President’s Column: “You’re in a Great Place”
by John Wolanski

First, I would like to say that it is my honor and privilege to be the new President of the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation and I would like to thank the Foundation Director, Jack Healy, the Board members and the Committee members for their support.

Some of you have heard me proclaim that at the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation; “You’re in a great place!” and let me tell you why. I have been a member of the Foundation for the past 24 years and I have always been impressed by the quality of the engineering students, the passion of the alumni and camaraderie of the membership. I remember attending my first Foundation Open House event back in 1987 when I was a District Manager with Calgon Corporation. My boss back then, Pete Longjohn, was one of the original Merck Paper Chemicals salesmen and he encouraged me to join the Foundation for three reasons; First, it provided access to the best and brightest engineering students and some of those students have become Calgon sales engineers and are leaders in the industry today. Second, it is the inner circle of the Maine pulp and paper industry where you can learn about the needs and concerns of the mills. Third, it provides an opportunity to get personally involved and give back to the industry. Pete’s advice is as true today as it was 24 years ago.

Looking back on the 61st Annual Paper Days event that was held in April, the theme was “Maine on Paper” and a new attendance record was set with more than 300 attendees including the CEO’s from Verso Paper, Sappi and Twin Rivers Paper. Attendees came from across the United States and Canada. The Office of the Maine Governor was represented by his Senior Natural Resources Advisor. Speakers discussed new and innovative topics such as biofuels, environmental sustainability, capital investments at the mills, energy projects to...
reduce dependence on foreign oil, exciting research projects and the long term demand for engineers in the industry. In addition, BASF Corporation, Canadian National Railroad, Omnova, OMYA and Rio Tinto Luzenac joined the Foundation as new company members and received their membership certificates at the banquet. Students, teachers and industry leaders were recognized for their outstanding contributions. Paper Days 2011 is more evidence that the Maine pulp and paper industry is alive and well!

The result of all our efforts is that the Foundation supports 90 students with full tuition scholarships, and that 95% of our graduates either have jobs or have elected to go to grad school as of May 7th. Of Pulp & Paper Foundation scholarship recipients with jobs, 67% are entering careers in the paper industry at such companies as Metso, Johnson Foil, Proctor and Gamble, DuPont, Nalco, Verso, Sappi, Onyx Specialty Papers, and Woodard and Curran. In addition three Chemical Engineering graduates who did not receive our scholarship are working for Andritz, Verso and Metso. The Foundation is as vibrant and significant today as it was 61 years ago. That is why at the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation, you’re in a great place! Please do not hesitate to let Jack or myself know what we can do to make it even better.

Verso Paper's President and CEO, Michael Jackson, Paper Days Keynote Speaker

Michael Jackson was the keynote speaker at Paper Days 2011. Speaking to one of the largest banquet crowds in recent memory, Mike talked about Verso Paper’s vision, which includes a commitment to new products, energy efficiency, and the environment. Mike went on to say that more U.S. citizens work in the paper industry than in the automobile industry, and that the industry’s energy self-sufficiency is the best among U.S. Industries. Mr. Jackson encouraged students to consider a career in the paper industry. Approximately 30 Verso employees were in attendance, many whom are UMaine graduates and former UMPPF scholarship recipients.

On Thursday morning Paper Days continued with our ever popular student panelists who were on hand to offer their opinion to our audience by describing what the paper industry and related suppliers can do to attract top talent to the industry. Students asked and answered questions presented by moderator Jack Healy and also welcomed questions from the audience in a very lively discussion. The group was extraordinarily poised, and pointed out their co-op experience was by far one of their highlights while at UMaine.

Following breakfast participants attended a session relating to Sustainability and Education presented by Larry Montague, President, Tappi; Dana Humphrey, Dean, UMaine College of Engineering; Monty Henderson, Director of Paper Technology, Kennebec Valley Community College; Mark Libby, Chair of Engineering, Maine Maritime Academy, and Mark Doty, Manager – Community Affairs, Plum Creek.

