**Course VI drops from 6.001**

By Bart S. Kaliski

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) randomly eliminated at least 141 freshmen from a required course, Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs (6.001) this week, according to Professor Gerald J. Sussman 68.

Although 6.001's enrollment is down to 300 students, several freshmen still remain in the program.

An estimated 600 students attended the first lecture Tuesday, according to Peter Elias 44, associate head of EECS. The department expected 500 freshmen to enroll in the subject, based on estimates made by the Office of the Registrar last week, he said.

"It's totally unrealistic to try to randomize that number of students," said Associate Registrar Ronald F. Smith. The registrar's office does not keep track of the number of students that may register for a class. Each student rejected by EECS must submit a drop card, he noted. The over-crowding problem, he added, "is in Course VI's hands now."

Typical spring enrollment for the subject is 450, but Sussman said the number of students who registered for 6.001 in the last two spring terms was 325 and 338. Even that number of students presents pressure on computer resources, he said.

The inability to predict the number of students who enroll in 6.001 is a problem for EECS, Sussman said.

"The number of students registered for the present term is so large, the number of students in 6.001, he noted. "It's an increase in the number of EECS majors "bottling up," Elias commented. There is no statistically significant indication that the number is increasing, he added, despite the over-enrollment in 4.001 for the past few years, the number of majors has been close to constant, with about 250, total engineering (V-1) and 100 computer science (VI-3) undergraduates.

The actual number of students rejected from 6.001 is unknown, Sussman continued. Only 450 forms were distributed at the first lecture to determine enrollment, and it is not known how many students attended but were unable to complete a form. EECS posted a list of 141 students rejected from 6.001.

EECS expected overenrollment before the term started, Elias said, and informed the Undergraduate Academic Support Office (UASO) at the end of the fall term. Unfortunately, he continued, the UASO was unable to discuss the problem before advisors met with freshmen. "I can't recall ever having to turn away freshmen," he said.

Freshmen will probably not be allowed to take 6.001 in the fall, Elias added. Usually, full enrollment in 6.001 is 220, including about 80 freshmen. By not permitting freshmen to enroll in the class, he explained, a margin of 160 spaces would be created to accommodate those rejected this term.

All EECS majors should be able to take 6.001 in the first term of their sophomore years without schedule problems, Sussman claimed. He does not understand why so many freshmen take the class, he added. The elimination of another introductory computer class, Introduction to Computing (15.010), will increase the number of freshmen who need to register in 6.001, Elias noted.

"We're pushing very hard for (see page 3)

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**News Analysis**

"Deep Throat" OK to show at MIT, despite confusing past

By Robert F. Mulhern

The Defense Department's District Attorney's office does not believe showing the film "Deep Throat" was inappropriate, according to Assistant District Attorney Tom Reilly.

Had the MIT Lecture Series Committee (LSC) decided to show the film, the District Attorney's office "would not have taken action," Reilly said. "I believe it's wholly an MIT matter." The Institute would not move to stop the showing of the film, according to Dr. Louis Menard III, special assistant to the provost and chairman of the MIT Facilities Use Committee. "Our position is not to censor student activities," Menard said.

Any action taken by the showing of the movie could bring a complaint before the Committee on Discipline (COD), according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Robert L. Halfman. "I don't think there's much I can do about that," he said.

If, for example, someone filed a complaint against the members of the LSC Executive Board, the COD would attempt to reconcile the parties' differences, according to Halfman. "I don't think there's much I can do about that," he said.

The question of legality arose from two conflicting court cases, SIPS 11/00/72, the other in Worcester, Mass. A state law makes illegal the printing and distribution of obscene material. (Please turn to page 3)

**SIPS report: we need more money, facilities**

By David W. Bower

The Student Information Processing Board (SIPS) has facilitated computer access and has done its job well, but not completely, according to Chairman Wendy Rowe '83. SIPS would like to make its services available to more students, she said, but does not have enough money. SIPS allocated $9,796 to fund independent computer projects for nearly 1200 students on the Multics computer system last year, according to an annual report prepared by the group submitted to the Undergraduate Association (UA) General Assembly (GA).

