Ray Heuchling of The Heuchling Group Named Chair of Executive Committee
For many of us Spring means new beginnings. 2015 is a new year, and we at the Foundation are off and running with new ideas. For starters, we decided that we needed a fresh take on our newsletter. An eye-catching cover, a few more photos, and lots of color brought smiles to our faces, and we hope that you enjoy the change as well.

What else is new? We have a record-breaking freshman class joining us in September. 54% of them are women, and we have tripled the amount of out-of-state students in our incoming class over the last two years. We are starting to see the results of the efforts of our Recruiting Diversification Committee, led so enthusiastically by Addie Nadeau of Axchem USA. Our increased contacts at high schools in Maine and beyond as well as our elevated profile on a national level at events such as TAPPI's Papercon are paying dividends. We continue to execute our strategy and position ourselves for the future.

Job placement continues to be strong for our graduates. As our seniors graduate this May, 88% of them already have been placed. We have one student going to grad school for Chemical Engineering, one taking a faith-based experience year, and two still seeking employment. We are confident that those students will be placed quickly, and that we will experience the 100% placement that we have come to expect.

We also had record Paper Days attendance with over 360 alumni, friends, students, industry representatives, and University faculty and staff descending upon Wells Conference Center for our two-day program. This 65th anniversary celebration, which fell during UMaine’s 150th year, was a special one. We learned a lot, with presentations by the faculty on current research in Pulp and Paper as well as a panel of experts who discussed Forest Utilization in Maine. Steve Myers of Expera Specialty Solutions was our keynote speaker, and Larry Montague of TAPPI, Marco L’Italien of IGIC, and Ray Heuchling of The Heuchling Group and Irving Ltd delivered inspiring presentations as well. All of them discussed positive trends in the industry, including the major investment in Baileyville that will add two tissue machines of St Croix Tissue to Woodland Pulp’s capabilities. We watched new Foundation industry members promote their companies in front of the packed house, and we saw two high school teachers recognized for their hard work preparing their students for the Engineering program at UMaine. We were fortunate enough to see FIVE new Endowed Scholarships established, which is the most we’ve seen in many years. We saw our outgoing Foundation Chair of the Board John Wolanski receive the Honor Award in recognition of the intense effort he has put in over his 34 years in the industry, many of which have been spent in leadership roles within the Pulp and Paper Foundation. We invited our past Honor Award recipients to return for this year’s celebration, and were so pleased when 11 of them joined us on campus. In particular, Bob Perry represented our FIRST scholarship class of 1952! It was a joy to have him participate in Paper Days once again. Bob’s remarks reminded us all of the value that our involvement with the Pulp and Paper Foundation has brought to our lives, as well as the importance of giving back.

As we move forward with new beginnings, we welcome your feedback. If you’d like to start a new chapter for yourself and join the Foundation as a committee member, advocate for us in your local school, or have another idea on how you would like to help us as we continue to prepare the future leaders of the Pulp and Paper industry, please reach out to me. Happy Spring!
Paper Days 2015 - Celebrating 65 Years

The Pulp & Paper Foundation’s Paper Days welcomed more than 360 guests to UMaine on April 8 & 9th. Participants enjoyed a variety of speakers as we celebrated the 65th anniversary of the Foundation.

Our program opened with Wednesday lunch and featured St. Croix Tissue and Woodland Pulp's presentation 'Looking to the Future.' In their presentation representatives from Woodland Pulp and St. Croix Tissue spoke about the Woodland tissue expansion project as well as benefits to the company and more importantly the community. After lunch five faculty research updates were featured: Cellulose Nanomaterials at UMaine - Commercialization Status, presented by Pros Bennett; Using Virtual and Augmented Reality to Solve Real World Applications, presented by Rick Corey; Increasing SW Kraft Pulp Yield by 10% on Wood, presented by Adriaan van Heiningen; Producing NaOH and Acetic Acid from Sodium Acetate, presented by Joe Genco; and Current Research of Paper Surface Science Program, presented by Doug Bousfield. The audience learned what is happening on the research front and had the opportunity to ask questions of our panelists.

The afternoon continued with Larry Montague, President & CEO of TAPPI and his presentation highlighting TAPPI’s 100th anniversary celebration.

Our afternoon wrap up was the Annual Meeting of the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation.