Paper Days 2011 concluded with our annual luncheon and this year’s featured speaker Guy West, Vice President, Ashland Hercules Water Technologies.

The Paper Days Committee will meet on July 8th to start planning Paper Days 2012. If readers of this newsletter have ideas or suggestions they would like to see presented, please contact Jack Healy by telephone at 207/581-2298 or by email at healy@maine.edu.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ABOUT
• Consider Engineering
• Upperclass Scholarships
• First Year Scholarships
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Foundation Welcomes Five New Company Members

Foundation President John Wolanski was on hand to introduce new Company Members to our Paper Days audience. In his introduction, John told our audience “in addition to the core benefit of developing and providing the highest quality engineering students, the Foundation also provides its company members with additional benefits, including access to technical expertise and The Process Development Center at the University of Maine”.

Scholarship Recipient Sends Thank-You

The letter below is a sample of a number of letters we receive from grateful scholarship recipients.

Dear Pulp & Paper Foundation,

I am sorry that I was not able to come in anytime during the last few weeks of the semester, but things were very hectic and I was trying to wrap everything up. As I had mentioned in a previous email, I have elected to attend graduate school next year. I will pursue my Masters in Engineering.

I wanted to write and thank you for everything that the Pulp & Paper Foundation has done for me, and all the engineering students. I found the Chinn seminars especially helpful, particularly the ones focused on career development (networking, interview skills, etc.). These seminars put us leaps and bounds ahead of other students for cultivating professional skills and relationships. But no experiences were better than the co-op’s I had the opportunity to participate in. These co-ops provided me with the hands-on skills that are missing from the traditional education, and I consider them one of the highlights of my time at UMaine. Students who have received the Pulp & Paper scholarship and have remained involved with the seminars and co-op’s are much more prepared than the average student for the transition from school to the workforce.

I would like to extend my most sincere thanks for all the opportunities the Pulp & Paper Foundation has offered me over the past four years. As soon as I complete graduate school, you can count on my support.

- a grateful scholarship recipient

In his welcome to members of the 2011 Paper Days audience, Foundation President, John Wolanski asked people to stand if they had attended more than one Paper Days. Next he asked guests to stay standing if they had attended 5 Paper Days, then 10 Paper Days, followed by 15 and 20 and 25. Left standing after 30 Paper Days events was Dana Dolloff, retired Rayonier, (hand raised, standing) who has attended 43 Paper Days events.
Summer is NOT Too Early to Plan your Fall Co-Op Recruiting Visit!

We invite Foundation Company Members to visit campus in October to interview potential co-op/intern students. It is not too early to plan your fall recruiting visit now.

As a condition to retain their scholarship, all of our scholarship recipients must complete a co-op or internship with a paper producer or supplier. Our students are anxious to apply what they are learning in the classroom to actual engineering challenges.

Students must attend a mandatory co-op information night where they will hear presentations from Hemant Pendse, Chemical & Biological Engineering and Jack Healy, Pulp & Paper Foundation about what to expect during an interview and how the co-op/intern process works. Upper-class students, fresh from their own co-op assignments participate as members of a panel to describe co-op/intern job responsibilities, local living conditions, and what it is like “on the job”.

Registering your company is easy. We will ask you how many students you are looking to employ, what college majors you would like to interview, and lastly, ask you to provide a job description of co-op/intern duties. It is also possible to schedule an information session giving you the opportunity to invite students to meet with you the evening before interviews in a more relaxed setting.

If your company would like to participate in our fall co-op/intern recruitment process it’s not too early to register. Call Faye at (207) 581-2297 or send Faye email to woodcock@maine.edu.

Foundation Honors Two Outstanding Teachers at Paper Days Banquet

Two Maine high school teachers were selected as recipients of the Foundation’s 2011 Inspirational Teacher and Innovative Teacher Awards, presented by the Foundations Scholarship/Educational Relations Committee at the Paper Days banquet.

Nominations of teachers and guidance personnel are solicited from current scholarship recipients who appreciate the support, motivation and educational processes demonstrated by their nominated teachers. Students are asked to submit a one page narrative stating the reasons why their teacher should receive the award. The Scholarship/Educational Relations Committee reviews the applications and selects two teachers each year to receive awards.

