they have a very hectic schedule, as she does.

What can I say about Georgia? She was born in Trinidad twenty-eight years ago. When she was very young she and her family moved to Canada where they stay until she was of high school age. Then they decided to move back to Trinidad where she completed high school and her first year of college.

Today, Georgia is not only a member of the yearbook committee and vice-president of Alpha Chi and Tri Beta, but she is also co-chief lab assistant and president of CHAOS (CHemistry And Other Sciences). She is also double majoring in chemistry and biology and has honors in her majors.

Georgia is extremely proud of her work in CHAOS, but who wouldn't be with all the volunteer work they do in helping the youth of Scotland County learn a understand more fully the aspects of

science? Georgia love to work with the children. The children involved in the CHAOS program were taken to Discovery Place in Charlotte and one evening Discovery Place came to them. She also hosted a panel discussion on careers in the field of science.

Georgia Haynes is not all work and no play. She also likes to spend her spare time (which she has very little of) oil painting and volunteering in the Emergency Room at Scotland Memorial Hospital. Let's not forget spending time with her beloved husband, who has been St. Andrews' system analyst for the Computer Information Services Department for almost for years. Shawn, by the way, is one of her chief reasons for discovering St. Andrews.

Georgia is a very busy person who can be quite serious at times, but after our interview we were able to have a casual conversation about many people's favorite topic, the television show "ER".

All in all, Georgia Haynes is a terrific person who is quite sure of what she wants out of life and makes sure she can achieve it.

# Meet Veronica

Veronica, the cheery face that always smiles when you pass her, comes to St. Andrews from the University of Cuenca in Ecuador to "improve English". She was born in Guayaquil, a big city, but her parents and brothers and sisters now live in a smaller city called Machala. You might wonder how Veronica came to be here at St. Andrews. Well, the exchange sends only six people, yet many apply. The applicants must take tests in various subjects, and they are then selected by the teachers. Veronica was pleasantly surprised and I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet such an interesting person.

I asked Veronica to describe how school at home differed from her studies here. She explained that the University of Cuenca is a big public school in which people only study, but do not live; there is no dormitory system. Instead Veronica shares an apartment with two other female students; she is sure to mention, "We are three." It seems, however that at

it's heart, Ecuadorian college life is quite similar to that of Americans'. The three friends themselves at the movies, shopping...on the weekends, and spending most of their weekdays studying and going to classes.

Veronica's major is English, which she hopes to teach to high school students. She says emphatically, "I love children." This brought us to the fact that on top of taking four classes in a foreign language, which she says, "is not easy," Veronica is also doing community service and working. Veronica is planning to tutor to Mexican boys who attend elementary school near here, because they do not speak English. Veronica has also taken a job at The Gathering Place. Of course you can find Veronica at may of the campus parties as well as teaching Americans to dance to Latin Music in the Latin Dancing Club.

Unfortunately for us, the Ecuadorian students are only here until December 10th, and Veronica will return to her family just before the semester ends. She asks me to mention how friendly she found the people here, and that the warm welcomes and her wonderful roommate, Becky, have meant a lot to here. Veronica will miss it here and hopes to travel to Europe and/or return to America in the future. I am certain that come the cold winds of December we will all miss Veronica's warm nature.

The Commuter Club is collecting canned goods for local families. Please be generous during the holidays.

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my child were to become ill with something as minor as a cold, I could be out of school for days," Natonja states. Buying out study time is a challenge for any student but when you have young children, it is exceptionally hard. "I usually have to wait until they go to bed to study, so I don't get much sleep," one student, a mother of two, states. Then there is the long commute to and from school -- Dan drives 45 minutes each way.

College is not easy for anyone, traditional or non-traditional. This constantly growing minority of students, however, brings a lot to the St. Andrews culture and go through a lot to get here every day. No doubt, as the economic demands of our society encourage more to return for higher education, we will begin to see more non-traditional students from the surrounding counties.

Don't forget Concord's Holiday Bash, December 2nd at 9:00pm!

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