Richmond Hill student wins Terry Fox award

BRANSFIELD, STEPHEN

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RCHMOND HILL — Stephen Brasfield's community work hasn't gone unticed.

Sphen is a student at McMaster Unersity (he's in his fourth year, studying socl work and sociology). He's also the surised recipient of the Terry Fox Huanitarian Award.

'd sort of given up," said Stephen, who hadapplied to the program earlier this sprg. The award was given to 13 Ontario stuents and 38 others across Canada.

Te Terry Fox Humanitarian Award Proram, a $3,000-a-year scholarship, was estalished in 1981 to aid and honor young pede who, through unselfish service to the communities and athetic and academic achvement, best embodied the spirit of the latone-legged runner.

Sphen lives in Richmond Hill and works sumers at a nearby golf course. He spent thepast year at school helping out at the Lahe Community for developmentally-hadicapped adults. Because the Larche Comunity is located in Hamilton, Stephen is urrently "looking for volunteer work lodlly, to round out the summer job."

tephen actually spends quite a lot of time dog volunteer work. Even at school, where heakes six courses per semester counting cocurrently for two degrees, Stephen still deotes five to 10 hours a week to outside wck.

IS ORGANIZED

I tend to organize my time fairly well," saiStephen. "That's something you learn to d quickly at university."

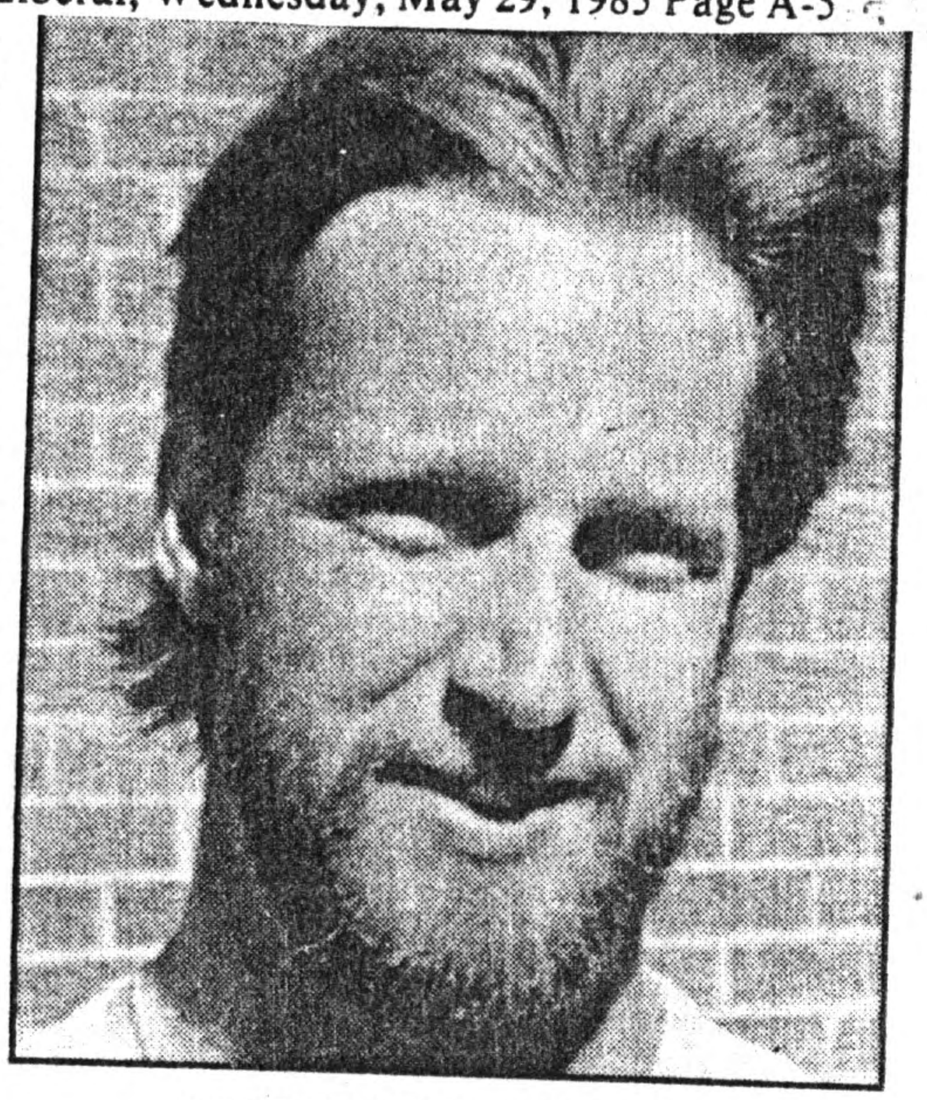
Le most of the recipients of this award, Stepen feels that he doesn't really deserve it.

"s kind of a double-bind," said Stepen. "You want to apply for something likenis, you want to express how you feel youe been involved in things, but when you get cognition ... well ... it's a humbling expence."

Sohen's involvement in the community overhe past several years is nothing to be hume about, however.

"Ipent a large part of my life helping to orgaze and plan the Christian Family Peace Weends. I also worked for the Roman Cathic Youth Corps, who were behind the weekds," said Stephen.

Inrder to qualify for the award, Stephen had to write several short essays describing his involvement in the community, academics and sports. While his sporting ventures have excluded team sports, Stephen has recently been involved in weightlifting, skiing and swimming. He says that throughout high school he concentrated mainly on academics.



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WAS INTROVERTED

"Looking back on my adolescence, I was very introverted," said Stephen. "I spent a lot of time and energy trying to overcome that, to become more involved and outgoing."

Having overcome that particular problem, and having been granted the award that he never expected, Stephen now looks toward a different sort of involvement.

"I'd like to tell others about this program," he said. 'I feel that for every person that wins there are at least 10 who are more deserving that haven't applied."

The Terry Fox Memorial Award Program is open to graduating secondary school students or those currently enrolled in a Canadian university or college. The $3,000 scholarship is renewable each year for a maximum of four years or until the first degree is obtained.