Astronaut James Lovell, Jr., addresses Institute community

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President Howard Johnson greets Astronaut James Lovell Jr.

President of the MIT community yesterday in a series of addresses and seminars, astronaut James Lovell Jr., former Apollo 13 pilot, appeared on the MIT campus, congratulating them on the performance of the Apollo navigation and guidance systems which were developed at the Lab. He then joined Christopher C. Kraft, NASA's director of flight operations at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, and Robert E. Scalapino, Director of Research and Development, and Navigation Division at the Center, at a press conference in the McComb Lounge. Lovell described the navigation system as a "man-machine integrated team" and said that it is a necessary part of the type of space vehicle that will be created in the future.

A convocation in Kresge followed the press conference. President Johnson introduced Dr. C. S. Draper, Head of the Instrumentation Lab, and David Hoag, Associate Director of the Lab, who explained the Lab's involvement with Apollo and described the navigation, guidance, and control systems which worked to do their job. Draper invited that taking technological challenges is necessarily a team sport, "if you don't make it, nobody's going to give you a dinner of sympathy." Johnson then introduced Lovell, who then thanked those who by his side, and appended the movie with a slide show of the Apollo missions.

The SACC has begun a drive to encourage students to participate in the MIT community by offering them opportunities to discuss their interests and concerns. On Wednesday afternoon, about 80 students met in the Dowling Library to discuss the possibility of forming a dormitory council. The meeting was called by Robert Gardiner, head of the Guidance Center, and Kenneth H. Wadleigh noted that the initial period following the Apollo mission will be higher than ever before, and that the experience of Apollo 8, his third space flight, may prove feasible in the near future.

In addition to excellent specialized training, an adequate number of employment opportunities exist to attract competent students into urban affairs.

The 1968 Housing Act represented a major commitment by the federal government to the community and public housing by placing a $10 billion trust fund for housing. In 1969, the MIT dormitory was $15 million in new housing started, despite the proving house. The drop was due in part to the restriction of credit.

An organized opposition to the March 4 strike has grown, as a result of a student organization called the Institute Dormitory Council, which has been meeting in the lobby of the Armony on registration day. A group of graduate students, mostly from Ashdown House, has started a "petition drive" to protest the increase in living costs. They feel that the public is not being given the strike is held for students at the Institute on registration day. The students are protesting the increase in living costs, which has been caused by the increase in the cost of living and the increase in the cost of dormitory operation. The students are demanding that the MIT community be involved in the decision-making process.

The SACC is working on a number of projects to improve the student life at the Institute. One of the largest is the "Dormcon," which is a student-run newspaper that covers all aspects of student life at the Institute. The SACC has also been working on the "Dorm公约," which is a set of rules and regulations that are followed by the students in the dormitories.

In addition to the "Dorm公约," the SACC is also working on a "Dorm Budget," which is a plan to increase the amount of money that is available for the students to use. The SACC is also working on a "Dorm Council," which is a group of students who are elected by the students to represent the students in the decision-making process.

Several announcements were made at the meeting. Senator George McGovern will be unable to participate as planned, but other speakers are still expected. Several dates are being organized at many other universities, among them Yale, Cornell, Minnesota, and Yeshiva.

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