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Profile: Marvin J. Carver III '75

## GOD FIRST, FAMILY SECOND AND EPSILON CHAPTER IS THIRD

**I** could go on continuously about what Phi Gamma Delta has done for me, but suffice it to say that, after God and family, this great fraternity and Epsilon chapter are very much a part of my life to this day."

That's how Marvin J. Carver III '75 feels about the fraternity, which has remained an integral part since he graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor of arts degree in history in 1975.

"Rarely a day goes by that my chapter brother and fellow Merrill Lynch broker, Jim Sessoms '76, do not go to lunch and share stories about the good old days at Epsilon," he said.

Marvin, now first vice president with Merrill Lynch in Durham, N.C., has been with the company for 25 years. He has served mostly in the retail sales side of the business and is a senior member of a three-person team.

He and his wife, Debbie, recently celebrated their 20th anniversary.

"I am indebted to a great Phi Gam friend, Larry Caison '77, for introducing me to the girl of my dreams," Marvin said. The couple has two children, Marvin J. "Jeff" Carver IV, born in 1994, and Margaret Barrett Carver, born in 1990.

Favorite memories of his fraternity days include roadtrips with Pop Cashion '63 to Charleston; and going to away football games with Hunter Davis '77, Tim Gibbon '74, Charles "The Other Half" Young '77 and Jim Sessoms. He also enjoyed going to stock-car races at Darlington with Billy Worsham '75, Ed Peele '77 and David Beach '76. In fact, Marvin's old nickname was NASCARver, because he often went to stock-car races at Daytona, Charlotte and Martinsville. "I would never let a race compete with my study schedule," he said.

He also had great fun at beach weekends, and, of course, Fiji Island. He has particularly fond memories of Pig Dinner, when many Epsilon graduate brothers would come back to reiterate that "Phi Gamma Delta is not for college days alone."

Marvin first joined the fraternity because seniors like Fred Dula '72 and David Joyner '72, along with Ted Griffin, a good friend from Durham, made him recognize the chapter's genuine desire to have him join Phi Gamma Delta.

"They really got to know me as someone who could benefit from what Epsilon chapter could do to help an undergraduate grow up," he said. "They also saw the attributes I could bring to the chapter."

As an undergraduate, his roommates included Buck "Gums" Buckman '75 during sophomore year, whom Marvin describes as "one of my best buddies and pledge brother." During junior year, his roommates were Billy Worsham and Kevin Easley, a social affiliate and brother of Mike Easley '72.

From his time of rooming with Buck, Marvin says, "The event that stands out most prominent was an early Sunday phone call from Buck to come pick him up to go and get his car from where he had 'parked' it off the highway between two

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### '40s and '50s Reunion

## BROTHERS RECALL HOUSE MOTHERS, BIG BANDS

**I**n May more than 30 Epsilon chapter brothers from eastern North Carolina gathered for a luncheon at the Greenville Country Club. Those in attendance included Ted Haigler '46, John Webb '50, Paul Bissette '47, Dave Tayloe '46, Billy Mayo '48, Ben Yelverton '51, Dick Greene '48, Dave Whichard '48, Jack Whichard '48, Bill Hedrick '51, Buddy Broughton '48, Bill Ellington '50, Billy Quarles '52 and Benny Walser '52.

The brothers had a good time renewing old acquaintances and reminiscing about their days in Chapel Hill.

"When we were in Chapel Hill," Jack Whichard recalled, "the fraternity had a house mother who lived in an apartment within the house. She oversaw the general appearance of the house and had fresh flowers there when they were available. She also acted as a chaperone whenever the fraternity members who lived in the house had girls over. Girls were only allowed on the main floor. I always enjoyed the formal dances, which were held several times during the year and were sponsored by the Interfraternity Council."

He adds that big-name bands such as those led by Harry James, Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey were among the entertainment at such events.

Be sure to attend the  
**NORRIS PIG DINNER — MARCH 2002**

Angus Barn

Watch your mail for more details!