Susan Hunter, President of UMaine brought greetings from UMaine to our Paper Days audience.

After dinner the Paper Days Keynote address, Welcome to Expera, was delivered by Steve Myers, Operations Lead - Strategic Initiatives, Expera Specialty Solutions. Steve told the audience Expera is excited to be in Maine and went on to give our audience an overview of the company. Expera purchased and restarted the Old Town mill to supply both hardwood and softwood pulp to Expera’s paper mills. To restart the Old Town mill Expera has invested capital to repair damaged equipment and to complete deferred maintenance. Capital investments will continue to drive efficiency going forward.

The banquet continued with the introduction of the Foundation’s new corporate members; introduction of senior scholarship recipients; teacher award presentations; presentation of named scholarships, the Genco Award and the 2015 Honor Award. Readers will find stories about each of these events featured throughout this newsletter.

Our Thursday morning Breakfast With Students/Chinn Management Seminar featured students who participated in the first TREE trip to Finland and students who will embark on the Austria/Germany TREE trip in May.

Past, Present and Future of Forest Utilization in Maine, a panel session moderated by Dr. Bob Rice, UMaine School of Forest Resources followed next. Participating in the panel were Gary Keane, Plum Creek; Bill Strauss, FiberMetrics; Jim Contino, Verso Corp.; Tony Madden, AW Madden; and Anthony Hourihan, J.D. Irving Ltd.

The closing luncheon speaker was Ray Heuchling, President of the Heuchling group and new Chair of the Foundation’s Executive Committee. Ray presented J.D. Irving Ltd. - Past, Present and Future to the audience.

Readers may view the PowerPoint presentations from Paper Days by visiting the Foundation’s website at www.mainepulpaper.org and clicking on the Paper Days tab.

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Senior scholarship recipients were called to the stage and introduced to the audience as part of the Paper Days Honors Banquet.
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UMaine Calder Professor Joe Genco Announces Retirement - Honored with Named Scholarship at Paper Days

INTERESTING FACTS
Professor Joseph M. Genco has held the Louis Calder Professorship since 1976. The mission of the L. C. Calder Professorship is to foster education of students by teaching courses related to pulp and paper technology and chemical engineering.

Since joining the University of Maine, Professor Genco has obtained five patents as an author or co-author.

Professor Genco has performed consulting services to more than 20 companies involved in the Forest Products Industry and suppliers to the paper industry.

TEACHING ACHIEVEMENTS
Joe was responsible for teaching all of the core pulp and paper technology courses offered by the University of Maine.

He has served as the adviser to all of the 5th year pulp and paper certificate students since becoming Calder Professor.

During the spring of 1977 Joe worked closely with Professor Arthur Fricke, then Chair of the Chemical Engineering Department, to help re-establish the Ph.D. program in Chemical Engineering.

From 1976 until 2004 he served as a lecturer during the intensive Pulp and Paper Summer Institute program.

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS:
In 1978, as Calder Professor Joe worked with Professor Arthur Fricke on a plan for infrastructure development. This was termed the Jenness II Facility and came to fruition ten years later with the construction of an addition to Jenness Hall.

He worked on the capital campaign to construct the Jenness II facility.

Joe worked with David Kraske, then Chair of the Dept. of Chemical Engineering, to establish the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Process Development Center, then called the UMaine Pilot Plant. The Pilot Plant was modeled after Battelle Memorial Institute (Columbus Laboratories) where Joe had worked for nine years performing contract research and development prior to coming to the University of Maine.

Professor Genco served as Director of the Process Development Center for ten years, from 1992 to 2002. During that period the business volume in the Process Development Center grew from about $50,000 per year to approximately $670,000 in FY 2002, the last year he served as Director.

In 2001, Professor Genco worked with Pulp & Paper Foundation members to add pilot plant refining equipment to the Process Development Center.

The University of Maine has the best refining laboratory in the country and refining studies are routinely performed for industrial companies.

CONCLUSION:
Joe Genco’s research activities at the University of Maine are without precedent. He has brought immense distinction to the University. He has been recognized by the Technical Association of Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI) and the UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation. He has been awarded one of UMaine’s highest honors when he was named the Distinguished Maine Professor.

