

IRLS expanding in all directions

By ROBERT COOK

Ian Smith, or "Smitty" as he is known to his friends, has turned a talent for artistry into a successful business.

He began his art career at a very young age. By the time he was 16 he was doing political cartoons for a Montreal weekly newspaper.

It was here that Smith's pen-name IRLS first became known, and it is now the name of his art firm, IRLS Creations inc.

Both his name and his work have become well-known throughout the community.

He has done work for many local publications ranging from the Daily Gleaner to University Perspectives.

Smith's work has also found

its way into two books - "The Hockey Conditioning Handbook," written by Don MacAdam and Gail Reynolds also "How to Get Elected" by Arthur C. Doyle.

Smith and his business partner Richard Hutchins are collaborating on a new book. "Yeah, it will be a humorous book on New Brunswick, sort-of-a tourist handbook for Upper Canadians."

Smith originally left his Quebec home to come to New Brunswick and go to university at UNB.

He had planned on a forestry career but soon switched over to Physical Education and completed his degree.

Even through art is his career right now, he would someday like to go back to

university and take some courses on outdoor recreation.

Smith enjoys the outdoors and in his spare time during the summer months he likes to canoe.

He is also a great sports' fan and likes playing sports, especially rugby.

When he's not playing sports or involved in business he is involved in community projects.

He has used his talents to help such projects as The New Brunswick Heart Marathon and The New Brunswick Rugby Union.

Smith sometimes finds that the local print media is very conservative in its thinking about political cartoons.

"They're very conservative... even in how they do layout..."

With their editorial cartoons they would rather buy syndicated cartoons than use ones with a local angle.

Political cartoons are not the only things that Smith draws.

He also draws caricatures of his imagination and says that someday he would be interested in doing his own comic book series.

Smith is known around the university drawing the imaginative characters pictured in the Social Club logo and those which are use in the Brunswickan.

Like so many other entrepreneurs Smith relies upon raw talent for success. Besides an art course he took in grade nine he has had no formal training in art.

Luckily, he has lots of it and

has polished his talents to such an extent, that he has been asked by the National Alcohol and Drug Dependency Commission to do some work for them.

"I Developed a character called Ted the penguin which is going to be used by them... to help promote awareness amongst kids about alcohol and drug related problems across the country."

Smith has a special interest in children as he recently became a father.

He says that he would possibly be interested in doing some work for children's books if he gets the chance.

"Kids' books are appealing, especially since now that I have a special insight into a kids world."



QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "John Bosnitch does not have the balls to sue." John Bosnitch quoting the UNB Solicitor

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Aitken House is known on campus as a house of tradition, spirit, and pride. They are among the most active residence participants at U.N.B., boasting a lively atmosphere and a comradery known campus wide.

The Men of Aitken are competitive by nature, when it comes to sports, and always strive for greater achievement in both inter-residence and intramural leagues. This year we are presently leading in points for the prestigious President's Cup. In addition our hockey team is first in its division in intramurals and have recently become the inter residence hockey tournament champions.

Aitken is well known for its participation and enjoyment of any social event.

Its socials are among the best on campus including our unparalleled Aitken Christmas Formal.

The Members of Aitken House express a strong keenness and support for any event they may be involved in; taking an active part in Winter Carnival '87, outstanding fan support at the Fredericton Express games, contributions to Rick Hansen, Big Brothers-Big Sisters Bowl-for-Millions, and the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics. Its participation in this event over the past ten years has been outstanding. This year we were happy to display a ninety percent turnout in order to contribute to the clinic's ongoing success.

Upcoming events from "The Aitken Animals" social calendar include our house week,

March 2 - March 7th. Our social chairman has spared no expense in planning a week of fun filled events ending with our traditional passing of The Broom Social commemorating the changing of house committees. We would like to invite other residences to celebrate with us and make our week much more enjoyable.

The Men of Aitken would like to take time to express our congratulations to our very own Craig Burgess, Canadian Junion Men's Curling Champion and Todd Bursey, AUSA wrestling champ. In addition we would also like to congratulate the Jim Sullivan Rink and the U.N.B. wrestling team.

Have a good break and see you Aitken Week.

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