Each student receives an average of $50 in computer funding upon opening a SIPS account, but applicants generally request additional funding. "Something is wrong when the overhanging thought of money, in an account, takes away from learning on a computer," Rowe said.

SIPS members are trying to generate support for additional funding from the MIT administration. The group has thus far received an additional $10,000 capital budget to purchase terminals for the 1982-83 academic year. The UA has not taken any action but discussions between SIPS and the UA is expected to continue at a later date.

SIPS uses its capital budget—the first such budget it has received in three years—to buy fourteen new video terminals for live training groups. The Office of the Provost provides the group's funding, most of which is used to purchase time on the Information Processing Services (IPS) Honeywell Multics and IBM 170 system. SIPS also buys time on the Joint Computer Facility (JCF) VAX-11/782.

SIPS' 11/00/72 student supplied computer resources to students who explored problems of personal interest, did homework assignment calculations, did test run simulations, and familiarized themselves with computer operation," according to SIPS' annual report to the GA.

The group also acts as a clearinghouse for computer information on campus, consisting of all types of computing, supplying terminals and multicasts, maintaining student groups, and maintaining a list of computer job opportunities. SIPS wants to extend terminal service and update its equipment to include a 24-hour facility. It does not now have such capabilities.

Rutgers University has a 24-hour, on-campus computer facility with 100 terminals. Rowe noted. MIT has no such facility. Terminals are available on Sunday only at the Student Center until 11:00 p.m. and certain fraternities.

SIPS' annual report claims the committee faces a shortage of space, as well as of money. SIPS plans to approach approximately thirty individuals and offices, including Professors Fernando J. Corbató '56, director of computing and telecommunications resources; IPS Director Weston J. Bener; President Paul E. Gray '54, and Dean for Student Affairs Shirley M. McBey.

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**Congress may cut funds for draft**

By Will Doherty

At least 25 members of Congress recently introduced legislation to severely cut back the budget and influence of the Selective Service System.

The draft reforms follow the flurry of student financial aid office activity responding to the recent Department of Defense regulations that deny federal aid to those that do not register for the draft.

Senator David F. Durenberger (R-MN) is one of several senators who sponsored bills that would allow registrants to file complaints before the Selective Service and to have the case heard by a judge of the District of Columbia.

Durenberger has complained that federal funds may be used to finance the Selective Service System. Durenberger has actively opposed theSelective Service budget by $4 million (HR 1903) since 1977. The bill requires a draft registration only for those who have not been processed by the Department of Defense or have volunteered for the draft.

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(Continued from page 1) additional computing facilities by the spring of 1984," Elias said. There is a significant chance that the facilities will be available by January 1984, he added. The School of Engineering is presently negotiating for additional computer facilities for EECS as well as other departments.

EECS wants microcomputers for use in Computation Structures (6.032), which will be replaced by a lab subject numbered 6.004 this fall, Elias explained. Students in 6.001 would also use microcomputers or else timeshare, on a new large computer. EECS's present computer will be used by other computer classes.

"We have done a reshuffling of terms for the VI-3 curriculum," Elias continued. Previously, computer science majors had a tight schedule, he said, but some problems were solved by offering Computability, Automata and Formal Languages (6.045J) in the spring following its prerequisites, Introduction to Algebraic Systems (18.063).

Both 6.045J and 6.032 are also oversubscribed this term, Elias said. Offering 6.045J in the spring for the first time, "probably caught next year's crop of students." Approximately 100 enrolled in the subject.

A laboratory subject required of VI-3 majors, Laboratory in Software Engineering (6.170), is now being offered only in the fall so it will not compete with 6.001 for computer time, Elias said.

Students interested in solving physical problems with computers, rather than learning hardware and software sciences should enroll in either Principles of Computer-Based Engineering Problem Solving (1.00) or Elementary Programming and Machine Computation (2.10), Elias suggested.

