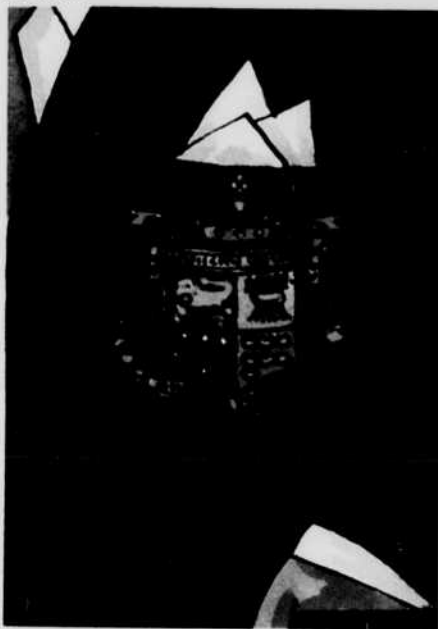


And just what does Lucas get out of his continued involvement with his alma mater? "Believe it or not, a lot," he admits. "I love being involved in the recruiting efforts, and speaking to high school kids, or to some of our younger students. You know, I'm not that much older than they are, so maybe they can relate to me a little better. I'm not some 50-year-old remembering his college days. I'm relatively young and I think I can communicate better with the prospectives and tell them what a good school Michigan is, and what a good education they can get here. It's worth the effort if I can get one person to come to school here."

Groucho Marx, who had something quotable to say about almost everything, once said he refused to join any club or organization that would have him as a member. A funny guy, that Groucho Marx, but someone who wouldn't get very far as a young professional today, at least not with that kind of attitude.

- **Actively pursue your interests.** There is a club or organization for almost everything on most college campuses (for students with interests ranging from quilting to juggling to frisbee golf), but you'll have to work hard after graduation if you want to find others who enjoy your pursuits. You'll find them, don't worry, but you'll have to look for them.
- **Don't be afraid to join a church or temple social group,** to help you meet new people

- **Plan your leisure time carefully.** If you don't schedule time to pursue your hobbies and interests, they'll likely go unpursued. Mark roadways for your bicycle touring group, take hang-gliding lessons, or learn to cook, but do it with others and do it on schedule. Make your interests routine or you'll likely lose interest.



- Follow the leadership. Do some fact-finding on the folks at the top of the organization you seek to join. Elected leaders should be responsive to members' needs and concerns, and some form of democratic decision-making process should be in place. If you don't like what you see, don't join.
- Membership in certain groups can often entitle you to deep discounts at related events and functions. A local museum society, for example, might get a break on ballet tickets, or a local boys' club association might offer reduced ticket prices to a ball game. There is always something to be said for fringe benefits.
- Attend meetings or functions before you sign on. You'd take a new car out for a test drive, or try on a new coat. The same rules apply. If the shoes don't fit, don't wear them.
- Don't expect too much, too soon. You'll be hard-pressed to find the single-mindedness of spirit and purpose of most college students duplicated off-campus. As people's lives change, so does their degree of commitment. Don't be surprised or disappointed if your enthusiasm for a club event or goal is not matched by other club members.
- When in doubt, join. If things don't work out the way you'd hoped, you can always pack up your troubles and move on.

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