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ATHLETIC HISTORY

THE ORIGIN OF RED AND WHITE

The first clubs on campus, the Pullen and Leazar Literary societies, were formed in the fall of 1889 and named after benefactors Augustus Leazar and Richard Stanhope Pullen.

These societies chose pink and blue as the official school colors of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. The colors were changed to brown and white by a student body vote in 1895 and were only used in one football game featuring the A&M Farmers versus the University of North Carolina. In November of 1895, another poll of the student body resulted in red and white as the school colors.

The faculty agreed with this decision and told the athletic association these colors would remain unless changed by a two-thirds vote by the student body. No one has challenged the school colors since then.

EMBLEMS & LOGOS



1893 to 1917



1917 to 1962



1963 to 1971



1972 to 1985



1986 to 1998



1998 to present

CHANTS & SONGS

'RED & WHITE'

J. PERRY WATSON

"Red and White" is a popular song sung by fans and played by the band at athletic events. It was written by J. Perry Watson, a former director of music. Although popular, it's not the official fight song. "Caroline," "Devils," and "Deacs" refer to other Tobacco Road team names: the North Carolina Tar Heels, the Duke Blue Devils and the Wake Forest Demon Deacons.

"We're the Red and White from State
And we know we are the best.
A hand behind our back,
We can take on all the rest.
Come over the hill, Caroline.
Devils and Deacs stand in line.
The Red and White from NC State.
GO STATE!"

'FIGHT SONG'

HARDY RAY & EDMUND GRUBER

Edmund L. Gruber wrote the music to the Fight Song in 1908. It is a version of "The Army Goes Rolling Along." Hardy Ray, Class of 1926, wrote the original words to the Fight Song and the modern words were written by J. Perry Watson.

"Shout aloud to the men,
Who will play the game to win.
We're behind you, Keep fighting for State.
Hold that line, Hold them fast,
We will reach vict'ry at last.
We're behind you, Keep fighting for State.
Rise up to the fray, And let your colors wave,
Shout out for dear old NC State (Go State!)
For where e'er we go,
We will let the whole world know,
We're behind you, Keep fighting for State."

'ALMA MATER'

ALVIN FOUNTAIN & BONNIE NORRIS

NC State's Alma Mater was written by two students in the early 1920s. Alvin M. Fountain, Class of 1922 and editor of the Technician, wrote the words, while Bonnie Norris from the Class of 1923 composed the music.

"Where the winds of Dixie softly blow
O'er the fields of Caroline,
There strands ever cherished, NC State,
As thy honored shrine
So lift your voices! Loudly sing,
From hill to ocean side
Our hearts ever hold you, NC State
In the folds of our love and pride."