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World
Four OPEC states threaten to cut their oil prices — Four members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries threatened last Tuesday to reduce their crude oil prices by $4 a barrel unless other OPEC members agree to adhere to production ceilings. Joining Kuwait in the price cuts would be Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar. The threat was the first public indication that some of OPEC’s Arab members plan to abandon the group’s official prices.

Andropov rejects summit — Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov Tuesday night rejected President Ronald Reagan’s call for a summit meeting. Responding to Reagan’s letter to the people of Europe, Andropov said Reagan’s offer to sign an accord banning all US and Soviet land-based medium range missiles was merely a restatement of his “zero option” proposal at the Geneva arms talks. Andropov, in an interview with the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, suggested Reagan’s proposal was part of a “propaganda game” to influence public opinion in Western Europe.

Nation
The nationwide truckers’ strike begins to affect food supplies — Amid sporadic violence locally and across the country, some eastern cities, including those in Massachusetts, began experiencing curtailed deliveries of meat and produce because many of the truckers who are not striking would drive only during daylight hours. The Independent Truckers Association is striking to protest the increase in the gasoline tax from 4 to 9 cents, effective April 1, and the increase in the annual highway-user tax from $250 to $1,600 in 1984 and to $1,900 in 1985.

Weather
Spring weather ends — The prematurely mild weather leaves today as winter returns with variable cloudiness and a possibility of flurries. Afternoon temperatures will be in the 30’s, and tonight will be cold with lows between 20 and 24. Saturday will be brisk and cold with highs in the 30’s.

“A deep throat”: confusing legal past
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The definition of “obscene material” comes from the 1973 US Supreme Court decision in Miller v. California. The Court declared: “The basic guidelines for the trier of fact must be: whether the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find that the work, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest; whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law; and whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.”

This so-called “SLIPS test” was applied by Judge Charles R. Albright of the Middlesex County District Court in 1980, when he found “Deep Throat” not obscene. The ruling denied a motion by then-District Attorney John Dronc to prevent the Quincy House Film Society at Harvard University from showing “Deep Throat.”

Dronc ordered the arrest of Film Society chairman Carl Stork and Nathan J. Hagen, after the first of four planned screenings, despite Albright’s finding, according to Harvard Law School Professor Alan M. Dershowitz, in his book, The Best Defense. Dershowitz succeeded in having the charges against the pair dropped, but not before he had to file a suit charging Dronc with civil rights violations.

Dronc agreed to drop the charges when the defendants agreed to give him the name of the film distributor — which was the movie box all the time, according to Dershowitz. A jury in Worcester subsequently found “Deep Throat” obscene. The finding was upheld by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

The statement from the District Attorney’s office puts rest to the legal confusion, at least as far as MIT is concerned. Within the Institute, however, the questions regarding the place of pornography remain open.

A message to M.I.T. Students regarding nominations for Coop Board of Directors
If you, as a Coop member and a degree candidate at MIT, are interested in serving as a student director of the Harvard Cooperative Society for the next academic year and you are an undergraduate student, contact Kenneth Segel, Chairman of the MIT UA Nominations Committee in room W20-401; if you are a graduate student, contact Lu Nguyen, President of the MIT Graduate Student Council, in room 50-222. These contacts should be made prior to February 14, 1983.

The Coop’s Board of Directors has a total of 23 members, 11 of which are students from MIT and Harvard. 11 are members of the faculty and staff or alumni of MIT and Harvard, plus the General Manager of the Society. The Board oversees the operation of the Coop and sets policy for the Coop’s operations. The Board meets monthly during the academic year.

HARVARD COOPERATIVE SOCIETY
Lesbians, gays face problems

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feedback

"Star Wars" worse than "Deep Throat"

To the Editor:

We were amused to learn that the scheduled Registration Day movie had been withdrawn, and somewhat bemused by what took its place. Apparently, some members of the MIT community objected to "Deep Throat" on some moral ground. There are, however, moral grounds upon which one can object to "Star Wars.

"Star Wars" is an extremely violent movie. The hero, who is in theory — an innocent farm boy, becomes a remorseless killing machine when the occasion presents itself. Everyone else in the movie is violent also — consistently violent.

