This winter has been the worst to hit Boston in over a decade. The Charles froze hard and more than two feet of snow blanketed the ground for weeks. The sidewalks and streets were little different. Most of the city's walkways were covered with several inches of ice for most of January and traffic moved at a crawl.

IM Hockey has the largest participation ever. Though games were sometimes played in blizzards, or in 5 degree temperatures, the B' and C' League teams finished their seasons early this month and playoffs are presently being held for both. Despite the fact that "C' League has no had playoffs for several years, all is going smoothly. IM Basketball also flourished. On the intercollegiate level, MIT teams faced well as a whole. Hockey has already clinched its first winning season since the early sixties led by sophomores Frank Richardson and Rich Okine, junior Reid von Borstel, and freshman Jim Turlo deserve special note.

Men's Basketball has also had a strong season so far despite their sub .500 (7-10) record. The team has excellent depth this year as evidenced by the fact that all five starters scored in double figures in a recent win against Clark. Of course everyone didn't participate in formal sports. With the prolonged sub-freezing temperatures, people could often be seen skating and playing hockey on the Charles. Skiing was also popular this winter. Unlike the West, which has experienced a snow drought of catastrophic proportions, the Massachusets and Vermont slopes have had countless tons of light, crystalline powder drift onto their slopes. It has been a good year both for them and the skiers.

Finally, there were those who just enjoyed the snow, like the kid on the following page examining the cold sparkling ice crystals gleaming in the bright sun.

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