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BYU's "Y-Clops" Robot Takes On Rivals

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Engineering students at Brigham Young University have their sites set on a ten thousand dollar prize. Actually they have just one eye on it -- the eye of Y-Clops, a self propelled robot. The robot is made of odds and ends, a used wheel chair from Deseret Industries, a muffler, and old snowmobile treads. It also has a custom-made circuit board attached to a home video camera and a GPS system. Despite its cheap construction, the team of twelve that built it think it can stare down the competition.

Kirt Lillywhite says, "We are running faster than the team that won last year at the national competition so we are confident." The competition is sponsored by the Department of Defense and there will be forty-four teams from universities across the nation competing. The intelligent ground vehicles will be judged on speed, navigation ability, and design ingenuity.

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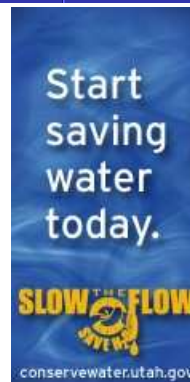
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