It is the remorseless nature of the violence in "Star Wars" which makes the film so distasteful. Deaths are bloodless, impersonal, and sanitized (not to mention frequent). Rather than causing the viewer to empathize with the horrors of warfare, "Star Wars" anesthetizes the viewer to the horrors he or she has seen.

"Deep Throat" is not a clean, All-American film. It is a graphic (and crude) movie dealing with sexual acts. We have heard many arguments that it is degrading to females. (One of us feels the film is more degrading to males.) We feel that the argument is, however, irrelevant.

It is our experience that those opposed to such films worry about what people will think after seeing one. We are concerned about what people will think after being numbed by "Star Wars." Remorseless violence is probably more insidious than sexuality carried to absurd extremes. Society trains us all too well for "Deep Throat" to be a danger; we are not sure about "Star Wars."

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EECS must expand computer facilities

To the Editor:

Freshmen, just when you thought you could take 6.001 on pass/fail, beware! Course VI has struck again. This term over 400 students preregistered for 6.001 and Professor Sussman has said that some students must get the axe. Freshmen will be forced out first. (After all, you're only freshmen.) Close to 100 freshmen are going to be forced to drop the course, possible signalling the end of 6.001 as a course freshmen can take. Naturally, this will only alleviate the problem for the short term.

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science was forced to limit the number of students to handle the large number of students. They exacerbated the problems in 6.001 by not offering 0.230 this year. However, what they fail to realize is that many students enrolled in 6.001 take it looking to major in Mechanical Engineering (offered by the Department of Mechanical Engineering) for people who would like to learn a first computer language, and 6.001. The enrollment in 2.10 this term is approximately 250 and is expected to reach about 300 before the class size stabilizes next week.

The opening of the new EG&G Building later this year will help alleviate some of the problems, but as more students demand a well-rounded education including computer literacies, EECS must increase their facilities to meet those needs. If MIT cannot supply its students with the necessary computer education, a basic need in today's fast-paced technological world, how then, can we call ourselves the most technologically advanced university in the world?

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Opinion

Devo defended: Album is fun

To the Editor:
We are disgusted and disappointed with Mr. Pundurs' recent review of Devo's new album, Oh No! It's Devo! [Dec. 10]. We thought Mr. Gitlow's reviews were repulsive, but this one takes the proverbial cake. At least Mr. Gitlow's is entitled to his own opinion, as is every mongoloid, but his choice of lyrics to describe the album was worse than poor; it was inexcusable. Admittedly, "Speed Racer" is one of the lighter songs on the album, but even "Peek-a-Boo," which has a minimal amount of lyrics, manages to push a sorely-needed point across: "If you cannot see it, you cannot satisfactorily express yourself, I ask: How did the 25 percent of people who failed get accepted to MIT? Obviously, if these undergraduates are not arbitrarily labeled "illiterate," Ralph J. Spicer '86

Reconsider writing requirement

To the Editor:
It appears that another course has been added to the long list of those already required for a bachelor's degree at MIT. I am referring to the freshman writing examination ["One in four freshmen fails writing exam," Dec. 7].
What the requirement amounts to is another course forced on next-year's freshman class. To be exempt from the required course, one must demonstrate a minimum level of writing proficiency by taking an exam during R/O week. This markedly resembles a requirement for 8.01 (which can also be waived via examination), except that passing the writing exam yields no credit toward the humanities distribution requirement or otherwise.

The Committee on the Writing Requirement believes that only one-third of the Class of 1986 can demonstrate a reasonable level of writing proficiency. My apologies to the committee for smudging its dreams, but not every MIT undergraduate will become a novelist later in his/her life. I ask: How did the 25 percent who failed get accepted to MIT? Obviously, if these people cannot satisfactorily express themselves in writing, then all of their previous application essays were phony. This is an insult to the admissions office. Clearly, it is unreasonable to recommend or require that two-thirds of the class take courses to improve their writing. As for myself, I "marginally passed" the exam four months after scoring a "5" on the Advanced Placement English Examination.

