His misfortune overcome

with the problems that arise on a football field is a simple matter compared with the adversity that 15-year-old Stephane Vanier had to overcome to get

Two years ago, Vanier was thrown from his bicycle when struck by a car near his home in nearby St. Hilaire, Que. While a motorist who witnessed the incident overtook the fleeting driver, police rushed Vanier to hospital where surgeons amputated his

left leg below the knee.

Recalling the accident, Vanier says:

'I was knocked out for a few seconds and when I woke up I saw that my bike was about 30 feet away from me. I didn't hurt too much but I knew that my leg was very bad. The told me the only thing keeping it from falling off was the skin."

He spent eight weeks in hospital and two months at a convalescent centre learning to walk with a wooden leg. The turn of events seemed a devastating blow to a healthy teenager who had visions of a football career.

But Vanier refused to accept his misfortune sitting down.

When I got so I could walk without it being too uncomfortable, I decided to see if I could sprint on it a little," he says. "It wasn't all that bad, so I kept practising, thinking that if I could run again I could get back into sports.

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His perseverance was rewarded in September, 1978, after his parents went through with their decision to send Stephane to Loyola High School, known for a strong sports program.

in charge of Loyola's house league Vanier made the bantam squad on his first attempt.

Alternating at defensive guard and defensive tackle, he was an integral part of the success of the team. It remained undefeated until the championship game.

"I wanted to prove myself in the only sport I thought worth

At the urging of Jim Hannon, proving something, and that was football," he says. "I had already made up my mind I wasn't going to spend the rest of my life sitting down just because of the leg. There are a lot of people with a lot worse handicaps than I have."

> At times, accepting the drawbacks that his handicap created would leave Vanier with an emotional ache.

Mountain's fame spreads

STEADY BROOK, Nfld. (CP) — "There's nothing in eastern Canada outside Quebec to compare with it," says one western Newfoundland skier as he talks about Marble Mountain.

The mountain with its vertical rise of 597 metres overlooks this community 10 minutes drive from downtown Corner

With an annual snowfall of close to four metres and a 1,667metre double chairlift, the mountain's fame is spreading among skiers from outside the province

We've had an exceptionally good response," says Bill Madore, immediate past president of the Corner Brook Ski Club. A volunteer committee of club members operates ski facilities and provides instructors.

Madore said in a recent in-

terview that between 300 and 500 persons arrive from outside the Corner Brook area by public transport to ski on the mountain each season, which runs Dec. 15 - April 1. This number does not include those who arrive in their own vehicles for weekends and holidays.

'We've got slopes for all classes of skiers, from novices to experts," Madore says.

Some of the fast slopes take getting used to, especially among visiting skiers used to tamer runs in the Maritimes. "Some will say I'm never going to be able to ski here and

then they get used to it and really start enjoying it." Madore says the snow usu-ally stays until well into April, especially on the upper rise but

the club is hoping to get a snowmaking machine. Unlike some other parts of

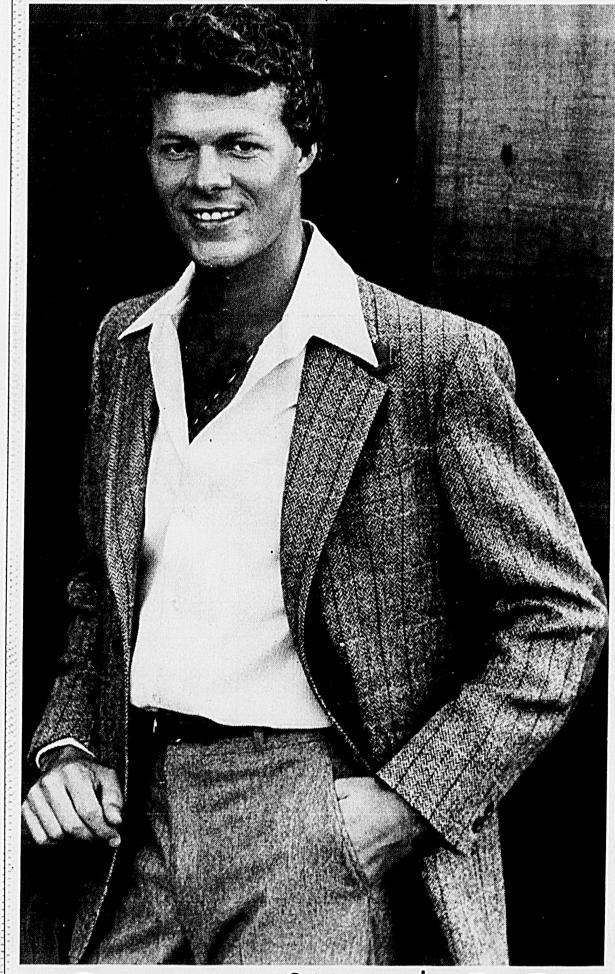
land's mild coastal winter climate generates a regular series of thaws and freezes, the temperature inland from Corner Brook is apt to remain fairly even.

Exceptionally mild and un-even weather last winter caused some disappointment but this was regarded as unusual and not likely to occur

again for some years.

The mountain is part of the Long Range mountains which run the length of western Newfoundland like a spine. Steady Brook lies in the Humber Valley, a winding pass through the range followed by the Lower Humber River, famous in summer for its salmon run.

The ski club was working during the fall to extend its package tour arrangement with Eastern Provincial Airways to Montreal.



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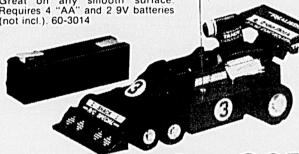
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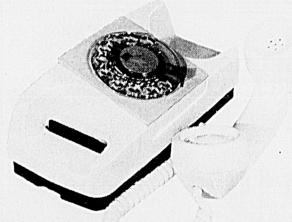
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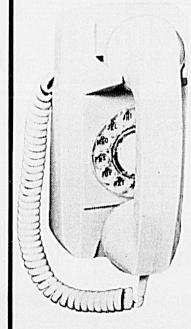
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