More importantly, he is held in high regard by hundreds of alumni for his care and concern and his mentoring support which goes far beyond the classroom and reaches them well into their careers over many, many years. “Joe Genco embodies all that is great about our institution. He is the consummate Professor.” His current and past students as well as colleagues agree. For the last 41 years Professor Genco has been our teacher, our mentor, our friend.

Former students, current students, faculty and friends joined together to successfully raise the funds needed to present Joe with the Joseph M. Genco scholarship at Paper Day 2015. Congratulations Joe, and enjoy retirement!
Annual Meeting Receives Committee Reports and Elects Officers

At the Foundation’s 2015 Annual Meeting, held on April 8th as part of Paper Days, the Foundation elected officers for 2015, received committee reports and adopted the 2015 budget.

Ray Heuchling, President of The Heuchling Group was elected Chair of the Executive Committee and John Donahue, Vice President Manufacturing, Sappi North America, was elected Chair of the Board of Directors.

Other officers elected at the meeting were Vice Presidents Morgan Hill, UMaine Chemical Engineering scholarship recipient and Stephen Goulet, UMaine Mechanical Engineering scholarship recipient. Newly elected Directors at Large are: Patricia Begrowicz, President, Onyx Specialty Papers; Keith Van Scotter, President & CEO, Lincoln Paper and Tissue; Steve Myers, Operations Lead – Strategic Initiatives, Expera Specialty Solutions; Brian McAlary, Director New Product Development, Twin Rivers Paper and Anthony Lyons, Director – Fiber Supply and Public Policy, Catalyst Paper.

 Newly elected Standing Committee Chairs are: Audit Committee, Cheryl Gwadowsky, Mill Controller, Sappi North America; Fundraising Committee, Sarah Dawkins, Chemical Process Design Group, O’Neal Inc.; Membership Committee, Dan Barteaux, Mill Procurement Manager, Sappi North America; Nominating Committee, Greg Radney, Corporate Account Manager, Valmet; Public Relations, Barbara Kerr Hamilton, Program Manager, Industrial Energy Solutions, Emerson Process Management; and University and Industrial Support Committee, Peter Hart, Director of Pulping, Bleaching and Chemical Process Technology, MeadWestvaco Corporation.

In addition to electing officers the Foundation’s committee chairs each presented their 2015 reports describing their activities and outlining their future goals.

The Foundation’s 2015 budget will provide $670,000 for undergraduate scholarships to encourage students with a demonstrated interest in a paper industry related career. Funding was also approved for the continuation of our summer “Consider Engineering” program for students with high ability in math and science.

Once again the Foundation will continue to support the University in 2015 with salary supplements for 3 professors. The Foundation will also provide honoraria to faculty who teach summer chemical engineering courses that allow the co-op program to continue.

Copies of the Foundation’s 2014 Annual Report are available from the Foundation office on request. If you would like a copy please call Faye at (207) 581-2297 or send email to woodcock@maine.edu. The Annual Report is also available on the Foundation’s website www.mainepulpaper.org.

Mark Cross, ’79 cannot contain his enthusiasm as he announces the establishment of the Class of ’79 scholarship at Paper Days.

Mark and classmate Lee Marshall had been working since the members of the Class of ’99 laid down the gauntlet at Paper Days 2014. While presenting their scholarship Carrie Enos stepped forward and announced, “The challenge is on! Let’s see how many other Class scholarships we can come up with to benefit our students and our industry.” Mark and Lee stepped up and said they would return in 2015 with their class scholarship.

During the banquet Mark addressed the audience asking for help to complete their goal. Pledges were accepted and the Class of ’79 plaque will be presented at Paper Days 2016.

Bob & Sharon Fuehrer Host Foundation President Carrie Enos in Vermont

Bob and Sharon Fuehrer have been long-time supporters of the UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation. In November I traveled to Vermont to thank them for their continuing support of the George J. Muller Scholarship, established in 1994, and for the corporate support provided for so many years by EHV Weidmann, now part of the WlCOR group.

Bob arranged for an extensive tour of their manufacturing facility in St Johnsbury. Weidmann Electrical Technology is a global leader in electrical insulation for transformer manufacturers and transformer users, and the hospitality shown by their VP of Production Americas John Goodrich and his team was more than generous. While there I ran into UMaine alums Bernie Brochu and Justin Crocker. (I seem to find our alumni wherever I go throughout the country!)

