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OUAA sponsors events for young alumni

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Oftentimes, young college graduates become disconnected from their alma mater as they pursue careers or start families. To help Oakland University alumni maintain their connections to the university, the **OU Alumni Association** is planning a series of events for young graduates.

"We'd like to schedule some social and service events over the next year around things that people in their 20's or early 30's like to do," said Jamie Simek, assistant director of alumni relations. "We're trying to help them stay connected. People in that age bracket are oftentimes balancing a career and children but would like some activities to participate in. We'd like to let them know that we're here for them, and also inspire them to support the OUAA."

The first event, which quickly filled up, is a dinner/concert package for Jewell's upcoming performance at **Meadow Brook Music Festival** on July 3. OUAA staff plan on organizing a young alumni group to take part in the 2002 Metro Detroit American Heart Walk, which will take place on the OU campus this fall. Other events currently being organized are a comedy club outing, an evening at a dinner-theatre, a weekend trip to a dude ranch, and various service opportunities.

"We'd like to have an event every few months," Simek said. "We'd like to compile a list of interested alumni so we can inform them of events through mailings and will post event announcements on our Web site. Anyone who wants to get information can call us and be added to our list. These kinds of events are great because it gives people a chance to meet others they didn't meet on campus."

For more information on upcoming young alumni events and to be added to the mailing list, contact Jamie Simek at (248) 370-3700, ext. 1113, or e-mail her at ruark@oakland.edu. For information on becoming an alumni association member, visit the **Alumni** Web site.

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