A rumor of possible student protests at the Wednesday faculty meeting caused the appearance of a large crowd surrounding the plain-clothes campus policeman. Although this is fact is unconfirmed (for obvious reasons), it points to a danger sign, simply because there really were plans for a demonstration of one sort or another.

To us, this points up one simple fact: there has been a breakdown (or, more accurately, lack of use) of the existing communications channels between the students and the administration. The planners of this move were relatively prominent individuals; therefore, it cannot honestly be said that they were unaware of the protests available for talking to the two groups in question.

One proposal to reorganize Inscomm is being thought of by a committee from the faculty administration group. This part of the proposal met with more approval than anything else brought up at the last meeting. The first step, we hope, the faculty will respond in kind by seeing fit to open faculty meetings next fall.

The close of the spring semester is an appropriate time for an evaluation of the first term of MIT's first coed UAP. A careful analysis of her record to date reveals that Maria Kivinski has done much of what her supporters hoped she would do; at the same time, she has done much of what her opponents warned she would do.

There can be no question that student government under Maria is more talked about, and participated in than it has been at any time in recent years. She has made a major effort to get more people involved in Inscomm. This has occasionally backfired, with meetings becoming sessions for the few students unknown to Inscomm members, but her intentions are clear. The massive increase in participation which Maria contended would materialize if only the "student politicians" were ousted and committee membership made more open has not occurred either, though there has been some increase in participation and the base of students from which Inscomm draws its members has been somewhat broader.

Maria’s other efforts to increase communication through luncheon get-togethers, pleas for Inscomm attendance by non-members, and meetings in living groups have been extensive. Here efforts to get room 10-186 for a combination office-lounge-perpetual Grip Week center and vases to catch the rain coming through the ceiling. Similarly, top floor of each tower has complained of leaks, and there are occasional strange noises going on the School of the Old Tower. Clearly, everyone in the Old Tower had to go to the saw and elbow, since there was no water. One girl had this to say: "I hate the thick-and-thin fogging of one's feet freezing and the stairs leading down. Meanwhile, the inscrutable hag persist.

Common Council: The most annoying aspect of the compulsory Common Council is that members themselves to the "New Tower." On the first day of term, Maria’s efforts to have the stairs cleared by the winter, another said that the vases pointed upwards, each one was the frequency of her "second" bedroom's feet freezing on one's head hot.

Guidelines to winning a Compton

The following guidelines are published as a service to aspiring underclassmen desirous of becoming Compton Award winners. They should, at the bare minimum, prove useful.

1. Never offend any member of the faculty or administration.
2. Be a member of the members of the Faculty Committee on Student Environment.
3. Get involved in some student activities; government is acceptable; drama and music is better; the Social Service Committee is a guarantee. Perform projects that are something worthwhile, but not so difficult that they prevent any actual challenge; make sure you can complete them by any deadlines set.
4. If it proves impossible to meet the Faculty Committee, try the Boston Stein Club, there is a chance that they may be able to help you.
5. It helps to be a coed—however, that may be difficult for the majority of the student population to handle. Indeed, all do, not, under any circumstances, pay any attention to what the student body or student leaders have to say about your work—their opinion is entirely irrelevant to your goal.

Insurance poll

A few weeks ago, the local group which used to call itself the Young Americans for Freedom conducted a student poll regarding compulsory medical insurance. It is difficult to speculate as to their motives in doing this, but other polls of the same stripe have shown that the majority of students do not like the compulsory insurance plan now in effect at MIT.

This being the last issue of the year, we tried to obtain the results of that poll, held in excess of two weeks ago. We were informed by the past president of the group that the results had been compiled, but that we would not have access to them.

We raise several interesting questions. If, in fact, the tabulation reveals that MIT students do not want medical insurance to be compulsory, what is to be obtained from the roll poll results? In fact, the opposite should be the case, since it is unlikely that the administration would react without concern to a student petition. However, we can only conclude that the poll results were advocates with what was expected, and revealed that most students do not mind paying for the insurance.

We can only condemn the group's action in this matter as being the most blatant case of managed news this campus has witnessed for some time. We hope the leaders of the group will see the error of their ways and allow us to publish the results of the poll next fall.

Graduates at plant houses, fringe benefits are limited in short order and full force—infinitely ex-