

Shortridge is long known for its high standards of education, production of some of the greatest literary minds of the last 100 years, and of course, and being the home of first daily student newspaper in the country. The Shortridge Daily Echo began its daily run on September 27, 1898 and continued as a daily newspaper until the fall of 1970, when it became an eight page weekly newspaper.

Today, in 2010, some 112 years after the birth of a once noted daily newspaper, technology affords students the opportunity of breathing new life into the Echo. Thanks in large part to a continuing gift from the Vonnegut Family Library; the Shortridge Daily Echo will be reborn as an online digital daily newspaper.

Much like The Indianapolis Star, CNN.com, or FoxNews.com, students will be able to add news stories online as they are created without needing to wait for printing dates. Students, staff, alumni and other followers of the Echo will be able to be updated through email or their cell phones through RSS feeds, so information becomes nearly instantaneous. The Daily Echo will become, what we hope, is the model of what a school newspaper looks like.

It is also the hope that The Daily Echo will tie in with the developing Mass Media program that Shortridge began this year. Students will write news articles which then will be turned into news stories for the soon to be launched bi-weekly, student run news show which will also be available on the Internet. In turn, those news stories will be available on the Daily Echo website.

As Shortridge continues to grow, students from every grade level will be responsible for a page with news for their particular grade, showing different perspectives from a range of students from the 6th to the 12th grade.

The Daily Echo staff is excited about bringing back a tradition so honored among its alumni and is currently trying to raise funds to provide dedicated computers, scanners, cameras, and other equipment to make the Echo a shining example of what a student run newspaper looks like in the 21st Century.

Examples of what the new Daily Echo will look like can be seen at

<http://www.schoolnewspersonline.com/clients/client-list/>