Profile: John Beall '70  
**PHI GAM HELPING TO BUILD  
 BLOWING ROCK ARTS CENTER**

John Beall '70 and his wife, Josephine, will celebrate their 30th anniversary next June. The couple has three children. The oldest is daughter Cameron, 26, who graduated from the University of Georgia and has a master's degree in social work. She is employed by an independent adoption agency in Atlanta. The middle child is Caroline, 22, who also graduated from Georgia, receiving a degree in interior design. She works for a design firm in Charlotte. John and Josephine's youngest is Jonathan, 20, who is a sophomore at N.C. State. Jonathan is an SAE, and

two of his fraternity brothers are Thomas Nisbet and Gray Johnsey, whose fathers were Phi Gams who graduated in 1971. All three dads and their three sons had a great time at the recent SAE parents weekend in Raleigh.

John sold his oil business in Lenoir in 1998 to an electric cooperative. Shortly after that, he and Josephine moved to Blowing Rock. They recently moved into a new home they built there.

"We are truly enjoying life," says John. "I'm involved in several real estate development projects, as well as the capital campaign to build a commu-

nity arts center in Blowing Rock. We are also very active in the First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir."

Fellow Phi Gams with whom John keeps in regular contact include Scott Richardson '71, Rusty Carter '71, brother-in-law Bert Williams '72, Charlie Brindell '71, John Elmore '70, Tom Nisbet '72, Andy Heath '70, Chip Williamson '83 (who also lives in Blowing Rock), Charles Wilkins '65 and Gary Renegar '66.

John's nephew, Tram Williams, is currently a Phi Gam pledge.

## GOD FIRST, FAMILY SECOND...

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trees, only to find later that the highway patrol had towed it away."

As an undergraduate, Marvin served the chapter for two years as rush chairman and one year as corresponding secretary. He was also active with the Young Republicans.

Later, he served for two years as assistant executive secretary of the international fraternity in 1976-78, as chief of Section VII from 1979 to 1990, and as house corporation president of Epsilon chapter. Marvin sat on the financial advisory board in 1994-98 and on the fraternity's board of trustees for two years. He was elected archon treasurer in 1998 by the 150th Ekklesia. He is now archon secretary of the Phi Gamma Delta International Fraternity, and will soon complete his four-year term.

In other activities, he is the former president of the Southwest Durham Rotary Club, is on the executive committee of the UNC Educational Foundation, and is a member of the board of visitors of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center at UNC Hospitals. He is also on the board of trustees and administrative board of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Marvin remains in regular contact with Jim Sessoms, Buck Buckman, Frank Pierce, Larry Caison '78 and Tom Niesbit. "I would love to hear from Tim Gibbons '74, and I miss the frequent meetings we used to have with Pop Cashion," he adds.

In his spare time, Marvin indulges a passion for electric trains. "I have an extensive electric train collection," he says. "I'm in the process of building a facility on my property to finally have the space to build and operate my electric trains. Lionel makes the large trains, and it is difficult to operate them without adequate space."

He also enjoys salt-water fishing and cultivating roses. In the future, he says, he is looking forward to slowing down a bit and devoting more of his time to the Epsilon chapter.

Of the current undergraduates, he says, "They still exemplify the high ideals that Epsilon has traditionally prided itself on. The chapter cherishes its position as the premier chapter on campus, and continues to strengthen its hold on all of eastern North Carolina's finest men."

However, he adds, he would like to see the chapter's recruitment be broadened to include men from other parts of the state as well as from out of state.

Finally, he believes that the Epsilon chapter, which is more than 150 years old, has much to teach others across the U.S.

"Our chapter does so many things well," he says. "Why not broadcast the goodwill this creates on campus? Why not share that with other Phi Gams across the country? Many other Phi Gamma Delta chapters at other campuses could learn a great deal from our chapter."

### EPSILON CHAPTER CABINET

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Profile: John Webb '50

## PHI GAM HONORED FOR SERVICE ON NORTH CAROLINA'S HIGH COURT

When you visit the Supreme Court of North Carolina, look for the portrait of your Fiji brother, John Webb '50. The painting by John's brother, and your brother, Arch Webb '50, is on permanent display in the Supreme Court. John Webb served as associate state supreme court justice from 1986 until his retirement in 1998.

John has had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer and jurist. After attending the University of North Carolina and graduating from the School of Law of Columbia University, he practiced in New York and North Carolina. He was appointed by Governor Robert W. Scott as a Superior Court judge

in 1971 and to the Court of Appeals in 1977 by Governor James B. Hunt Jr. In 1986, John was elected to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, where he served until his retirement in 1998.

John's interests and activities have not been limited to the field of law. He has a keen interest in all phases of athletics and is an avid booster of the athletic programs at UNC-Chapel Hill. As a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Wilson, N.C., he has taught the men's Bible class all his adult life and served on its board of deacons.

