

OU counseling workshop takes lighter approach

Laugh at yourself. That's the word to counselors from an Oakland University Continuum Center program.

"Having a Good Laugh at Our- selves" is offered 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at the center.

The program examines story lines, character development and hidden resources in each individual. These concepts will be meshed

with Gestalt therapy, transactional analysis, structural and strategic family therapy and neuro-linguistic programming.

Fee is \$50. MasterCard and VISA are accepted. Six National Certified Counselor Credits are available.

Participants are required to register before Wednesday, Sept. 23. To register, or for additional information, call 370-3033.

They're singin' and dancin' at OU

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW
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Oakland University's department of music, theater and dance has added a new major program but had to wipe out a bunch of others in order to afford it.

The new major is a catch-all that combines studies in musical theater, regular theater and dance, said David Daniels, the department's chief adviser and spokesman. Students may still specialize in favorite study areas, but the new major lets them learn all the other areas, too.

Although eight graduate and undergraduate major programs were cut to make a hole for the new program, the current recession had lit-

tle to do with it, Daniels said. Conceived in the mid 1980s, this consolidation of curriculum was carried out partly in response to changing student demands and partly because reduced state aid was expected, Daniels said.

"We were very conscious that the next few years were going to be lean ones," he said. "It just looked like we needed to find a way to get leaner and meaner, as they say."

On the other hand, declining enrollment in the canceled major programs convinced officials that continuing to offer them was a waste of time.

Although the new major program begins with the impending fall se-

master, the forsaken majors were axed two years ago.

Why the delay? Oakland's bureaucracy is mostly to blame, Daniels said. "It just takes forever for (new majors) to get through the hierarchy around here. We've been trying to get this major approved for years and years and years."

Also, over the last few years the department of music, theater and dance got a new chairman, the college of arts and sciences got a new dean, and the university hired a new president. Those changes likewise had much to do with the delay, according to David Downing, assistant dean of the college of arts and sciences.

While one might get the idea from all this that the department of music, theater and dance is shrinking, Downing said that's not true. "Enrollments have been strong and, in fact growing," he said.

Daniels said there are about 100 undergraduate students in the department and 50 students working on master's degrees.

The majors that were cut two years ago to make way for the new major are: bachelor's programs in organ performance, orchestral instruments performance, guitar performance, theory of music, jazz and commercial music, and master's programs in instrumental performance, jazz and Off Pedagogy.

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