Break plans grounded

Many UW-SP students got in an agony over the travel program Student Express when their flight was grounded.

"For the past two weeks I've stopped going to Mazatlan, Mexico through the travel program Student Express when her flight was grounded."

"I decided to deal with the situation myself. I'm not going through Student Express anymore, I'm going through a different company."

According to the Take A Break employee, "Hundreds of students have been affected by this."

"UW-SP students are not alone in this situation. Missy Moennessen, UW-La Crosse senior, said, "I would never trust a student spring break program again."

Moennessen was scheduled to fly out of Minneapolis for Mazatlan Friday, March 7, but remained in Minneapolis for four days. She finally left for Mexico early Tuesday morning.

Many students are being told different things. President of Student Express, Jim Moldane, denies these allegations. "We have not grounded planes."

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Pointer mascot sniffs out national competition

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UW-Stevens Point's mascot, Stevie Pointer, took first place in the collegiate mascot division of the 1997 American Cheer and Dance Championship. The annual two-day competition was held in Minneapolis the weekend of March 1.

Stevie was invited to the competition because of an automatic bid granted to the UW-SP dance team for placing first in the competition last year. This year the cheer and dance teams placed second in this year's competition.

The Pointer mascot, portrayed by Greg Lietz, a sophomore health promotion and wellness major is one of two people acting as Stevie at football, basketball, and wrestling competitions as well as special events.

"There is really a lot more to being a mascot than most people think," said Lietz. "There is almost a kind of ten commandments written just for mascots."

Lietz, who is lending his talents to the role of Stevie Pointer for the second year, attended the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp this summer.

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