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A Human Sieve's demise

The most horrible of fates befell our C-League intramural hockey team last spring: our goalie graduated and left no one to fill his skates. We desperately sought a replacement.

We soon found that, for some totally unfathomable reason, most people are unwilling to don pads and interpose themselves between a net and a puck traveling at speeds approaching 100 mph.

Duerod, a gung-ho Navy ROTC type, bravely volunteered to serve in our opening game. He had never played in goal before and wanted to try it. He didn't like it, so the Great Goalie Hunt resumed.

Enter the Human Sieve. He hardly knew how to skate, but he stepped on the chest protector and leg pads and wobbled his way out to his position between the pipes.

We began to suspect his goaltending abilities when he failed to stop any warm-up shots — hardly a good omen. Our worst fears were realized when our opponents' first shot on goal found its way into the net. The Human Sieve was born.

I cannot remember how many other such goals were scored that game, but the number was fairly substantial. Ever so, the team lavished its encouragement on the Sieve, knowing full well that no other netminder could be found.

The Athletic Center rink resounded with cries of "Alright! The Human Sieve!" at our third game, as HS faithfully, and perhaps a bit foolhardily, returned to the nets. This time he allowed only four goals and, to our delightful surprise, managed to make a few saves.

weekend preview

Frisbee — The MIT Frisbee Club will be in action on the second floor of the Athletic Center tomorrow. Brandeis will provide the opposition in the ultimate frisbee game scheduled to start at noon. An athletic card is not required for admission.

Fencing — The women's fencing team will be at Holy Cross Sunday for the New England Fencing Championships. The squad placed fifth in last weekend's Northeast Regionals.

Swimming — Anne Tulintseff '83, Lori Blackwelder '86, and Marie Issa '86 are at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton, Ohio this weekend for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Swimming Championships. Tulintseff is competing in one-meter diving; Blackwelder, who won the three-meter diving competition at the New England Championships, is in both the one- and three-meter events; and Issa is in the 50- and 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard individual medley.