Sasha Alcott, Chemistry Teacher, Bangor High School is the recipient of the Foundation’s Inspirational Teacher Award. Ms. Alcott was nominated for the award by Eliza Estabrook, a current first year ChE scholarship recipient. In her nomination of Ms. Alcott, Eliza wrote: “Ms. Alcott’s humor, character, intelligence and passion for chemistry always provided an exciting class densely packed with information and hands-on lab experience. Ms. Alcott made it clear that chemistry was everywhere, and this idea sparked my interest in the sciences. Ms. Alcott often made herself available off the clock for evening study sessions prior to exam days. She could often be seen sharing her lunch hour with students who needed homework help. She would stay late after school to provide students with help in the lab. Ms. Alcott is a great teacher with a great heart who deserves to be recognized”.

Annette Girardin, Math Teacher, Jay High School is the recipient of the Foundation’s 2011 Innovative Teacher Award. Ms. Girardin was nominated by sophomore ChE scholarship recipient Devon Rose. In his nomination of Ms. Girardin, Devon wrote: “Ms. Girardin is one of the most dedicated teachers I have encountered. A good example of this is her willingness to work with students after school until four, five or even six at night. She goes above and beyond to make sure that if any student that actually wants to learn math needs help, all they have to do is ask. Annette is a brilliant individual. She is the definition of dedication to her students and her profession”.

All Scholarship Recipients Now Take PPA 264 - Intro to Pulp and Paper

The fall of 2011 will be the first time all PPF scholars have had PPA 264, an introduction to Pulp and Paper taught by Joe Genco. A local mill manager noted that ChE’s were well prepared when they arrived at mills for co-op; however other disciplines took more time to bring up to speed. In response, it is now a requirement that all PPF scholars take PPA 264 prior to having a co-op in the industry after their sophomore year. Our students will have a better grasp of the industry as they arrive at your facilities. Your feedback regarding this change would be greatly appreciated.

2011 Foundation Outstanding Teacher recipients. From left to right, Sasha Alcott, Chemistry Teacher, Bangor High School; Eliza Estabrook, First Year ChE student; Devon Rose, Sophomore ChE student; and Annette Girardin, Mathematics Teacher, Jay High School.
Consider Engineering

For the 42nd consecutive summer, the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation will once again host its popular Consider Engineering program for students who have completed their junior year of high school and who have a high probability of success pursuing an engineering education.

Started in 1969, Consider Engineering has a history of attracting some of the best high school students from Maine and other states. This year was no exception as we are pleased to have received more than 170 applications for admission.

Once again in 2011 we will continue our expanded format and offer three consecutive weeks of our program allowing 102 students to participate. The program gives participants the experience of living life as a college student while making new friends and learning in a challenging environment. Consider Engineering also offers our participants the opportunity to explore the field of engineering and to determine if an engineering career is a good fit for them.

Students are invited to apply starting in January. Program brochures, applications and posters are sent to high school guidance, math and science personnel and to the participants of the previous summer’s program asking them to recommend the program to classmates, students and friends. Students are selected competitively based on their high school grades, ability to write a letter describing the advantages they hope to realize from their participation in the program, and on the strength of a recommendation from a school staff member.

The deadline for application submission is May 1st and it is at that time the selection committee starts the task of reading and evaluating each student’s application. Once the process is complete the top 102 students are invited to participate in the program. The Pulp and Paper Foundation assumes all program costs once the students arrive on campus.

The program’s challenges begin immediately upon arrival. The program opens with staff introductions and “ice-breaking” game challenges. Following dinner the students are presented an actual mill production problem to solve in a designated amount of time. From there the program goes into full swing as students select a laboratory experiment, where they will work in groups to complete. The students will also receive instructions for a design project they must complete in their spare time between Sunday and Wednesday morning. Participants are thrust into the life of a college student having to learn quickly how to balance class time, study time and free time.

