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Director's Corner

by Jack Healy

The leaves have fallen, and the crisp air is becoming the norm each morning. The PPF 2009 cycle of events is fast coming to an end, and Faye and I are proud of our PPF student scholars, and those events that they helped make a success.

Two years ago, Lou Boos challenged us to encourage more students to participate in Foundation events such as Paper Days. Our students have come through in this regard, and it is clear that they enjoy interacting with industry representatives. Our recent Chinn seminars have been full to overflowing, and comments have been very positive regarding content. Students have helped us inaugurate an alumnae weekend welcome breakfast in May, and a homecoming tailgate in October for former and current Pulp & Paper Foundation scholars. The fall 1st year student welcome dinner, and the fall scholarship dinner continue to be hits with students, and in the case of the scholarship banquet a hit with co-op employers.

For the second year we have expanded the Consider Engineering program to three weeks vs. two due to high demand. We had a record setting 102 students attend last summer.

Interest in our programs by high school students continues to be high with increases in the number of applicants for both our scholarship and Consider Engineering. Even with the slowdown in the economy, our company members still aggressively pursue our students for co-op and Intern positions, with several companies starting or reinstating programs this year.

It's very gratifying for all of us when a CO-OP employer said

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Foundation Grants Fall Scholarships to 97 Students at a Banquet in Their Honor

For the 2009 Fall semester the Pulp and Paper Foundation has awarded more than \$335,000 in scholarship assistance to 74 upper-class students studying engineering, engineering technology and forestry. Additionally 23 first year students will receive full tuition awards in December once they have completed and met the scholarship requirements. Each of our upper-class scholarship recipients have achieved the required grades and have demonstrated their interest in a paper related career to the Foundation's Scholarship Committee.

The breakdown by field of study is 48 chemical engineering; 20 mechanical engineering; 9 civil engineering; 4 computer and electrical engineering; 4 electrical engineering; 4 mechanical engineering technology; 3 biological engineering; 3 forestry; 1 information systems engineering; and 1 electrical engineering technology.

Ninety-four students come from Maine towns while three students come from hometowns outside of Maine in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Washington.

At the banquet students had the opportunity to talk with several mem-

bers of the Scholarship Committee. This year human resource representatives from thirteen Foundation member companies who employ our students as co-op and interns attended the scholarship banquet to present checks to their student employees.

Jason Lyons, Scholarship Committee Chair, welcomed students telling them, "It is a pleasure on behalf of all our donors and company members to provide our financial support to encourage each of you to continue your education in preparation for a paper industry related career".

Safe Handling's John Wolanski was the featured speaker at Scholarship Banquet

John Wolanski, Senior Vice President, Safe Handling, Auburn, ME and Foundation Secretary was the featured speaker. John congratulated the scholarship recipients and reminded them "at UMaine, you're in a great place". As John's remarks continued he asked if the audience knew the story "A Message to Garcia". The story written in 1899 by Elbert Hubbard is only 1500 words long and is a timeless and inspirational story about the initiative of a soldier who ac-

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Scholarship recipients attended the Pulp & Paper Foundation's annual Scholarship Banquet held in September to receive their fall scholarship award checks from Scholarship Committee Chair, Jason Lyons (front row, second from right) and committee member Grant Byrus (back row, second from left).



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completes a daring mission. The story takes place during the Spanish American war when the US was ready to invade the Spanish colony of Cuba in retaliation for sinking the USS Maine in Havana Harbor. Before the US invasion, then President McKinley needed to contact the leader of the Cuban insurgents, General Garcia, who was somewhere hiding in the mountains of Cuba. McKinley needed Garcia's support and cooperation. John went on to read an excerpt from the story. When he concluded he told the audience the story is NOT about author Hubbard, McKinley or Garcia. The moral of the story is about the initiative of Col. Rowan. He went on to say "everyone's business is looking for an individual like Col. Rowan. The paper industry needs more people who can carry a message to Garcia".

In closing, John challenged the scholarship recipients to, "ask yourself every day, how I can make a positive difference in the paper industry. Find new creative solutions to old problems and find new ways to create value. How can you "carry a message to Garcia? You are our best & brightest, OUR Col. Rowans, and I know you can do it!"