John and his wife, Carolyn, married in 1958 and raised two children. Their daughter, Caroline, and her husband have given them three grandchildren. Their son, Will, is



# Graduate News

**W. Lunsford Crew '38** (P.O. Box 160, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870) I enjoyed my 84th birthday on October 29 and am still practicing law. I still treasure my membership at the chapter from 1934-38. It is my recollection that 15 members of our pledge class of 16 graduated in 1938. My two older brothers, Ellis and Winfield Crew, and I enjoyed our membership in the fraternity. I am delighted to know that DKE, SAE and Sigma Nu still identify their location as being next to the Phi Gam house.

**Gip I. Kimball Jr. '42** (233 S. Canterbury Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211) I have reasonably good health for an 80-year-old man. We travel some and do yard work and enjoy life.

**William A. Creech '48** (1514 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, NC 27608) Emergency District Court judge for the State of North Carolina. **Dixie Greene '48** is to be congratulated for his organizing a reunion of eastern North Carolina Fijis in Greenville in July 2001.

**John C. Devore '49** (9222 Annhurst St., Fairfax, VA 22031) I have been on several cruises to the Caribbean and New England. The last cruise was out of New York, three days before the WTC attack! A fond memory: During my

pledge era, we had an egg fight on Franklin Street! We pledges had to clean several cars afterward!

**Walter A. Holt '49** (570 Rodes Dr., Charlottesville, VA 22903) I took an August trip to the Lewis & Clark celebration in Pierre, S.D.

**Carl N. Mathis Jr. '49** (314 Colonial Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403; jofomathis@aol.com) I retired on June 30, 2001.

**Harry G. Walker Jr. '49** (3627 Alamance Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609) I went to the last Pig Dinner with **Ted Haigler '46**, **Bob Broughton '48**, **Sanford Thompson '50** and **Bill Creech '48** — all old timers.

**William C. Brewer Jr. '53** (411 Winchester Dr., Greenville, NC 27858) Attorney with Speight, Watson & Brewer.

**R. Bryant Hare III '53** (4325 Gorman Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24503) I'm always happy to hear from my fraternity brothers!

**James E. Adams Jr. '54** (317 Jamaica Way, Niceville, FL 32578) I'm finally retired!

**Andrew H. Patterson '54** (14 Birchbrook Rd., Bronxville, NY 10708)

CEO of Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Co. Nothing really new. I'm still working full time, but with much more time to enjoy the Adirondacks and my grandchildren.

**Thomas E. Capps '58** (308 Long Ln., Richmond, VA 23221) Chairman and CEO of Dominion.

**George W. Boss '61** (2350 Lyndhurst Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27103; gwb39@aol.com) Commercial real estate broker with Crowder McChesney & Taylor.

**William C. Nelson '65** (3408 Centenary Ave., Dallas, TX 74225) Mortgage broker at Huntington Mortgage Inc.

**Donald B. Parrott '65** (1211 Sutton Dr., Kinston, NC 28501; dparrott@hartinsagency.com) Working in financial sales for Capital Investment Group/Evans & Associates.

**Michael F. Easley '72** (Executive Mansion, 200 N. Blount St., Raleigh, NC 27601) Governor of the State of North Carolina.

**John R. Goldfinch '72** (100 Fern Ln., Chapel Hill, NC 27514; johngoldfinch@morgankeegan.com) First vice president at Morgan Keegan.

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# More Graduate News

**R. Stevens Gravely '74** (462 Holly Glen Rd., Pittsboro, NC 27312; rstevveg@earthlink.net) Senior specialist at G.E. Capital Assurance. Classes of 1970-77: give a call (919-542-5543) or stop by for some country hospitality if you get to Chapel Hill.

**Andrew H. Weathersbee '74** (404 Moncure Dr., Charlotte, NC 28209; sweawgi@bellsouth.net) Vice president and partner in The Weatherspoon Group Inc.

**Ellis T. Alexander '75** (6275 Harrow Trace, Norcross, GA 30092; etalex@bellsouth.net) Management consultant with Alexander Consulting Co.

**Richard W. Heathcote '77** (3601 Drews Ct., Alexandria, VA 22309; rheathcote@zai-amelex.com) Senior program analyst at Zimmerman Associates.

