

Steve is a Northeastern graduate, class of 1976, majoring in journalism.

Upon graduating from NU, Steve went to work for United Press International, where he "co-oped". While "co-oping", he use to cover college football every Saturday in the fall, and also work the football desk. It was probably Steve's first real introduction to sports writing.

Steve left UPI in 1979 to go to work for the Item, at first on the copy desk. My only real exposure to sports at The Item was to cover high school football. However, even after Steve left UPI, he continued to string for them, covering anything they asked me to cover, including an Olympic soccer preliminary in 1984 involving Canada and Cameroon. Steve describes that was one of the weirder experiences he ever had. In his words, "I still remember Canada won, 3-2, and the guys from Cameroon there covering the game were absolutely livid, screaming their stories into the phone. I thought we were going to have one of those soccer riots".

Steve became sports editor at The Item in 1998, and took over the running and hosting the Item Football Dinner. Steve feels the dinner is a great thing for many reasons, but he particularly appreciate the college coaches who accept invitations to come up and talk to the all-stars. Steve believes, "I'm sure out of anything that's said on the podium, your words carry more weight because you live it".

Today he concentrates his coverage mainly on high school sports, with the occasional pro event thrown in there if necessary (Steve recently covered the Super Bowl). But he always tries to keep track of local kids who excel on the college level too.