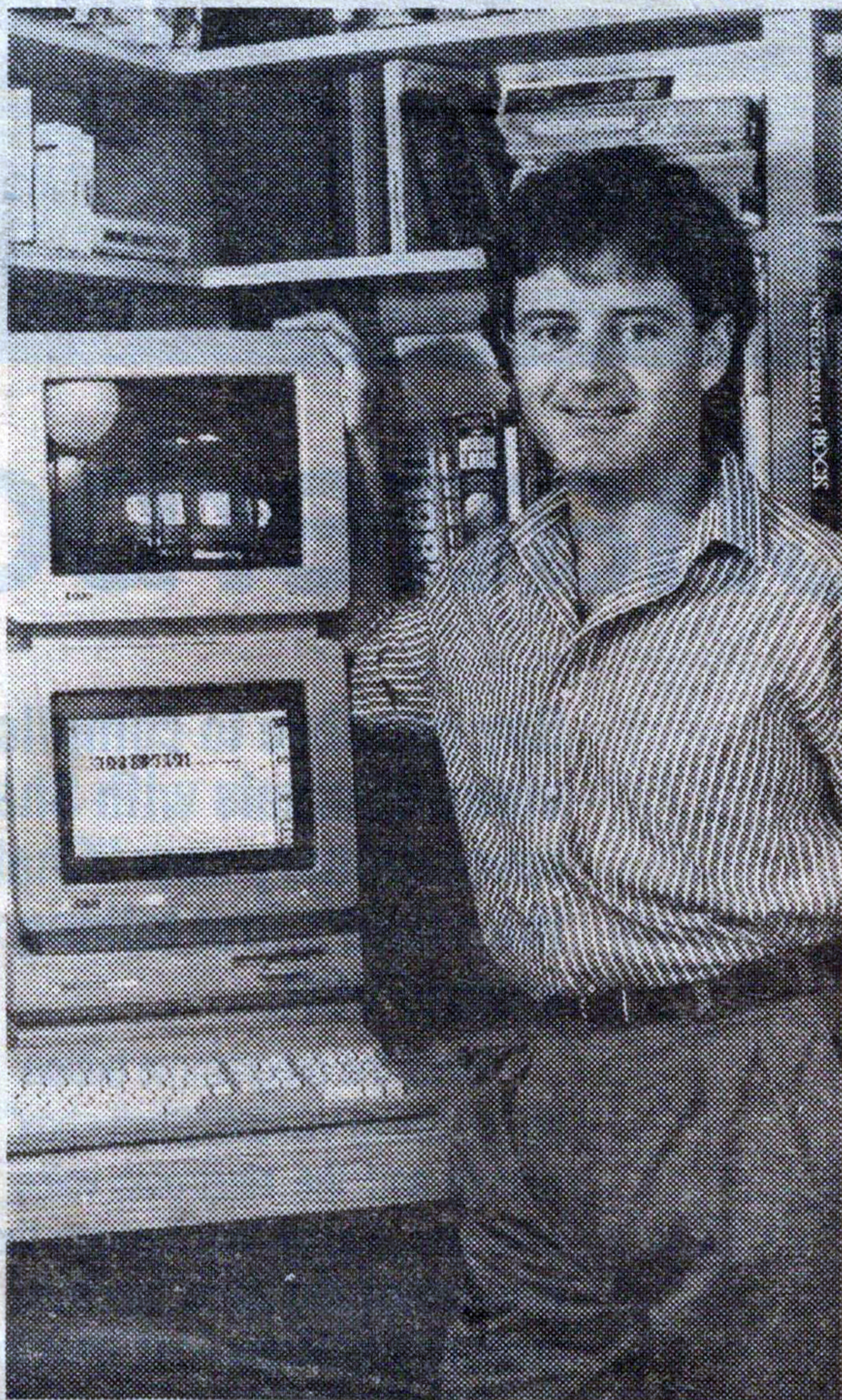


Bob on a publishing kick



□ Bob Stuart with his black and white and color monitors.

Computer room core of family

BOB Stuart begins his day about 5.30am but that does not stop him rushing home from 96FM and booting his Atari ST4.

The Atari has 4Mb of Ram (random access memory), a single floppy and a 20Mb hard disk.

In addition, the system features both color and monochrome monitors and two modems – one Net-comm and one Nice.

The modems are used by Bob to link into bulletin boards and download megabytes of data from the US.

This includes rock'n'roll news, gags, health news and public domain programs for the Atari.

"I also use the system for desktop publishing," said Bob. "I produce a newsletter for Kicks – The Fitness Club, a health club I have an interest in."

"My word processor is First Word Plus and desktop publisher is Publishing Partner."

Christmas list

Christmas in the Stuart home would be an expensive affair if Bob had his way.

It is not as though he is asking for much, he will point out – "Because the equivalent equipment for an Apple Macintosh would cost twice as much."

Bob wants an Atari Laser printer that is Post-Script compatible (\$3600), a 60Mb hard disk for the Atari, (\$1600), Hawke Scanner (\$3500) with the Augur optical character reading software (\$2000) and Pagestream, a desktop publishing package for the Atari (\$3500).

This would give him the desktop publishing system he dreams about.

"It would be an enormously powerful system and you could turn out some fantastic stuff with it," Bob said.

At home, Bob considers the Atari-room the "nerve centre of the house".

His two children Kirri (7) and James (4) both use the Atari – mostly to paint and draw.

And they use the color monitor – "When they can elbow me out of the way," Bob said.