



Fairness and free market education

(RNR/CUP) — American colleges may be turning to demand-side economics to solve their financial problems by charging more for courses that are in greater demand.

Under a program being considered by Indiana University, students enrolled in the most popular majors, such as engineering or biology, would pay more than those majoring in less popular areas, like English or the humanities.

Indiana University vice-president Kenneth Gros-Louis says it's just an idea, but could become a reality if the school can find a way to guarantee financial aid so students aren't frozen out of a major because of money.

But the idea has its detractors, including Michael Berrier of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. No matter how hard the schools try to be fair, Berrier says, free market education will discriminate against poor students.



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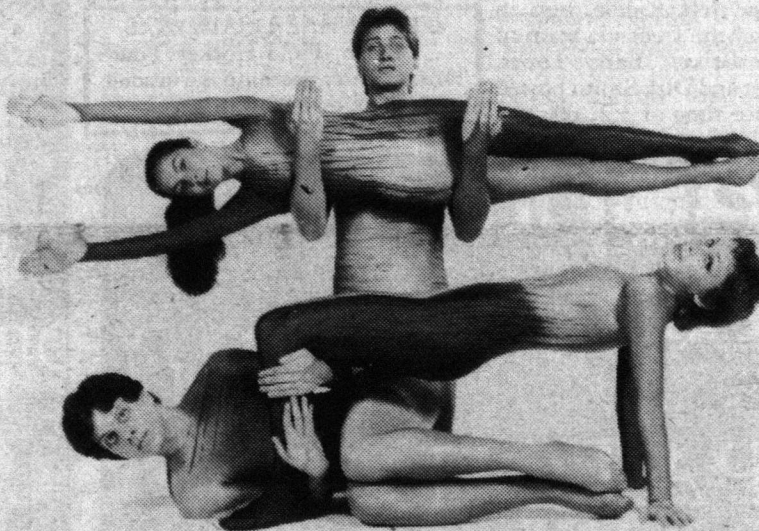
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