Bob also arranged for a visit to St Johnsbury Academy, whose mission is "Character, Inquiry, Community." It reminded me so much of our community here at the Pulp and Paper Foundation! Headmaster Tom Lovett and his faculty and staff spent the better part of the day showing me around their remarkable campus. They allowed me to sit in on classroom activities and tour the many laboratories and educational spaces available to their students. The Academy offers technical training as well as college preparatory studies, and the atmosphere was one ripe with a thirst for learning as well as a spirit of camaraderie.

Many thanks to Bob and Sharon for welcoming me to their community, for investing their time in me, and for helping our students get an outstanding education by building the George J. Muller Endowment, established in memory of Bob’s Uncle George. Mr. Muller inspired Bob to study Chemical Engineering at UMaine, and we couldn’t be happier that he did!
The 2015 Pulp & Paper Foundation Honor Award, in recognition of activities that improved the reputation of the University of Maine throughout the paper and supplier industries, was presented to outgoing Chair of the Board John Wolanski at the Foundation’s 2015 Paper Days April Honors banquet.

John graduated from the University of Vermont with a B.S. degree in Chemistry in 1981. Despite that, he now bleeds UMaine blue.

John has had a long and successful career in our industry. In 1981, immediately following graduation from the University Vermont he started his career as a Technical Sales Representative with Hercules Inc. (now Solenis) in Buffalo, New York. John has had an interesting career path. His division at Hercules was acquired by Calgon Corporation in 1986, then Calgon was acquired by ECC International in 1993 and then, ECC sold Calgon to Suez Degremont merging with Nalco in 1999. In 2001 John joined Veolia Water (formerly Veendri Environnement/US Filter).

In 2004 John was named Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Savage Safe Handling, Inc. of Auburn ME and Salt Lake City, UT. In 2011 he accepted his current position as Vice President of Marketing & Sales with GAC Chemical Corporation in Searsport, ME.

Traditionally our Honor Award recipients have volunteered and served our industry throughout their careers.

John has certainly been a champion of our industry. He:

- Has been a member of the Maine Pulp & Paper Association since 2004.
- Has been a member of TAPPI/PIMA since 1987.
- Was the recipient of Northeast PIMA’s 2006 Ambassador Award.
- Is currently the Scholarship Committee Chair of Northeast TAPPI/PIMA.
- In 2009 was appointed by Maine’s Governor to serve as a member of the Maine International Trade Center.
- Has served the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation as an individual member, Membership Committee Chair, Board Member, Executive Committee President and Chair of the Board, proving that at The University of Maine, “You’re in a great place!”

The 2015 Honor Award citation reads as follows: “A distinguished leader of this Foundation and of the paper industry who has been dedicated to strengthening the reputation of the University of Maine as a source of well-educated people prepared for paper industry related careers.

A champion of the need for attracting capable students to the paper industry through career orientation programs offered to high school students and for scholarship support of University engineering students who have the capacity to become our industry’s leaders.

His enthusiasm for and contributions to the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation have been manifest in many significant ways for the betterment of students and the University of Maine.

This Honor Award is presented as a token for our deep appreciation and to recognize his many valued contributions in enhancing the University of Maine’s reputation for excellence throughout the paper and related industries.”

Honor Award Committee Chair, Don Beaumont (center) presents the Foundation’s 2015 Honor Award to Outgoing Chair of the Board John Wolanski at the Foundation’s Honors Banquet held in April. In accepting the 2015 Honor Award, John raises his glass to say thank you. John took a moment to announce to the audience that he and his family have established the Wolanski Family Endowed Scholarship with the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation. Thank you John!
Celebrating 65 Years

Picture Highlights
Scholarship and Educational Relations Committee Chair Lee Marshall presented the Foundation’s 2015 Teacher Recognition Awards to two exceptional high school teachers at the Paper Days honors banquet. He was joined by the two Foundation scholarship recipients who were successful in nominating their teachers.

Each year nominations are solicited from current scholarship recipients who appreciate the support, motivation and educational processes demonstrated by their nominated teachers. Students 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. The awards are intended to stimulate and expand interest in math and science among teachers and their students. In addition to being presented with citations noting their accomplishments, each recipient is provided with an honorarium of $500.

