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Latest exchange student fell in love with Brazil

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Georgetown's latest Rotary Exchange student Marilyn Thorne was homesick at first when she left Canada last year, but now that she's home, she misses Brazil.

"One thing I really miss from Brazil is the human warmth," she said. "When you're walking on the street, you see someone you know, it doesn't matter whether it's a girl or a boy, and they greet you with a hug and three kisses."

"Brazilians are so warm, and they show their affection so openly," she continued. "They show their affection physically, not just in words."

Marilyn spent almost 13 months in Brazil with three different families. She stayed an extra month so she could attend Carnival, a party which runs continuously for five days.

Marilyn, who is 19, spent most of the year in a city called Lins, a place with all sorts of different schools for everything from dentistry to plastic art. Lins is known as the City of Schools, she said.

"Any time the schools were out on holidays, the city was dead," she said. "As soon as they get off school, everyone goes home. It's sort of a transfer, because all the people who live in Lins go to school somewhere else, and the people who live elsewhere come to Lins to go to school."

One of the differences Marilyn noted between students in Canada and

Brazil is the fact that when Brazilian students get their summer holidays, in December, January and February, they travel, where Canadian students usually begin an immediate search for work.

STUDIED LANGUAGE

Marilyn lived with families who spoke mainly Portuguese, a language she was totally unfamiliar with when she arrived. She said after about a week, she could understand some of what was being said around her, but it took six or seven months before she was really comfortable in the language. She had studied French in school, and credits this with making it easier to learn Portuguese.

In fact, now that she's back in Canada, and speaking English again, Marilyn says she has difficulty thinking in English. She said when one of her friends telephoned after she arrived home, she began without thinking to talk in Portuguese.

Marilyn said Lins is a city in the interior of Brazil and has a rigid class system. While the city has its wealthy citizens, the salaries are low, and many Brazilians have two or three jobs, she said.

"The people in Lins were so wonderful to me," Marilyn said. "After I'd been there for a while, everybody knew me, and I'd walk down the street, and they'd say hello."

Brazilian men and women take a lot of care with their appearance, Marilyn said. The men dress up, instead of wearing t-shirts, jeans and

running shoes, she said.

"The girls dress up, too," she added. "A trip to the ice cream parlor is like a fashion show, and if you go to the movies you really dress up. The girls wear a lot of jewelry too. I don't know how they can stand up with all the chains and necklaces they wear."

The weather in Brazil is not entirely what people in Canada think it is, Marilyn said. People think of Brazil as a hot, tropical climate, but during June, July and August, the temperature can drop down to -10 degrees Celsius, she said.

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But in the summer the temperature can climb to 40 degrees Celsius, or 104 degrees Fahrenheit, she continued. The homes tend to be designed for the extreme heat, with open windows and doors, and as a result, it's very cold in the winter, Marilyn said.

"And I've never seen such a country for rain," she said. "It rained for part of November, all of December and part of January."

Brazilians have different eating habits than what Canadians are accustomed to, Marilyn said. They eat breakfast consisting of bread, coffee and milk. Lunch is a full dinner every day, and is followed by a siesta. Every day, lunch and dinner include the same dish of rice and beans, she said.

Marilyn said that before she arrived in Brazil, she was expecting to have certain restrictions placed on her, and to have to conform

to rules set out by the families she was staying with, but instead she was allowed to come and go pretty much as she pleased. She was never chaperoned, although the custom persists.

Marilyn said in a family where there is a son and a daughter, the daughter might not be allowed to go out on a date unless her brother accompanied them. She would also not be allowed to be in a car alone with a boy.

Marilyn finished high school before she left Canada for Brazil, but she wasn't idle during her stay.

For entertainment, young people in Brazil can see first-run movies from the United States for the equivalent of 75 cents. There are also dances which begin at midnight and continue until the sun comes up. Then everyone goes home for a big feast, Marilyn said.

"I loved the dances," she said.

But the best fun of all was Carnival, Marilyn said. She watched Carnival in Rio de Janeiro on television because "it's expensive and it's dangerous," but she went to the Carnival in Lins.

Marilyn said she particularly misses the third family she stayed with, because they treated her like a member of the family, "like I was one of their daughters." She spent Christmas with this family. In Brazil, people open their gifts shortly before midnight Christmas Eve and then have a huge feast at midnight.



Georgetown's Marilyn Thorne

Marilyn said when she first arrived in Brazil, she was more homesick for her native Barbados than she was for Canada, because Brazil reminded her of Barbados. She and her family emigrated to Canada in 1969.

"I miss Brazil a lot. After a year there, I was more Brazilian than the natives," she said. "I was very unhappy to say good-bye to my last family. I'll write to them, but I'd just like to have them with me. It's good that they speak some English because I'll be able to write them in English if I forget my Portuguese."

Marilyn said that she learned to be independent while she was away for a year.

"When you live with your parents, you're not completely independent because they're always there to help you and you never really have to do it on your own," she said.

"I'm still trying to get used to the fact that I'm back in Canada," Marilyn said. "I can't believe a year has gone so fast. I loved every second of it."

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