

MURPHY, Bill

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PICTON - A Grade eight student at Queen Elizabeth School, 13-year-old Bill Murphy says his love of comedy led him to create his "crazy bean" cartoon characters.

The young artist has produced a series of "green monsters" and several other cartoon characters, which he hopes to develop further.

Murphy says he wants to become a professional cartoonist and looks forward to attending art school, one day.

In the meantime, he is looking for ways and means of getting his characters into print, possibly through a school newspaper.

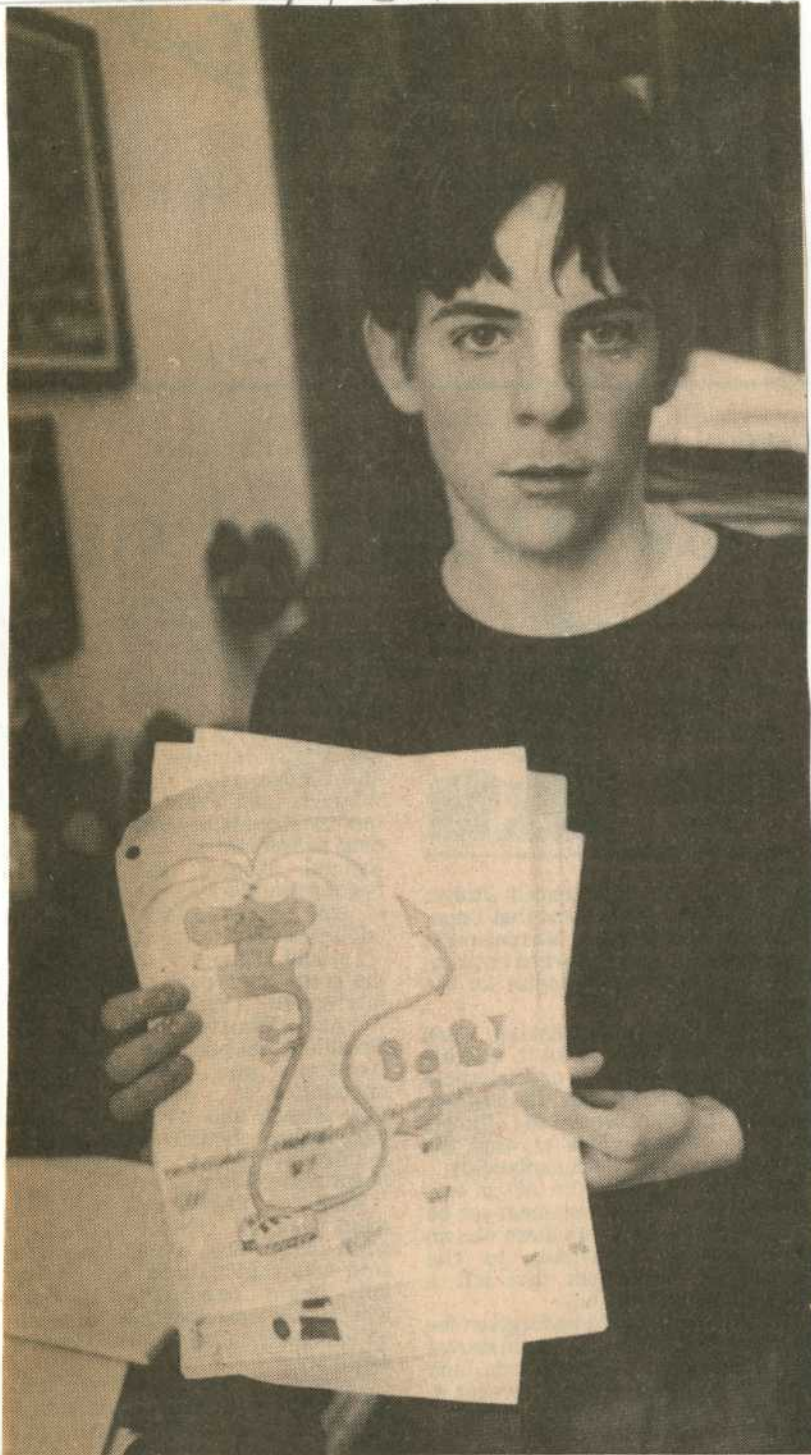
"I like cartoons because they are funny. I love comedy."

At present, he is drawing single panels but did try drawing strips for a time. "I found that they were hard for me," he explains.

Murphy's favorite cartoon strips are Peanuts and Family Circus.

He shares his enthusiasm for art with his mother, Ann, who paints landscapes in watercolors. While neither of his two brothers are artistic, they do inspire him. "I get ideas from their comic books," he says.

Murphy also gains inspiration from a school friend "who says crazy things" that work well in some of his cartoons.



### The young artist

Bill Murphy is a 13-year-old Picton student whose big interest is drawing cartoons. He says he wants to turn professional and looks to attending art school some day. (Staff photo).

**Cartoons draw dreams  
of professional future**

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