

Magda Moursi certainly knows her scents. She can explain how the sandalwood tree functions as a parasite, how Captain Cook's Australian settlers used the leaves of the "teatree" in lieu of traditional tea and the characteristics attributed to the various oils. You see, those are all part of the work Moursi does. Find out her aromatic work on Page 8D.

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Shins are an easy moving target for slashing sticks when the floor hockey action gets fast and furious.

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court supervisor

Even the helmetless student officials who are enclosed with eight stick-swinging players, find the action amusing.

"We just try to keep the action going as fast as we can," said student official Jeff Thomas, 18, of Farmington. "There's never a dull moment."

That's for sure. Take the time an official named "Bob" got popped with a high stick.

"You could hear it CRACK all the way across the hall," said Vocke. "Bob had his nose broken, and wasn't even going to kick the guy out of the game until he said the magic word."

Besides blatant high sticking and excessive rough play, the only thing Vocke and his officials do not tolerate is swearing.

"I just eject them from the game and tell them how it will be from now on," said student official Domenic Serra, 18, of Creswell.

EMU's FLOOR hockey penalty system works on the same concept as the soccer red and yellow card system. For fighting or very abusive language, the guilty party is given a red card and suspended for a game. The yellow card is for slight official slander . . . two yellows equal one red.

Guys are getting cut up and loving it. Even the guy who wears the most padding, the goalie, gets his share of welts.

"I get it around the wrists," said Pat Boyle, 19, of Redford. "When I smother the puck with my gloves, guys always try to chop it out."

Of the 32 teams that participate in the floor hockey program, they're split up into the residence, independent and fraternity leagues. A women's league and co-rec league are offered, but "nobody shows up," Vocke said. And the most unruly of all the leagues is the frat league.

"They bring all their people (and they have to pack them like sardines in a small room at one end of the court to watch)," Vocke said. "And when a scrape breaks out, the next thing you know, there's 30 guys piling out of the stands to join in. And the frat guys are the biggest complainers, too. They're like talking to a 5-year-old when they're mad."

It's fast, furious and sometimes bloody. And they love their floor hockey at EMU.

Wall-to-wall Floor hockey: It's fast and furious at EMU

By Pat Schulte
staff writer

Take a rectangular utility gym with rounded corners, throw in some lumber, a puck and a bunch of savage college kids and you have the ingredients for a furious intramural activity that pits student against student in a battle of aggression release.

Floor hockey is one of the most popular and definitely the rowdiest intramural sport at Eastern Michigan University. It's expected. At the team managers meeting, Tom Vocke, the court supervisor, said, "If you want a non-contact sport, try modern dance."

Certain steps are taken, though,

to throttle the aggression and ensure player safety. First off, all players must wear a helmet. And two student officials watch over the action, calling penalties just like a National Hockey League official would.

"We allow checking, but you can't put somebody's imprint on the cement walls," said Vocke.

Still, as in any contact sport, the occasional fisticuffs break out.

"Shoves lead to dropped gloves and we tell players just to stand back and watch," Vocke said.

EMU doesn't have an intramural ice hockey program, so many of the students there with an ice hockey background show up for floor hockey. The new ones are surprised at

the fierce action of floor hockey.

"IT'S A LOT tougher than I thought it would be," said Derek Delacourt, 18, of Westland. "It's a lot more choppy (stick swinging) and the puck tends to bounce a lot more. Also, there's not a high price on passing."

The scoring average is considerably higher than an NHL game, sounding more like a football game. And with NHL-sized goals, a no mercy rule and three eight-minute periods, a good team can beat a lousy team by 20-30 goals.

The utility gym that the games are held in looks as if it was made specifically for floor hockey. About 80 feet long and 30 feet wide, the

rectangular room features rounded corners to keep the puck traveling easier.

The puck itself is a light, hollow plastic version of a regulation puck that "leaves welts but doesn't break bones," said Vocke.

"The old puck we used had iron pellets in it . . . one broke a goalie's nose right through his mask," he said.

The sticks are required to have a plastic blade attached to where the wooden blade used to be. This protects the players from splinters, yet lends itself to the sport like a scalpel to a surgeon.

Injuries are at a premium and the players accept it.

"Last year we had a wide variety

of cuts and stitches," said Vocke. "The worst happened in a fight when one punch opened a guy up for 18 stitches."

BUT A MAJORITY of the bloodshed happens below the shins.

"If they want to slash and take chunks out of each other's shins, that's fine," Vocke said. "We just tell them to keep the sticks down."

"It gets a little out of hand," said Brian Harlow, 18, of Westland, whose shins were dripping blood after the game. "They dropped the puck and this 'back' (an inexperienced player who just runs around swinging his stick at anything) cracked me right across the shin."

Sounds wild, doesn't it? Sure.

'Designing' shoppers find best for less

By Charlene Mitchell
special writer

Gone are the days when resale clothing shops catered mainly to mothers looking for inexpensive outfits for their kids or previously owned maternity wear.

The sale of used clothing has come out of the closet. Forget the neighborhood garage sale. It's out in the open and attracting buyers whose incomes allow them to afford higher prices, but prefer to save.

The latest addition to the resale business scene is Encore Encore in Farmington. While most resale shops locate in free standing buildings, Encore Encore has opted for a mall, which automatically attracts other shoppers who may not have an interest in shopping in a resale store.

"People's attitudes about resale shops have changed," said owner

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One thing that is drastically different about the resale stores of the '80s is that the merchandise is practically new in most instances and a peek at the designer labels lets you know immediately that these duds came from some pretty high class closets.

"We have some spectacular evening dresses that cost anywhere from \$300 to \$1,000 when they were purchased new and we're sell-

ing them from \$85 to \$150," said Griffin as she carefully arranges the silks, chiffons and sequined pieces on the rack inside the store.

A TWO-PIECE Calvin Klein pantsuit was one of the first ensembles scooped up by a Livonia resident. Perfect for her college-bound daughter, the camel colored wool suit was marked \$68.50, about \$250 less than when it was new.

The Saks Fifth Avenue, Stanley Blacker, Missoni, Yves Saint Laurent, Gucci and Vitallini labels are

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Encore Encore sales consultant Mary Schlembach straightens up a rack of special occasion dresses situated near the front of the shop.