**Robert W. Woronoff Jr. '82** (1010 Harvey St., Raleigh, NC 27608; bdsc@att.net) President of Benmot Publishing Co. Inc.

**N. Gee Smith III '84** (810 Waverly Rd., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010; geesmith@home.com) I am the new regional manager with Goldman Sachs in Philadelphia in the private wealth management business. It was good to see **Emmett Montgomery '82, Curtis Hathaway '84, John Cox '85** and **Will Cox '84** in September.

**Robert L. Edwards Jr. '89** (2620 Sherwood Ave., Charlotte, NC 28207; robert.l.edwards@bankofamerica) Principal in Bank of America Capital Investors.

**Richard B. Homes '90** (104 Queen St., Charleston, SC 29401; rhomes@mindspring.com) Congrats to **Alston Tankard '91** on his first-born baby. Big 'un, just like its daddy. Also, congrats to **Dave Batten '79** for his inspiration on marriage after 40. Also, **John Gates '79** — I love you, brother. You'll always be my brother. I welcome all brothers traveling

to Charleston, S.C., to my house for a "B.T. cocktail."

**R. Fielding Lowe Jr. '90** (2117 Lockhart Dr., Charlotte, NC 28203; flowe@carolina.rr.com) Assistant vice president at BB&T.

**Bret A. Batchelder '91** (409 Ramblewood Dr., Raleigh, NC 27609; bbatchelder1997@kellogg.nwu.edu) Managing director at Cherokee Investment Partners LLC.

**Christopher H. Hunter '91** (2015 Dellwood Dr. N.W., Atlanta, GA 30309) Vice president at Croft & Bender LLC. **Rocket Dail '91** and I ran into a dozen or so Fiji brethren in Austin, Texas, for the UNC/Texas game; it seemed like the entire pledge class that graduated in 1994.

**Laurence B. Maddison III '92** (1304 Diehl St., Raleigh, NC 27608) I am finally tying the knot! I'm engaged to Sarah Daniel of Rocky Mount. I'm also enjoying working as a CPA with my dad (**Laurence Maddison Jr. '65**), **Jim Hill '56** and **Larry Caison '78**.

**William F. Andrews Jr. '93** (6104 Blackburn Ln., Baltimore, MD 21212; will.andrews@fund.com) Vice president at Wachovia Securities. My son, William Francis Andrews III ("Andy"), was born on September 19, 2000. We recently moved to Baltimore, Md.

**David G. McClure '93** (2741 Bucknell Ave., Charlotte, NC 28207; david.mcclure@ubspainewebber.com) Adviser at UBS PaineWebber. I had a great time with **Tommy Lee '93, Cam Marshall '93, Brian Crowder '93, Frank Toledano '94** and **Alex Galloway '93** at the UNC/Texas game in Austin.

**Whit Edwards '94** (102 Minor Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903; edwardss03@darden.virginia.edu.) My wife, Fleming, and I have moved to Charlottesville, Va. I am attending MBA school at U.Va. and am one of the few

Heels fans around the area.

**Samuel H. Manning '94** (3304 Milton Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609; smanning@nc.rr.com) Vice president at Trammell Crow Co.

**Jonathan Blanco '95** (104A Stewart Cir., Charlottesville, VA 22903; blancoj02@darden.virginia.edu) Graduate student at U.Va.'s Darden Business School.

**Scott M. Skidmore '95** (21 W. 58th St., #3B, New York, NY 10019; scottskidmore@yahoo.com) I moved to New York to work for J.P. Morgan in investment banking.

**Edmund L. Waddill III '95** (2801 Ashland St., Raleigh, NC 27608) Director of acquisitions at Regency Development. My son, Edmund "Law" Waddill IV, was born on October 1, 2001.

## NEW ADDRESSES:

**Dixie E. Greene '48** (88 Barnes St., Greenville, NC 27858)

**Robert T. Wright Jr. '68** (11095 S.W. 84th Ct., Miami, FL 33156; rtwjr1@aol.com)

**W. Allen Cobb Jr. '74** (P.O. Box 188, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480; cobbwaj@aol.com.)

**James F. MacGill '83** (11500 Creedmoor Rd., Raleigh, NC 27614; jmacgill@greatsouthernmtg.com)

We regret to inform you  
of the death of

**Raymond W. Owens Jr. '43** (9/3/01)

Phi Gamma Delta mourns his passing  
and extends condolences to  
his family and friends.

