

Anatomy is bible for dance teacher

By MICHELE BYRNE

Prospective dancing teachers should have to pass exams in anatomy before they are allowed to teach, according to Aviva Marsh-Marchinski.

"My bible is my anatomy and physiology book," said Aviva, a former pro-

fessional dancer and a dancing teacher.

She was, until recently, a remedial dancing teacher to hostel children of the Blind Institute and the Victorian School for the Deaf.

Those children have moved on and Aviva now hopes to work with asthmatic children.

She suffered from asthma herself as a child — "Mum took me to ballet lessons and they worked," said Aviva who has taught asthmatic children in Adelaide.

She outlined her dance programme for asthmatic children: "I would bluff them by making them pretend they were hedgehogs and curl up into a little ball and then tell them to stretch up and be trees or giraffes. That way they learn to create as well as breathing in and out."

With blind and deaf children her approach had to be totally different.

"Those blind from birth have never seen what is

beyond their hand," Aviva said.

She is proud of the fact that she has one such girl doing a dance step up and down the hall without putting her hand out to feel her way.

"With the deaf I try to keep away from sign language and so have to do it all by motion which makes it harder work physically for me," Aviva said.

She believes that once deaf people grasp the feeling of rhythm they become more graceful in their movements.

"People should become aware of their muscles and ligaments, and when and why they work.

"Once they feel them working and understand why they are, then they can create their own movements," Aviva said.

She is now looking for a hall in which to teach. Other people she helps are those with inhibitions or physical malformations such as crooked feet and people who just want to learn to dance.



Aviva Marsh-Marchinski, "My Bible is my anatomy and physiology book."



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Book to help women

By BARBARA HOOKS

To mark International Women's Year, the National Youth Council of Australia will produce a book for young working women and girls preparing to leave school.

Mr. Geoffrey Gold, publications director for the council, said yesterday the book, financed by a \$10,000 grant from the National Advisory Committee for IWY, would be published at the end of August.

A team of 12, comprising teachers, students, youth workers, young mothers and working girls aged between 18 and 28 is compiling the material for the book, titled

Young Women in Australian Society.

"It is mainly aimed at girls who leave school to go into any old job," Mr. Gold said.

"It looks at the special problems they encounter in this area — for example lack of equal pay and opportunity in their own industry — as well as the problems they have as women."

The contributors will also examine the general social condition of women, sexuality, women's health and the roles society provides for women.

Mr. Gold said the book did not provide the answers to specific problems — only

possible ways to change a situation if the reader identified himself with any of those described.

Young Women in Australian Society will also report on areas where women and young women have been able to change their employment environment and conditions. It will give a bibliography of useful texts and literature on women's subjects.

The team has compiled a nation-wide list of agencies and groups young women might need or would find helpful to join.

Although the book is mainly concerned with young working women, Mr. Gold believes it will also give girls about to leave school an idea of the situations they may encounter in the work force.

"I am confident that the material will be useful and interesting to older women as well," Mr. Gold said.

The National Youth Council, he said, has wanted to produce a series of publications which not only deal with young people's problems but can also be used by them.

The book, which relies heavily on visual material, will be available through educational authorities, employers and unions as well as the council's affiliated organisations.

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Fair go for fair sex

WASHINGTON, May 20. — Opening of the three U.S. military academies to women was approved by the House of Representatives 303 to 96 on Tuesday amid objections that it would be the first step toward putting women into combat.

Opponents of the plan said they would not vote to send women into combat, and the training at West Point, Annapolis and the Air Force Academy would be a waste.

But backers of the plan said women should get the

same military and leadership training as men.

One noted that the action did not change the current law prohibiting women from serving in combat.

Representative Larry McDonald, a Georgia Democrat, said the plan was "unsound from both the physiologic and national security point of view."

He asked how a woman could serve the required five years as an officer if she were pregnant three times and perhaps chose to breast-feed her children.

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