Additional information and Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship applications for entering students are available on our website at www.mainepulpaper.org or by calling the Foundation office at (207)581-2297. Application deadline for incoming first year students is December 31, 2009.

Consider Engineering 2010

Three Sessions Offered

July 11-14

July 18-21

July 25-28

Applications Available at www.mainepulpaper.org or call (207) 581-2297

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"no matter which student I chose (out of 16 interviewed) we can't go wrong." Also, on the first day of the fall semester a student who had just returned to campus came into my office and exclaimed – "The best experience I have ever had. The HR manager met with us on a bi-weekly basis, and made sure that all of the summer interns were being challenged." This is what we routinely hear – "the pay is nice, the housing help is nice, but I want a job where I can contribute, make a difference, and put my engineering skills to work".

Applications for 2010 scholarships are beginning to trickle in, and this year our deadline for submission is moved up to 12/31/09. Our scholarship committee is working on a new process of applicant evaluation that will increase participation by company members.

Our University Support Committee has been very active evaluating students for skills that are required for ABET certification by the Biological and Chemical Engineering Department. We followed up with targeted Chinn Seminars to help correct any

gaps noted.

We took a fairly substantial hit to our endowment in 2008 and early 2009. Fortunately our funds are beginning to come back. New endowments or endowment additions in 2009 have been slow, with one new endowment anticipated by the end of the year. As we come to year end, I encourage you, particularly former scholarship graduates, to consider a tax deductible gift to the Foundation. The need is there for our graduates. With ever increasing tuition, the need for funds to support upcoming graduates will continue to grow. Please see page 3 for ways to donate to the Foundation. For those of you who already have contributed in 2009, thanks again for your generous donation.

As we head toward 2010 we will keep a close but supportive eye on University budget concerns. The support of the University in producing quality, innovative engineers is a key component of the future viability and success of our industry. Please feel free to call me at any time at (207) 581-2298. Happy Holidays.



Students attending UMaine's Recreation Activity Day (RAD) Camp in August spent a morning touring the pilot plant facilities to learn how paper is made. James Beaupre, '07, ChE and current PhD candidate (back center) asked the students "what is a chemical engineer and what do they do"? Once students answered the question they were given the opportunity to each make a "chemical reaction" by putting ingredients together to make "goop". RAD camp counselors have told us the tour was a highlight of the student's visit to camp and will add the tour to their schedule again next summer.

Ted and Mary Sapoznik Present Scholarship at Paper Days 2009



Ted Sapoznik, '78 ChE, and former Foundation scholarship recipient, and his wife Mary presented an endowed scholarship at the 2009 Paper Days Honors Banquet held in April.

In making his presentation Ted told the audience how proud he was of his UMaine education and how much he appreciated support from the Foundation while he attended UMaine.

Additional information about the Sapoznik and more than 200 other named scholarships is available from the Pulp and Paper Foundation Office by calling (207) 581-2298.

Henry Whitman Fales (1913-2009)



Retired paper industry executive Henry W. Fales died in May at the age of 96.

Fales was a retired vice president of St. Regis Paper Co. and was formerly vice president of operations and general manager of St. Croix Paper Co., Baileyville, ME.

He was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate in mechanical engineering from the University of Maine in 1935 and continued his studies at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He co-founded in 1950 and later chaired the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation. He received the Foundation's Honor Award in 1974 and the University honored him with a

Doctor of Science degree in 1979. In 1981, he was named Executive of the Year by the Paper Industry Management Association (PIMA), the only vice president ever to have been so honored.

Fales worked for Scott Paper Co., first in Chester, PA, and then in management positions during World War II at strategic mills in South Glens Falls and Fort Edward, NY. He began his 14-year career at St. Croix in 1951, culminating in the building of a new paper machine and the mill's conversion from newsprint to xerographic paper production.

Later he was vice president and general manager of Continental Paper Co., Ridgefield Park, NJ, before joining St. Regis in 1967 as resident manager at Pensacola, FL. He moved to corporate headquarters in New York City in 1971, where he was vice president and general manager of both the Printing and Packaging Papers Division and the Kraft Division before retiring in 1978 and establishing his worldwide consulting firm.

