

UNCW Alma Mater History

The original Alma Mater was written by two people in 1958. The lyrics were done by Charles F. Hunnicutt and the music was composed by Lloyd Hudson. At the time Hunnicutt was a student and Hudson was a Wilmington College music faculty member. According to Hunnicutt, he submitted the proposed lyrics as part of an English class assignment given by Wilmington College professor Shannon Morton (Morton Hall.) Once it was selected he sought out Hudson to provide the music. Hunnicutt says that he doesn't recall if his submission was the best in the class or the only one submitted. Shannon Morton was the second faculty member hired when Wilmington College was established. Adrian Hurst (Hurst Drive) was the first faculty hired. His family is providing a portrait of him to be unveiled and hung in Friday Hall this month. Morton was legendary and most early students remember her sternness as dean of women whose concerns focused on the length of the women's skirts. She lived to be 104 years old.

Hunnicutt is anxious to support the university's desire to change or improve the lyrics comprising our Alma Mater. This week he signed a Grant of Rights to the Lyrics to the University of North Carolina Wilmington. The original is now filed with the office of university counsel, Rob Hoon.

It is likely (or coincidental) that our Alma Mater was adopted in 1958 because that is the year Wilmington College established its own identity as it moved from control of the New Hanover County Board of Education to a two-year college operating with its own board of trustees. Wilmington College also received its first State funding at that time. Part of that money was used to buy the property on College Road that is now our home.

As a point of interest during this brief research I was surprised to find out that Charles Hunnicutt's son is a 25 year employee at UNCW. Many of you probably know Jeff Hunnicutt in the division of IT. Jeff says his father attended Wilmington College for two years and then transferred to Appalachian State University to complete his degree. Jeff says the mountain climate must have agreed with his parents because he was born in Boone. I think it would be appropriate to invite both Jeff and his father to attend a function associated with the installation ceremony.

Ty Rowell for Robert Tyndall
Chair, Chancellor's Installation Committee
February 15, 2012

UNCW Alma Mater

Charles Hunnicutt, Lloyd Hudson
rev. Steven Errante, Cathy Albergo

Hail we proud - ly sing to thee who guides our green and gold. Though
Here we stand as one to - geth - er voic - es raised in song. Our

fu - ture years may part us, fond mem - ories we shall hold.
loy - al hearts shall praise thee as God doth lead us on.

For our hearts will cher - ish all your serv - ice done: All
Dare to learn and dare to soar, Sea - hawks brave and true: All

hail our al - ma ma - ter praise thee, O Wil - ming - ton!
hail our al - ma ma - ter praise teal, — gold and blue!



University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Time: 3:15 March 22, 2012

Location: 252 Hoggard

Arranger: Steven Errante

Record of the Singing of the New Alma Mater

Those Present:

Printed Full Name	Full Signature
13 JAMES C. Mc CANN	James C. McCann
14 M. Tyrone Rowell	M. Tyrone Rowell
15 Robert E. Tyndall	Robert E. Tyndall
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1 GARY L. MILLER	Gary L. Miller
2 Georgia Nix Miller	Georgia Nix Miller
3 PATRICIA L. LEONARD	Patricia Leonard
4 Charles F. HUNNICUTT	Charles F. Hunnicutt
5 Lucy G. HUNNICUTT	Lucy G. Hunnicutt
6 Liz Grimes	Liz Grimes
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Printed Full Name	Full Signature
25 STEVEN ERRANTE	<i>Steven Errante</i>
26 Whitney Lanier	<i>Whitney Lanier</i>
27 Cameron Jackson	<i>Cameron Jackson</i>
28 Heather Bobeck	<i>Heather Bobeck</i>
29 Cathy ALBERG	<i>Cathy Alberg</i>
30 Shelley L. MORSE	<i>Shelley L. Morse</i>
JOE HUNNICUTT	<i>Joe Hunnicutt</i>



