

# Sons see funds add up to honor father

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STAFF WRITER

The lyrics in UNC's fight song "I'm a Tar Heel born, I'm a Tar Heel bred" embody the dedication Joe Burton Linker had to his alma mater.

The 45 years he spent at the University, beginning in 1919, and the legacy he left behind are now being recognized with a professorship in the department of mathematics.

The position was established by two of his sons as part of the Carolina First Campaign — the University's \$2 billion fundraising effort that began July 1, 1999.

Joe Burton Linker Jr. said he and his brother Edward Markham Linker established the position to honor their father's accomplishments.

"We thought he had been there for 45 years, and it would be nice to have his name remembered in the department he had given his life to," he said.

The professorship cost \$500,000 to establish. The brothers received a matching grant of \$167,000 from a N.C. endowment trust.

Del Helton, director of donor relations and communications for the Arts and Sciences Foundation, said the income from this endowment will provide a salary stipend and research funds for a professor.

Helton said the creation of this endowment is unique and will hold special value to those who knew Joe Linker Sr.

"We are just delighted to have a professorship established in his name to remember his services to



A scholarship was created for professor Joe Burton Linker, who first began working at UNC in 1919

the University for all those years," she said.

The endowment is expected to help UNC attract top-ranked faculty from all regions of the country.

Helton said universities throughout the nation are competing for distinguished professors to join their faculties, and this fund will give UNC and edge on the competition.

"Professorships help the department and the college recruit and retain the best teachers and schol-

ars," she said.

Born in Rockwell, Joe Linker Sr. earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from UNC and returned to the classroom to teach students after serving in both world wars.

"The students he taught said he gave them one of their most outstanding experiences at college," Burton Linker Jr. said.

Joe Linker Sr. wrote textbooks and was widely considered to be an authority on applied mathematics and the mathematics of finance, in addition to being involved in other areas of campus life.

While a student at UNC, he worked as a printer for The Daily Tar Heel, manually feeding sheets of paper into the machines. He passed away in the late 1970s.

Burton Linker Jr. said he and his brothers do not have any say in who the University selects to receive the award, and attaching a set of criteria would not properly honor their father.

"We made the position possible, and they are using it."

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Ken Oak, 30, (left) and Ed Gorski, 24, who make up the "cello rock" band, play in front of Greenlaw Hall on Monday. "We fuse classical music with modern rock," Oak said. "I think that's what makes us different. We're the only band I know of where the lead singer plays the cello."

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[The RHRC will be closed to men from 7-9pm]

- 7-8pm Self Defense Class
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- 7:30-8pm Fitness Orientations
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**Table Talk:** UNC professor Gerald Cecil will discuss the rising price of oil and the possible implications of society's dependence on oil.  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Location:** Manning 209

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