Zachary Goulette, a first year electrical engineering major from Turner, ME who attended Leavitt Area High School nominated his chemistry teacher, Julie Schmidt.

In his nomination letter, Zach writes, “Not only do I believe Mrs. Schmidt is deserving of this award as an educator in her chemistry classroom, but I believe she is deserving of the award for what she does above and beyond to help kids be successful in high school. During my time at Leavitt Area High School I observed how she alone ran the after-school homework club. She was put in charge of an academic support study hall specifically for freshmen that were struggling academically and handled the challenge with grace, finding tutors for students in the areas that they were struggling. I was one of those tutors helping several students with algebra. Mrs. Schmidt truly cares about the education and future of ALL of her students and goes above and beyond to help them in any way she can.”

Jordan Carr, a sophomore chemical engineering major from Veazie, ME who attended John Bapst Memorial High School nominated his math teacher Brendan Murphy.

In his nomination letter, Jordan writes, “Mr. Murphy's unique teaching styles make math interesting and fun to learn. He knows that to get the best results from students, you have to think outside the box and come up with different ways to help students learn. One example of this is a saying he uses so students do not forget to add a constant when integrating (the constant is usually called C). After every integration, he says, “don't forget your cupcake.” It's the little things like this that he knows help students remember things. Mr. Murphy also has unique ways of engaging students every class. Before each class, he picks two problems from the homework and uses a calculator to generate a random number. Each student has a number assigned to them and if their number is chosen, they do the problem on the board. This is a way to both encourage students to do the homework, and to participate in class. These are just a few examples of techniques Mr. Murphy uses to make class entertaining, interesting and engaging.”

Did you know your Foundation is on FaceBook? Like us at University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation to follow our activities.
2015 Genco Award Presented to Joe Genco

The Joseph M. Genco award, established by the UMaine 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, or through innovative teaching that inspires current engineering students.

In 2010 Joe Genco was the first recipient of the award. This year when the committee met to choose its 2015 award recipient, it was unanimously decided that Joe would once again receive the Genco award. Jeff Hamilton, committee chair said, “There will be a large void when Joe retires from UMaine. There will be big shoes to fill. The committee wanted to say “thank you” one more time.”

If newsletter readers would like to suggest nominees for the Genco Award, please contact Carrie Enos by telephone at (207) 581-2298 or by email at carrie.enos@maine.edu.

Past Honor Award Recipients - Celebrate 65 Years

To celebrate the Foundation’s 65th anniversary, Chair of the Board John Donahue of Sappi North America invited former Honor Award recipients to join him on the stage at the Paper Days Honors Banquet.

Bob Perry, ‘52, one of the Foundation’s first scholarship recipients to graduate from UMaine, asked to address the audience. Bob told everyone how happy he was to return to Orono and how proud he is to be a member of such a great Organization. Bob reflected on the evening’s festivities and challenged other classes in the audience to establish their own class scholarship.

Pictured from left to right: Albert Moore, Buckman (retired); John Wolanski, GAC Chemical; Don Beaumont, Metso Paper (retired); Dana Dolloff, Rayonier (retired); Barbara Kerr Hamilton, Emerson Process Management, Joe Genco, Chemical Engineering, University of Maine; Ralph Keef, Stora Enso (retired); Lou Boos, Nordic Engineering; John Donahue, Sappi North America (at podium); Stan Marshall, UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation (retired) and Bob Perry, S. D. Warren (retired).

Previous Honor Award recipients who could not attend Paper Days sent their regrets, but more importantly they sent their best wishes for continued success as we move forward.
Endowed Scholarships Introduced at Paper Days

CLASS OF 1999

The Class of 1999 Scholarship was announced at Paper Days 2014 on behalf of Mike Davis, who championed the fundraising efforts for the class. Foundation President Carrie Enos told the audience how she and many others from her class came together to show appreciation for the scholarship support they received as students by establishing the Class of 1999 Scholarship.

Pictured making the formal presentation of the plaque to be displayed in our Hall of Appreciation is Fundraising Committee Chair Keith Meyer (left) and Shawn Albert, Account Manager, Buckman and member of the Class of 1999.

GAC CHEMICAL

The GAC Chemical Corporation Scholarship began as a result of a $10,000 pledge made to the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation by David Colter, President & CEO of GAC Chemical. David has also served as the Foundation’s Treasurer for many years.

