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SOLAR RACING NEWS

Missouri-Rolla holds lead in Second Day of American Solar Challenge

July 16, 2001 – With the first leg of the American Solar Challenge ending today in Rolla, Mo., the University of Missouri-Rolla is leading the University of Michigan and Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in the 2,300-mile cross country solar car race from Chicago to Los Angeles.

Although final daily results have not been released, as of 6 p.m. CDT, Missouri's Solar Miner III solar car held a 55-minute lead over Michigan. Michigan's time was 17 minutes better than Rose Hulman. The car with the fastest cumulative time at the finish will win the race.

Competitors will begin a staged start Tues., July 17 at 9 a.m. at the University of Missouri-Rolla campus. All cars will be flagged out of the start area in 1-minute intervals. The second leg of the race ends in Barstow, Calif., about 1,700 miles away.

Thirty cars are participating in the race, which began in Chicago at the Museum of Science and Industry July 15 and continues to Claremont, Calif., through 14 checkpoints in cities and towns along historic Route 66. The American Solar Challenge is an educational event in which participants build and race cars whose only source of fuel is the sun.

Official daily results will be posted at www.formulasun.org/asc as early as possible each day. Final cumulative times are based on actual race time, plus time penalties for race rules infractions. Cars can be tracked on the Internet at www.formulasun.org/asc/tracking/index.html July 15-25 through use of a global positioning satellite system that will pinpoint their location at any time.

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