

In Memory Of George and Josephine Butler



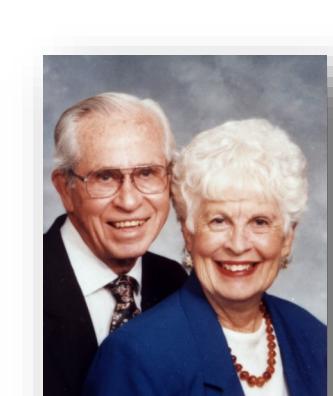
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"Thousands of jobs in the city of Gainesville were created through the **Peninsular Chemical Research** company Butler co-founded."

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"On April 19 and 20, 1996, Butler's work was honored when the polymer chemical research labs in Leigh Hall and Chemical Research Building were dedicated as "The George and Josephine Butler Polymer Chemistry Research Labs ."



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Research lab to be named after professor, wife

By Sarah Eisenhauer
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Only 7,000 students attended UF in the Fall of 1946, the year Prof. George Butler began his work in the chemistry department.

Gainesville was a significantly smaller city then, and because Butler was not a veteran of World War II, he and his wife Josephine could not even find a place to live.

"We finally found a place through friends, but we still could not afford a refrigerator or new stove," he said.

In the past 50 years, Butler watched Gainesville and UF all change dramatically. At that time, the Butlers' situation in Gainesville has changed drastically.

Butler, 80, has worked in the UF chemistry department for one

third of the university's existence.

On Friday and Saturday, his work

will be honored when the

polymer chemical research labs in Leigh

Hall and the Chemical Research

Building will be dedicated as "The

George and Josephine Butler Polymer

Research Laboratory."

Butler said UF has made tremen-

dous progress since he began

working here, especially concerning

competition between other

researches.

"I feel that we in the chemistry

department had a part in that," he

said.

One reason Butler has remained

at UF throughout the years is to be

close to the school. "I am a lone wolf,"

he said. "I am not a team player."

That is an important aspect of

Gainesville, he said. The labs were created through the

Peninsular Chemical Research

Company, which Butler co-founded.

"Everyone who has had the

good circumstances to work with

me has been a good person who

is very oriented toward people," he

said.

Wagener described Butler as

a quiet, unassuming and family-

oriented person.

"He rarely says a harsh word

about anyone," Wagener said.

UF chemistry professor Wil-

iam Dolber said Butler is a de-

lightful person who is kind and

probably most wellknown for

his research in cyclopolymeriza-

tion, which Butler "practically in-

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UF Vice President George Henn

was another wonderful dedi-

cated faculty member who is gen-

erous with his time and intelli-

gence," Wagener said.

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