Highlights of the program are a weekly student panel where current engineering students make themselves available to answer questions about life as an engineering student, what classes are like and what UMaine is like in general. Students will also tour a local paper production facility where they have the opportunity to meet, talk and ask questions of engineers in the field. Another highlight, “I AM an Engineer” gives participants the opportunity to work in teams to solve engineering problems for “clients” who pay them in cash for their solutions. On closing day each week, students will conduct their design challenge problem and present their experiment and their findings to our parent, guests and faculty audience. The program will conclude each week with a luncheon and guest speaker from our industry.

For 41 years the Foundation’s “Consider Engineering” program has given more than 2,500 students an opportunity to learn about the challenges and satisfaction of engineering. The program, without question, is the best method of recruitment we utilize. Consider Engineering gives us the opportunity to recruit students to study engineering at UMaine who will become the paper industry leaders of tomorrow!

ALUMNI PERSONALS

Eric Ellis, ’75, is now Senior Project Engineer with Twin Rivers Paper in Madawaska, ME.
Patricia Lovejoy, ’89, has been named Director, Safety and Health Risk Assessment with Georgia Pacific Corporation in Atlanta, GA.
Michelle Hersey, ’04 has been named President of County Environmental Engineers in Cross Lake, ME.
Jessica Paul, ’06, has joined Sappi Fine Paper as a Technical Process Engineer at the Skowhegan, ME mill.
Megan Worcester, ’08, has joined Buckman USA as a Sales Representative.
Michael Reider has been named VP and Operations Manager at Twin Rivers Paper in Madawaska, ME.

Consider Engineering offered for the 42nd Consecutive Summer
Paper Days 2011 was a great success with more than 300 people in attendance. More than 60 companies from all over the United States and as far away as Canada were represented. Also in attendance were University of Maine faculty, staff and Foundation scholarship recipients.

Speaker presentations and additional pictures are featured on the Foundation’s website at www.mainepulpaper.org.
Amused by “Bertie”.

Social Hour networking.

Enjoying good food and friends.

Students networking at the Honors Banquet.

Enthralled with student panel at Breakfast.

Reconnecting with old friends.

Catching up with friends.

Standing for the Honor Award presentation.
Ted and Rose Marie Curtis Establish Foundation’s 223 Named Scholarship

Keith Meyer, Gifts & Bequests Committee Chair, introduced Foundation Counsel, Ted Curtis and his wife Rose Marie as the Foundation’s 223 Named Scholarship Donors.

Keith told our audience that Rose Marie is a native of The Dominican Republic and a graduate of Miami’s Barry University nursing program. She also received the last Master’s Degree in Spanish Literature awarded by the University of Maine.

Rose Marie was Ted’s U.S. Navy nurse when he was injured during the Vietnam War. Keith went on to say, “Ted liked his night nurse so much that he convinced her to come back to Orono”. Ted and Rose Marie have raised four children, three of whom have UMaine degrees and one who has a degree from the University of Maine at Farmington.

Ted, a graduate of Orono High School decided to travel to Bowdoin for his undergraduate degree and to Harvard for his law degree. He served eight years in the Maine Legislature where his specialty was governmental organization, including chairing the State Government Committee. He sponsored the 18 year old vote, annual sessions of the Maine Legislature and the abolition of the Executive Council in which Ted proposed the compromise which resulted in the elimination of an entire branch of State Government, thereby saving Maine political frustration and a great deal of money.

Ted’s Navy career started on a U.S. destroyer, continued as the one and only recruiting advisor to the Vietnamese Navy and concluded with retirement from the reserves with the rank of Captain.

Ted has been a trustee of his Church, Lee Academy and Unity College. Inspired by the success of the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation, Ted started the Orono Educational Foundation which now has assets of more than $200,000 and provides about $10,000 a year in grants to benefit the students of Orono public schools.

Ted has provided legal services for the Foundation for more than 30 years, first assisting E. Nobles Lowe and more recently as our Chief Counsel.

