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SOLAR RACING NEWS

Missouri-Rolla keeps the pace in Fourth Day of American Solar Challenge

July 18, 2001 – During Day Four of the American Solar Challenge -- the 2,300-mile cross country solar car race from Chicago to Los Angeles – University of Missouri-Rolla has managed to keep their lead, while a new contender has moved into third place.

Although final daily results have not been released, as of 5:30 p.m. CDT today, University of Missouri-Rolla held a 56-minute lead over second place University of Michigan. Michigan was six hours ahead of Queen's University, which during the day edged past University of Waterloo to assume third place. The top three cars made it past the checkpoint at Sayre, Okla.

Rounding out the top ten, in order, were University of Waterloo, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Principia College, University of Arizona, University of Missouri-Columbia, MIT, and South Bank University.

Twenty-eight cars remain in the running.

The race 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. The car with the fastest cumulative time will win the race.

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 infractions and trailering. 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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