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Student makes cover of Wired magazine

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What's it like to be on the cover of a national publication like [Wired](#)?

"Fun, but also very surreal," said mechanical engineering graduate student Dan Paluska, who is featured in the September 2000 issue of the magazine with M2, the two-legged humanoid robot he's developing. "You know how at carnivals there are those booths that produce a picture of you on a magazine cover? That's kind of how I feel."

Most of the people who've contacted him about the cover have been old friends from high school. But he's also gotten a call from the producer of a documentary about robotics, and from someone trying to sell him a plaque of the cover.

And then there's the man who visited Boston on Monday, picked up a copy of the magazine, and tracked Dan down to get it autographed. He succeeded.

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