Ted’s father was the long time Facility Manager of Athletics at the University of Maine, so his association with Maine started at an early age. Rose Marie and Ted live in Ted’s boyhood home at 123 Main Street in Orono. They desire to benefit future generations of Maine students with this scholarship.

Scholarship Recipients Receive Awards

Nicholas Knowlen, ‘11, CHE received the PIMA 2011 Student of the Year Award. Nick will be employed by Metso Paper.

Abigail Siegfriedt, ‘11, CHE/BLE received the 2011 UMaine Chemical & Biological Engineering Outstanding Student Award. Abby will be employed by Verso Paper.

Tyler Seekins, ‘11, CHE received the UMaine, College of Engineering’s 2011 Hovey Award. Tyler will be employed by DuPont.
2011 Joseph M. Genco Award Presented to Dr. Doug Bousfield

Dr. Douglas W. Bousfield, Professor of Chemical Engineering and University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation Professor was named the 2011 recipient of the Joseph M. Genco Pulp & Paper Support Award. Dr. Joe Genco (left) presen the Joseph M. Genco Award to Dr. Doug Bousfield (right) at the Paper Days honor banquet held in April.

Dr. Joe Genco was on hand to make the presentation of the award to Dr. Bousfield. In his introduction Joe touched on the highlights of Doug’s 23 year career at the University of Maine.

Doug joined the UMaine Chemical & Biological Engineering department in 1986 and has taught courses at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Joe went on to tell the audience Doug is recognized worldwide as an expert on Coating Technology and Printing. Doug’s areas of research include: Drainage and Paper Web Formation (web forming); Former Design and Wet End Modeling; and, he is currently developing processes for Nano Crystalline Cellulose. Doug has also published numerous articles on Coating, Printing and Drainage Technology and is the current Director of the Paper Surface Program, which has been the cornerstone of our Chemical Engineering graduate program for many years. Doug is also the Chemical and Biological Engineering Department Graduate Coordinator, an excellent teacher and thesis advisor for dozens of MS and PhD students.

Over the years Doug has been named a TAPPI Fellow, has been the recipient of the University of Maine College of Engineering’s Ashley Campbell Award and the recipient of UMaine’s Young Faculty Research Award. Doug has served on the Coating Fundamentals Committee of TAPPI and is the Past Director of the International Society of Coating Technology and Science.

Joe closed his introduction by telling the audience Doug is truly a worthy recipient of the Joseph Genco Award for support of the pulp and paper industry.

The award, established by the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation in 2010 is presented annually to a University of Maine employee who has demonstrated exemplary support of the Pulp and Paper Industry through either outstanding research that has the potential to significantly improve the viability of the industry, and/or through innovative student recruitment to help provide the next generation of Pulp and Paper Engineers and Leaders through innovative teaching that inspires current engineering students.

If newsletter readers would like to suggest nominees for the Genco Award, please contact Jack Healy at (207) 581-2298 or by email at healy@maine.edu.

Senior Scholarship Recipients Honored

As has become the tradition, senior scholarship recipients were introduced and called to the stage to receive a congratulatory gift for their accomplishments as PPF scholars and new UMaine graduates. Ninety-five percent of the graduating class of scholarship recipients either have jobs or have elected to go to graduate school.

Of the students entering the workforce, 67% are entering the paper and/or supplier industry and have been hired by Metso, Johnson Foil, Procter & Gamble, DuPont, Nalco, Verso, Sappi, Onyx Specialty Paper and Woodard & Curran. In addition, three seniors, who were not scholarship recipients, have been hired by Adritz, Verso and Metso.

Have You Changed Jobs? Do You Have a New Home Address?

Have you recently changed jobs? Have you been promoted to a new position? Have you moved to a new address? Have you changed your email address? If the answer to any of our questions is YES, we would welcome an email from you telling us of your changes so we can update our database.

We want to be sure you are receiving our newsletters and information about upcoming programs such as Paper Days. We want to keep you, our alumni and friends in the know as far as what is going on here at the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation.

For your convenience, you can visit us on the web at www.mainepulpaper.org. Click on the “Contact Us” tab and send us an email with your changes listed.

