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Better Balsa

WEIGHT, WEIGHT . . . : Chris Koo '19 reacts after a balsa wood structure designed by his engineering team collapses. Students in a mechanical engineering class last fall taught by Chris Muir, an associate professor of mechanical engineering, were challenged to build structures from balsa wood in a competition to test which team's project could withstand the most weight. **PHOTOGRAPH BY J. ADAM FENSTER**