When the Campaign to raise $2 million to support expanded scholarships for undergraduate engineering students planning careers in the pulp & paper and related industries was announced, David immediately jumped in, pledging the support of GAC Chemical Corporation.

Pictured (left to right) is Fundraising Chair Keith Meyer and David Colter, President & CEO, GAC Chemical.

NALCO

Brian Lambert, District Manager, Nalco was on hand to present the Nalco Scholarship at Paper Days 2015.

The scholarship reflects Nalco - an Ecolab Company reaching the $10,000 mark of the $25,000 pledge they made at Paper Days 2013 to the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation’s $2 million campaign.

In presenting the scholarship Brian told the audience it is important for the engineers of today to support the future engineers of tomorrow. This is Nalco’s way of giving back.
The Pat’s Pizza Albert Moore Scholarship is the result of a group of Paper Days attendees continuing Paper Days festivities after the annual honors banquet at Pat’s Pizza. Albert, Faye and Dana started the tradition of passing the empty beer pitcher around the room. Funds in excess of the check and tip were deposited into the Pat’s Pizza fund, and as of 2014 the fund became an Endowed Scholarship. The plaque was presented at Paper Days 2015.

Pictured (left to right) making the formal presentation of the plaque to be displayed in our Hall of Appreciation is Dana Dolloff, Rayonier (retired), Faye Woodcock Murray of the Pulp & Paper Foundation and Albert Moore, Buckman (retired).

Paul Premont is a Class of 1961 graduate with a B.S. in Pulp & Paper Technology.

Paul contacted Foundation President Carrie Enos to ask about the process for establishing an endowed scholarship. In his letter Paul wrote, “My studies at the University of Maine served me as a base on which to build on in order to pursue a good career within the pulp & paper industry. It has been said that the industry is mature. I believe that good opportunities still lay ahead for someone who wishes to face the challenge.”

If you are interested in establishing an endowed scholarship, contact Carrie Enos at (207)581-2298 or send Carrie an email at: carrie.enos@maine.edu.

New Company Members Announced at Paper Days

Jef Howell, Purchasing Manager, Verso Corporation and UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation Membership Committee Chair announced we have had seven new company members join the Foundation since last April.

One company, Catalyst Paper, has joined the Foundation at the Scholarship Underwriter level. Four companies joined the Foundation at the Company Member level. They are: Capstone Technology, Enzymatic Deinking Technologies (EDT), NEPW Logistics, and TFM North America. Two companies joined the Foundation at the Special Gift level, CES Inc. and We Store Inc.

Incoming Membership Committee Chair, Dan Barteaux, Mill Procurement Manager, Sappi North America was on hand to assist Jef in the presentation of Certificates of Membership and to personally welcome each of our new company representatives to Paper Days 2015.

Jef reminded the audience of a few of the benefits of corporate membership such as networking opportunities, access to a pool of quality engineering graduates with experience who want to work in the paper industry, and paper mill luncheon and tour events.

Jef closed by saying we need the support of our Company Members to enable Foundation activities and scholarships. He also thanked all Membership Committee members who generously volunteer their time.

We would like to welcome our new company members and to say thank you to all companies who are current members of our Foundation. Your annual donations help to fund our scholarship program and ensure we are recruiting your future engineers.
Woody Beach, ’51 (left) and David Peakes, ’59 (right), discovered while chatting at the UMaine Alumni Soiree that they both have ties to Rumford, ME. UMaine was proud to be the co-host of the 2nd Annual Alumni Soiree at PaperCon in Atlanta. This year the Alumni Soiree was combined with TAPPI’s Young Professionals Mixer, and that brought fresh energy to the room. The event was very well-attended, and all enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Of course UMaine had the best booth, and our alumni and friends received UMaine pins and stickers to proudly declare their allegiance to the Black Bears. Go Blue!

Anthony Lyons, ’77, has been named Director Fiber Supply & Public Policy at Catalyst Paper in Rumford, ME.

Bill Manzer, ’80, has joined Rayoner in Jessup, GA as VP Manufacturing Operations, Paper & Forest Products.

Mike Morin, ‘82, has joined Stantec Consulting Services in Portland, ME, as a Senior Chemical Engineer and Associate.