Fales is survived by his wife of 69 years, the former Dorothy Mae Booth of Linwood Heights, PA, and his children, Gregory and Melanie.

Year-End is an Ideal Time to Establish a Foundation Endowed Scholarship

As the end of the year quickly approaches we remind you that now is an excellent time to consider making a lasting gift in appreciation for your career opportunities or to honor someone who has been instrumental in your success.

No other school that has more alumni working in paper-related technical jobs than the University of Maine. More than 3,000 deserving undergraduate students have received Pulp & Paper Foundation scholarships since its founding in 1950.

Generally Named Scholarships are set up by making a gift of cash or securities for \$10,000 or more. Donors may also make an initial gift to establish an

endowment fund where earned income, investment gains, corporate matching gifts and future donor contributions are credited to the fund. When the endowment reaches a value of \$10,000 it becomes a Named Scholarship and a student begins receiving a scholarship award each year.

Another method of establishing a Named Scholarship is through a trust or a will. If a donor prefers to continue to receive income from a gift throughout their life it is possible to establish a trust which can benefit the donor (and/or another living person throughout their lifetime). Establishing a trust offers a tax deduction for part of the gift depending on the donor's age. A bequest in a will is another way to establish

a Named Scholarship where the Pulp and Paper Foundation is named as a beneficiary.

In awarding each endowment fund, the Foundation staff looks for a connection between the interests of the donor and the recipient. A feature of the award process, appreciated by many donors, is receipt of a letter and a photograph from "their" scholarship recipient each year where the student personally thanks the donor.

More information about establishing a Named Scholarship is available through Jack Healy at the Foundation office (207) 581-2298 or by sending email to healy@maine.edu.



The PDC Upgrades its Coating Capacity with a New Web Pilot Coater

The process of coating a thin layer of material on the surface of paper, film, foil, and composites is very effective in adding functionality and value to a range of products. Printing papers, paper cups, grease resistant food packaging, and high strength composites all benefit from quality coatings. The PDC routinely works with clients to improve product properties and lower costs by formulating and applying coatings to their products. Previously, our coating capacity has been used for research and prototype development scale production, but was not efficient for producing test market quantities of new products. Now, thanks to funding from the Maine Technology Asset Fund, the PDC has purchased and will soon install a new web pilot coater/laminator. The coater will be capable of processing paper directly from the PDC's pilot paper machine. Soon our customers will have full access to a complete, pilot scale facility that can process raw materials into a finished web product, all in one facility.

The pilot coater will offer a broad range of coating application methods for paper, film, foils, non-wovens, and other composite materials using water or solvent coatings. The coating methods include trailing blade, rod, and a flexible three roll coating module that can be configured for direct gravure, offset gravure, smooth roll direct, offset smooth roll, and Kiss coating. All of the roll coating methods can be performed in forward or reverse modes. The coater will process webs up to 12 inches in width at speeds of up to 100 fpm. The coating is dried via hot air impingement nozzles. The coater is also equipped with a laminating station.

The new coater compliments existing product development assets at the PDC, including an experienced, professional staff, to assist clients in developing and commercializing new, innovative products. Whether your goal is to improve existing paper products, or to innovate transformative specialty papers or laminated composite structures, the PDC is here to work with you – from concept development through to successful commercialization. For more information or to discuss a potential project, please call Michael Bilodeau at 207-581-2387 or Pros Bennett at 207-949-4176. All client collaborations are conducted on a confidential basis.



The picture above depicts the New Web Pilot Coater currently on order for the University of Maine Process Development Center.



Barbara Kerr Hamilton Named Pulp & Paper Foundation President

The Foundation's 2009 Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 8th as part of Paper Days/Open House events. Activities included receiving committee reports, adopting the Foundation's 2009 budget, and accepting the nomination of Barbara Kerr Hamilton as its first Madame President.

Barbara is an Energy Consultant with the Global Industrial Energy Solutions group within PSS Sales and Marketing. Her responsibilities include technical project support on industrial energy pursuits and solutions such as multi fuel boiler control, steam header optimization, and energy management.