If it is easier, please feel free to call Jack at (207) 581-2298 or Faye at (207) 581-2297. We will update your information and if desired, add your changes in our next Newsletter’s Alumni Personal section.
Annual Meeting Receives Reports, Elects Officers and Adopts 2011 Budget

At the Pulp and Paper Foundation’s 2011 Annual Meeting of Members held during Paper Days in April, Jeffrey C. Dutton, President and CEO of Twin Rivers Paper Company completed his term as Foundation Chairman. Barbara K. Hamilton, Energy Consultant, Emerson Process Management, who had been the Foundation’s President, was elected to be the Foundation’s new Chairman with John Wolanski of Cape Elizabeth, ME, elected to serve as the Foundation’s President.

Newly elected Foundation Vice Presidents were student representative: Laura Duran, a chemical engineering sophomore from Falmouth, ME and Dennis Castonguay, Managing Support Manager, Verso Paper. John A. Donahue, Vice President Manufacturing, Sappi Fine Paper North America, was elected secretary.

Incoming Directors who will serve a four year term are: Lee Cyr, Manager–Customer Service, Production Planning, Twin Rivers Paper; Luke Czarnecki, National Sales Manager, Bercen; John Desjardins, New England Sales Manager, Buckman USA; Michael Reider, Vice President Operations, Twin Rivers Paper and Tom Ramundo, President, New England Controls.

In addition to electing officers the Foundation’s Committee Chairs each presented their 2011 reports outlining their activities and future goals.

The Foundation’s 2011 budget was approved providing $750,000 for undergraduate student scholarships. The Foundation will continue support of the faculty with salary stipends, computer improvements and graduate student stipends.

Copies of the Foundation’s Annual Report are available on our website at www.mainepulpaper.org or can be requested by contacting the Foundation office by telephone at (207)581-2297 or by sending email to woodcock@maine.edu.

Foundation’s 2011 Honor Award Presented to Jeffrey C. Dutton

Jeffrey C. Dutton, President & CEO of Twin Rivers Paper and outgoing Chairman of the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation was presented the Foundation’s 2011 Honor Award at the Paper Days Banquet in April. Honor Committee Chair Roy Barry was on hand to make the presentation to Jeff.

In his introduction Roy told the audience the Honor Award presented yearly to a person who has improved the reputation of the University of Maine for excellence within the pulp and paper industry.

Roy went on to say, “The 2011 Honor Award recipient was himself a Foundation scholarship recipient who graduated from the University of Maine in 1986 with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. Our recipient has served as a member of our Foundation’s membership committee. He has also held the position of President and Chairman. Our recipient has also been Director and Vice President of National PIMA. He was named PIMA’s Mill Manager of the Year in 2008 and is an active member of TAPPI, PIMA, PAPTEC and IASPPM”.

Roy continued, “when he does manage to find “free” time he is known for his bicycle treks and his dry sense of humor. We also have it on good authority that our honor award recipient LOVES his BIG orange Kubota Tractor and has made a hobby out of making this healthy tea called Kombucha”. Roy closed his remarks telling the Paper Days audience Jeff Dutton is the youngest awardee ever.

The citation of the 2011 Honor Awards reads: A model graduate of the University of Maine and a distinguished leader who has exerted a strong influence on the paper industry, his community and this Foundation. A champion of this Foundation providing scholarships to students and strengthening the University of Maine and its engineering faculty. Through his efforts, and those of other scholarship recipients, the University of Maine has become well known throughout the paper and supplier industries as a source of capable engineers and managers. This Honor Award is presented as a token of our deep appreciation and to recognize his many valued contributions enhancing the University of Maine’s reputation for excellence throughout the paper and related industries.
Groundbreaking for the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute (FBRI)

On May 3rd, University of Maine President Robert Kennedy, Maine Technology Institute President Betsy Biemann and Pingree Associates President Steve Schley broke ground for the 3300 sq. ft. office complex to be added to Jenness Hall. Joining them were Professors Hemant Pendse and Darrell Donahue along with Paige Case, an undergraduate student in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering. The new complex will serve as a meeting place where visiting researchers, industrial partners and FBRI technical staff will collaborate to develop innovative processes and the next generation of forest bioproducts. These offices will house up to 40 people focused on research, as well as training space. This space includes state-of-the-art video teleconferencing capabilities to educate and collaborate with FBRI partners from around the globe. The new complex will provide space for FBRI research enterprise operations and administrative and technical staff. The renovation is supported by a grant from the Maine Technology Asset Fund (MTAF).