Steve McEachern, ’84, has joined Resolute Forest Products in Calhoun, TN as No. 5 PM Superintendent.

Marco L’Italien, ’86, has joined IGIC as a Vice President in Woodland, ME.

Don Anderson, ’88, has been promoted to Reliability Manager at Bear Island Paper WB, LLC in Richmond, VA.

Philip Nadeau, ’88, has joined Cianbro Corp. as a Senior Project Engineer.

Phil Turmel, ‘89, is now the Owner of Automation Processionals, LLC in the greater Atlanta, GA area.

Todd Corbin, ’90, has joined Verso Corp., Jay, ME as a Project Manager.

Rob Harvey, ’90, is now Site Manager at SCA Americas, Tissue Neenah Converting, Neenah, WI.

Michael Wadsworth, ’91, has been named Manufacturing Manager at Huhtamaki in Waterville, ME.

Walter Goodine, ’92, has joined Expera Specialty Solutions as Maintenance & Engineering Business Unit Manager, Old Town, ME.

Dan Ludden, ’92, has joined BTG Americas as a Tissue Applications Engineer.

Adam Tonzi, ’92, has joined Kemira as a Regional Manager in the greater Seattle area.

Gary Garand, ’93, has been named Mill Manager at Expera Specialty Solutions in Schofield, WI.

Mike Laverdiere, ’93, has been named Mill Manager at Verso Corp., Queens, ME.

Matt Mangarelli, ’93, is now an Area Manager with ChemTreat, Inc. in the Boston, MA area.

Blue Keim, ’94, is a Senior Engineer at Catalyst Paper in Rumford, ME.

Mark Hunter, ’95, has joined First Quality Enterprises in Anderson, SC as Operations Manager.

Everett Bennett, ’96, has joined Expera Specialty Solutions in Old Town, ME as a Reliability Engineer.

David Irving, ’96, is now Consulting Forester & Wildlife Habitat Specialist at Shelterwood Forest Solutions, Inc., in Lincoln, ME.

Bob Sherman, ’96, has joined Expera Specialty Solutions as a Process Control Manager at Old Town, ME.

Cecil McDonald, ’97, has been promoted to Technical Services (Continuous Improvement) Manager at Rayonier Advanced Materials in Jessup, GA.

Nicole Travis, ’99, has been promoted to Process Engineering Mgr. at Crosspoint Engineering in the Greater Boston area.

Foundation President Carrie Enos (left) and Amy Luce, Technical Research Manager, FBRI, UMaine (right) were both installed into the prestigious UMaine College of Engineering Francis Crowe Society at its induction ceremony held in December.

The purpose of the Francis Crowe Society is to recognize UMaine engineering graduates as they accomplish the formidable goal of completing their engineering degrees and to recognize others who have made considerable engineering contributions and honored their profession.


Clay Enos, ’00, has joined Fisher International as a Senior Consultant.

Cindi (Eaton) Heanssler, ’00, is a Sales Agent at The Island Agency in Stonington, ME.

Scot MacArthur, ’01, has joined New England Controls as a Sales Engineer in the Bangor, ME office.

Kristy (Palmer) Bishop, ’04, has been promoted to Environmental Regulatory Compliance Consultant, Air Quality and Permitting at Woodard & Curran in Portland, ME.

Steve Cook, ’05, has joined Voith as a Fabrics and Rolls Sales/Service Representative in the Lewiston, ME area.
Jeremy Condon, ‘06, has joined Schneider Electric in Canton, MA as an Application Engineer II.

Jessica Paul, ‘06, is now an Operations Shift Supervisor at Sappi North America’s Somerset Operations in Skowhegan, ME.

Randen Baker, ‘07, is now PM16 Manufacturing Engineer at Georgia-Pacific in Savannah, GA.

Joshua Pelletier, ‘07, has joined Sappi North America in Skowhegan, ME as an Area Operations Supervisor.

Dan Chamberlain, ‘10, is a Development Systems Administrator at Tyler Technologies in Portland, ME.

Catherine (Lyons) Pongan, ‘10, is now a Process Engineer I at Genzyme in Boston, MA.

Jeff Galle, ‘11, is a Facilities Project Manager at DuPont in Wilmington, DE.

