

Hills student helps design robot car for annual event

A robot car designed by Oakland University students and faculty won second place in the second annual unmanned vehicle competition May 22 at OU.

The contest featured robot vehicles from 12 universities around the country and is sponsored by The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems.

The winning vehicle was designed by students of the Colorado School of Mines. The students were awarded \$5,000.

OU's team won \$3,000 with a robot vehicle built on a wheel chair frame and dubbed "Coyote." The third-place prize of \$2,000 went to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

The vehicles were tested over a set course on the OU campus in Rochester Hills. They had to do things like detect obstacles in their path and go around them.

The OU team entered three vehicles in the competition. The other two were called "Ugly" and "Orca."

The OU "Coyote" team was comprised of students William Young of Beaverton, Dennis Schnabel of Richmond, David Martin, J. Fitzbarnes and Paul Koehler.

The OU "Ugly" and "Orca" team was comprised of students Don Misson of Oakland Township, Dick Bridenbach of West Bloomfield Township, Ananth Krishnan of Auburn Hills, Don McCune of Farmington Hills,



R2027 Oakland University students David Martin (left) and William Young check out the "Coyote," which took second place in the unmanned vehicle competition at OU Sunday, May 22.

Try it again: Students Paul Horn (from left) of Royal Oak, Don McCune of Farmington Hills and John Srodawa of Detroit make a few adjustments to one of the three vehicles OU entered in the competition.

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