“In a struggling Maine economy, the Forest Bioproducts Research Institute has found a way to help. The FBRI has made it its mission to find innovative and new uses for sustainably harvested wood from Maine forests. The work being done at FBRI could markedly change the way forest resources are looked at and utilized”, said Hemant Pendse, the founding Director of FBRI. In order to reduce the dependency on fossil fuels, FBRI is using cutting-edge technology to create new bioproducts, such as transportation fuels, wood-based chemicals and consumer products in ways that will leave a smaller ecological footprint. FBRI is helping to get these bioproducts to markets as quickly as possible by providing a way for businesses to see and to demonstrate the technology first hand in the FBRI laboratories in Jenness Hall. If you’d like to find out more please give us a call at (207) 581-1431 or (207) 944-2417.

Help Attract the “Best and Brightest”

Below please find a 2011 individual request form. Contributions remain a key component of our support for students and the University of Maine.

All of our incoming students in the fall of 2011 had a number of college options and thought long and hard about where they would attend college. Our scholarships were instrumental in helping to attract some of the best and brightest to the University of Maine.

During times such as these, when we are spending more on scholarships than ever before, and in fact spending above the 5% in- come from endowed allowed by our policy (we are spending down unrestricted funds), YOUR contributions are more important than ever. Please visit our website at www.mainepulpaper.org, making a donation online is easy - just click the “Make a Donation” tab, and follow the easy instructions. If you would like to contribute using a check please use the form below and mail it to the Foundation Office.

Please help us to continue to attract top students to our campus. Thank you for your support.

Recommend a Deserving High School Student for a Scholarship

The Pulp & Paper Foundation is planning to offer up to 25 full tuition scholarships to first-year students who will enter the University of Maine in the College of Engineering or Forestry in the Fall of 2012.

Scholarships are renewable through the senior year provided the recipient continues to show a demonstrated interest in the paper and allied industry, participates in our co-op program, attends Chinn Seminars and maintains the required GPA. Applications are available from high school guidance offices, the Foundation’s website at www.mainepulpaper.org or by calling (207) 581-2297. Application Deadline is December 31, 2011.
University of Maine Campus Home to “Piebald” Deer

Over the last several months the UMaine Campus Community has been mesmerized by our resident deer herd. At any time during the day, deer can be spotted just about anywhere on campus. Several months ago we started to hear comments about the “white deer”. Those who saw the deer would post sighting notices in the First Class forums. After reading the boards and asking a lot of questions, we learned the white deer is what is known as a piebald deer.

A piebald is an animal, usually a horse, that has a spotting pattern of large white and black patches. The color of the horse’s skin underneath its coat may vary between black (under black patches of hair) and pink (under the white patches). The coloring is generally asymmetrical. Many animals also exhibit coloration of the irises of the eye that match the surrounding skin. This condition also occurs in white-tailed deer.

A genetic variation (defect) produces the piebald condition in white-tailed deer, not parasites or diseases. Piebald deer are colored white and brown similar to a pinto pony. Sometimes they appear almost entirely white. In addition to this coloration, many have some of the following observable conditions: bowing of the nose (Roman nose), short legs, arching spine (scoliosis), and short lower jaws. This genetic condition is rare with typically less than one percent of white-tailed deer being affected.

(Italicized print copied verbatim from www.buckmanager.com).

We would like to offer special thanks to Michael A. Murphy, the photographer of the pictures to the left, for allowing us to publish his pictures in our newsletter. More of Mike’s pictures (including additional pictures of the piebald deer) are available on his website at http://whittlingfog.blogspot.com.