I understand that this course will not be mandatory for the Class of 1986, but it would be unfair to place this burden on the shoulders of the Class of 1987. A prompt review of this requirement by the committee is necessary to ensure that future MIT

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*Alive* is a magazine devoted to chronicling all aspects of perf-art. The premiere issue features interviews with Jim Fouratt (ex-head honcho of NYC's Danceteria) and Steve Mass (Mudd Club). In addition, there are articles grouped by specialty. *Alive* includes pieces on Nam June Paik (video god), the Judson Dance Theatre and the Noise Fest hardcore festival. The writing is professional and relatively unbiased, which is highly unusual in arts periodicals. The only real drag is the price ($3), but if you want to keep on top of the latest, accept no substitutes.

One of the articles showcased in *Alive* is Laurie Anderson, whose album, *Big Science*, is a little gem. Anderson's music is pretty minimalist, relying on keyboards and random novelties (e.g. bagpipes on "Sweaters") to give her lyric poetry pleasant surroundings. What makes this release such a pleasure is a combination of the simplicity of the arrangements and Anderson's knack at phrasing.

Lyrics are everything on this disc, music being merely a vehicle for expressing Anderson's ideas. For example, "Let X=X/X/It Tango" is an essay on taking things at face value instead of trying to interpret and derive hidden meaning from everything. Perhaps the first line says it best:

I met this guy
And he looked like he might have been a hat-check clerk at an ice rink
Which, in fact, he turned out to be
And I said "Oh boy, right again"

Here, as in "O Superman (for Massenet)," Anderson uses a vocoder to mechanize her voice. It would appear that this prop is used to point out the automating of our lives, both physically and socially induced. It is used sparingly, and to good effect.

There are some thorns among the roses, unfortunately. Some effects take a good deal of patience; for example, the aforementioned bagpipes. I still can't get used to the screeching vocals on "Example #22." This tune's interspersing of German phrases within the song is distracting, at best. Still, on balance, this album is superb, although quite out of the ordinary.

Anderson will be in town at a special performance for Center Screen's 10th anniversary on Saturday, March 12.

Eric A. Sohn
"Thought you had sworn off on the daily papers, Jack."

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Men's Basketball — The men's basketball team dropped a close 62-57 decision to host University of New England Monday night. Co-captain Mark Branch '83 paced MIT with 19 points. Other Engineers in double figures were Mark Johnson, '84 with 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Craig Poole '86 with 15. The team, now 5-9, travelled to Hartford last night for a game against Trinity, and will return home tomorrow for a 2pm meeting with Amherst.

Squash — The squash team suffered a 9-0 blanking at the hands of perennial power Yale Friday afternoon in duPont. The squad's record falls to 3-10 on the year. Standouts for MIT thus far have been David Pope '84, captain Ron Bujarski '83 and Ian Hueton '84. Tomorrow Columbia will be in town for a 2pm match.

Men's Swimming — The men's swimming team romped over Southeastern Massachusetts 63-32 Tuesday evening, taking nine of the thirteen events. The men's record now stands at 3-3.

The women were in action in the Greater Boston Champion-

ships at Northeastern Wednesday evening. Although the team finished sixth with 89 points, Lori Blackwelder '86 and Maria Issa '86 each turned in fine performances. Blackwelder was sixth of eleven in both the one- and three-

meter diving, while Issa was sixth in the 50-yard butterfly and sev-

enth in the 100-yard version.

In other news, Issa has already qualified for the NCAA Division III championships in three events — the 50- and the 100-yard but-

tefly and the 100-yard individual medley. Andy Renshaw '85 also qualified for the nationals in the 200-yard butterfly.

Weasling — The wrestlers lost 37-9 Wednesday afternoon to a tough team from WPI. Ken Shull '84 took the 142-lb weight class, and Dave "Bongo" Cinquegrana '85 in his first start ever as an Engineer was first in the 134-lb. The squad's record goes to 9-7. Shull will represent MIT at the Division III vs. Division I all-

star meet at Springfield college Sunday. Shull, the defending

New England Division III cham-

pion at 134 pounds, has posted a 14-1 record with seven pins this season in the 142-lb class. Sun-

day's start will be his first at 134 pounds this season.

