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hold on by a string or left loose strands of metal tips in the bar. Under content rules, victory went to a contestant whose machine did not slip in the bar, with the machine tipping in favor of the contestant. The second round was a run, explained Flowers, who noted that the judges would not use the same setup, although one student was going against the flow. Flowers also pointed out that the panels would not be able to determine if the machine were going against the flow. The judges are in a second competition, from which they are allowed to damage, their efforts are going to be a runoff did not show up, his opponent's device did not win automatically, but instead was determined against the placebo, a substitute machine kept on hand by contest organizers. "You've got to make a meaningful comparison," announced Flowers, who noted that the machines primarily from identical kits of materials, with allowances for such extra costs as glue, tape, and paint. No two points on the machine could be more than eight inches apart at the start of each heat, and the maximum allowable mass was two kilograms. Companies donating materials for the kits included AMP Corporation, Cordel Engineering, Curving Medical, General Motors, Graphics Science, Julius Koch Incorporated, Polaroid Corporation, and Volvo Spring Company.

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strategies "exciting." He said that the contest provides students with one of the biggest challenges to fail that will ever be seen and that the class is aimed at encouraging creativity.

Among the lessons to be learned from the contest, said Flowers, are that nature applies all of its rules all of the time and that just because something can be designed on paper does not mean that it will work when it is built. He said that the content is meant to be a microcosm of real design experience.

Flowers also stressed that he is one of twelve members of the 2.70 staff who contribute equally to the class. He said his being the one pushing buttons means he is "the one to worry more and the one to take fault" if something goes wrong. Students presented Flowers with a bottle of Jim Beam whiskey after the event. Serving as judges were Joshua Hoyt '96, Mark Tanquary, Lisa Wood '90, and Dana Verger D.

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