Sarah Dawkins, ‘11, has been listed in TAPPI’s top 20 under 30 list.

Anthony Ortiz, ‘11, has joined St. Germain Collins as an Environmental Engineer in the Portland, ME area.

Melissa Glifort, ‘11, is now a Process Engineer/Technical Training Writer for Verso Corporation.

Ryan Lindemann, ‘12, has joined Woodland Pulp LLC as Kraft Mill Supervisor in Baileyville, ME.

Matt Barrett, ‘13, has joined Solenis as a Technical Sales Representative.

Laura Duran, ‘13, has joined Lincoln Paper and Tissue in Lincoln, ME as a Production Engineer.

Jesse Stephens, ‘13, is now Process Improvement Engineer at SCA in Glens Falls, NY.

Shawn Mulrooney, is Assistant General Manager at PaperWorks Industries, Inc., in the greater Philadelphia area.

Mike Reider, is now Technical Manager at Sonoco in Portland, ME.

Denis St. Pierre, Jr., has joined International Paper as a Front Line Leader at their Savannah Mill.

Sappi North America’s Paul Durocher, ‘82, is featured in an article in TAPPI’s Centennial Celebration Newsletter titled Spotlight on Sappi: An Interview with Paul Durocher. Paul is the Director, Coated Paper Development at Sappi North America.

Emilia Golebiowska, a ChE MS candidate, was presented TAPPI’s Best Student Paper Presented at PaperCon 2015 award.

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Ralph Keef, ‘55 (left) is pictured with wife Allison (right). Ralph is holding his Atlantic Salmon Federation award.

John Holyoke of the BDN writes:

Keef wins ASF award

In my dozen or so years writing about outdoors matters for the BDN, I’ve come across lots of people.

Many of them have been memorable not for the stories they’ve told, but for the way they’ve treated me … and others.

Ralph Keef of Hermon is one of those men — a quiet, classy guy who has been generous with his time and patient with people (like writers) who have a lot left to learn.

I was pleased to learn that the Atlantic Salmon Federation had honored Keef with the 2014 Lee Wulff Atlantic Salmon Conservation Award.

Keef, who has been battling some health issues, was not in New York City to receive the award; he’ll be honored locally at a spring salmon dinner.

Keef is a former president of the Maine Council of the ASF, and was always available to pitch in on field activities or offer public testimony on salmon-related matters.

“For more than two decades, Ralph has been an educator, mentor and generous supporter of numerous salmon conservation efforts both in the U.S. and Canada,” Christopher H. Buckley Jr., chairman of the ASF board of directors, said in a news release. “His generous volunteerism is an inspiration to others, particularly fisheries scientists, teachers, children, and his fellow anglers, who appreciate wild Atlantic salmon and the sport of fly fishing.”

It’s an honor long in the making, and Keef is certainly well deserving of the accolade. Congratulations to a great mentor and friend to many.

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On May 12, 2015, the student group TREE, comprised of fourteen University of Maine engineering students, will be embarking on a two week “Paper Safari” in Germany and Austria. The circuit is to include 12 site visits from 8 companies including Andritz, BASF, Glatfelter, Xerium, Schaefer Rolls, MWN Rolls, Voith, and SKF. Students will be exploring some of the world leaders in their respective technologies and hope to gain valuable knowledge on a wide array of aspects in the pulp and paper industry. All together, the group will travel over 1700km and experience what must be considered a once in a lifetime opportunity!

This will be the second TREE trip as the inaugural was held in the spring of 2013 when 9 students travelled to Finland. The success of the first trip along with several key takeaways has put a very optimistic outlook on the upcoming TREE trip to Germany and Austria. Students are buzzing as there are now less than three weeks until departure. The students have been preparing themselves for this trip for about two years. Students studied potential sites to visit and pursued ones that seemed feasible and interesting. Unfortunately, many facilities could not be visited simply due to time and logistics. The group also worked to set up their own travel via rail and bus when in Germany and Austria. It is estimated that close to $35,000 was raised through fund-raising and donations. TREE would like to thank all who have contributed either financially or through planning. It is no understatement to say that none of this would be possible without the generosity of the pulp and paper family.

Please follow us at http://umaineetreetrip.blogspot.com where will be keeping accounts of all of our activities leading up to and during the TREE trip. There are also profiles from each of the students that will be attending!