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"tamer strode ahead of him. As he started down the stretch, he quickened his stride into a sprint. On him, that last fifty-five meters seemed like fifty-five miles as the finish line vanished into infinity.

As he approached the end of the Race, his Competitor overtook the lead and beat him to the finish. In his mind's eye, he watched himself pick up the starting pistol lying on the ground near the finish line, shoot, and kill his Competitor. The lifeless form collapsed onto the ground like a deflated doll, and the crowd cheered excitedly. But the silence was deafening as the cheering suddenly stopped. He saw to his horror that the Competitor was slowly rising to its feet, still wearing that impossible-wide grin. In his last fading thoughts, he imagined that he had cheated and won, but, as in countless races before this, Death had triumphed again.

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weekend preview

Once again the weekend is full of opportunities for you to go out and support your favorite (or least distasted) team. Here are the highlights:

Today there is absolutely nothing scheduled here at MIT. The track team, however, will be represented at the Greater Bostons at Harvard. Why not pay a visit to the home of the Crimson?

Tomorrow, on the other hand, will be rather busy. Pistol starts the day at 9am taking aim at one of the best teams in the nation -- The Air Force. At noon, both fencing teams will be out to overtake opposite teams from Holy Cross and Hunter.

At 2pm you will have the make a choice. Your raquet buffs may want to watch squash take a walk at Columbia. Those of you who are stuck on loop can see the improved (-3) last month after an 86-starts men's basketball team try to dunk Amherst. The rest of you can catch the hockey team checking in against WPI -- the "other" Engineers.

Finally, in the evening, the powers that be have graciously scheduled nothing in order to give everyone time to go out and celebrate the day's victories.

Sunday is given as a day of rest from Saturday's activities. Any diehard sports fans or anyone who didn't go out celebrating the night before can witness the women's fencing squad as they carve up Brandes and Fairleigh-Dickinson at 11am.

Monday you can see more exciting action as squash returns to the courts against Harvard at 4pm. At 7pm, men's basketball returns to a different kind of court to take on Gordon.

So, get out there. Some of these teams would appreciate having more home fans show up than visiting fans.

Martin Dickau
The ultimate Competitor

He stood on the starting strip, waiting with an outward calm, but with his eyes intent on the teammate who was running the track at the moment. He saw the runner through a smoke, gray-tinted haze, and he realized that the mist existed only in his mind, perhaps a product of his overly intense concentration. He shook his head, and the mist was gone. But it was hard to relax as his teammate sprinted down the stretch, rapidly approaching him.

Immediately behind that constantly expanding form, he saw another, an infinitely more ominous shape. That, he realized, was a Competitor, running right on the heels of his teammate. To his annoyance, the existence of another Competitor on the starting strip next to him intruded upon his already oppressed senses by jumping up and down, rattling those somewhat noisy running shoes on the atomically polyurethane surface of the track, and by forever wearing a wide, taunting grin on a mouth that seemed to have been stretched and fixed in place by safety pins. He shuddered at the sight and turned his concentration back to the running form of his teammate, and most of all, to the yellow baton that was so significant to the Race, with the color constantly weaving wonderful patterns in his eyes and mind. He began to move down the strip slowly, letting his teammate catch up with him. He took the baton and ran, starting moderately fast and with the usual long stride as the air whistled past his ears. His Competitor had also started, running to the right and immediately behind him with an impossibly steady stride. He looked over his shoulder, intending to assess the amount of his very slim lead. Once again, he saw that sickly smirk, projecting its power into his psyche, attempting to dominate it. He ignored it and kept on running.

For three laps now, he had led the Race, and the Competitor did not make a single move to overtake the lead, simply staying back within easy striking distance. But now the situation was changing. The Competitor effortlessly moved up next to him and taunted him with that same smile. He strove to retain the lead, but the

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