Prior to joining Emerson in 2007, Barbara spent 13 years working for a process control integrator and 12 years working directly for pulp and paper manufacturers. Her 26 years of engineering experience include positions in process engineering, capital project management, process control engineering, E/I maintenance, and engineering group supervision.

Barbara, a former Foundation scholarship recipient holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Maine. She resides in Hampden, Maine where she enjoys backpacking and hiking.

Edwin and Claudette Healy Make Scholarship Presentation at 2009 Paper Days



Left to right: Edwin & Claudette Healy and Gifts & Bequests Chair, Keith Meyer

Edwin and Claudette Healy presented the Edwin D. and Claudette Healy scholarship as part of the 2009 Paper Days/Open House.

In their presentation, the Healy's spoke of the value and importance of education. The Healy's challenged scholarship recipients in the audience to put their education to good use finding solutions to problems as they work in their careers.

On hand to accept the plaque on behalf of the Foundation was Gifts & Bequests Chair, Keith Meyer.

University of Maine to Host AIChE Northeast Regional Student Conference in March 2010

The University of Maine chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) is pleased to announce that it is the host school for the 2010 Northeast Regional Student Conference. This conference is an annual event that attracts the best and brightest engineering students from colleges and universities all across the Northeast. Over 150 students from URI, UMass Amherst, RPI, Cornell, Northeastern, Tufts, and Brown (just to name a few schools) will be attending this conference.

The goal is to provide an opportunity for serious-minded students to come together and share their knowledge, experiences, plans for the future, and meet with industry professionals. The highlights of the meeting are two exciting competitions: the Regional Student Paper Competition and the Regional Chem-E Car Competition. Students from each visiting university prepare entries and the winners travel to AIChE's National Annual Meeting to compete against the first place winners in AIChE's eight other regions for the top national prize.

If you have any questions about this conference or are interested in becoming a sponsor for this event please contact one of the following individuals via e-mail: Ian Hamilton, Conference Chairperson ian.hamilton@umit.maine.edu or Thomas Schwartz, UMaine AIChE Chapter President thomas.schwartz@umit.maine.edu.



Seated from left to right are UMaine Chemical Engineering students: Sarah Muzzy; Tom Baril; Mike Subilia; Matt Howard; Ian Hamilton, (conference chair); Matt Stratton; Greg Worster; Mat Pagurko. Standing from left to right, Tom Schwartz, (AIChE President); and Owen Sanborn.

Scholarship Recipients Resumes Featured on Foundation's Website

New this year the Foundation website has been expanded to contain resumes of all current Foundation scholarship recipients. Students are listed alphabetically by class: 25 seniors; 24 juniors; 25 sophomores; and, 23 first-year students. Students also have the opportunity to have their pictures and co-op/intern employer published. Once a senior has accepted permanent employment the website is updated and a notation added.

Students can also view the website giving them the opportunity to update their resumes anytime by submitting changes via email. Once received, changes are posted within a day.

The new system offers immediate access to student resumes by Foundation company members who are looking for students to employ as co-op's, interns or permanent hires. We are able to get student information to employers immediately when they call the office asking for our assistance and we have noted more than once when a telephone call in the morning has resulted in a co-op job by afternoon.

Visit www.maineulpaper.org. Once on the site click the tab labeled "Placement Candidates", enter your username and password and you will then have access to student resumes. User names and passwords are available to company members by calling the Foundation office.

To learn more about our students and their technical abilities, or to obtain access to the "Candidates for Placement" segment of our website, contact Faye Woodcock Murray at (207) 581-2297 or email to woodcock@maine.edu.

If you have an item for ALUMNI PERSONALS
contact the Foundation Office
(207) 581-2297
or e-mail:
woodcock@maine.edu



Foundation Company Member Representatives Present Scholarship Checks to Students at Fall Scholarship Banquet



Wendy White, Verso Paper, Bucksport, presented scholarship checks to students employed at Verso Paper's Jay mill.



Albert Moore, (center) Buckman USA, was on hand to present scholarship checks to the recipient of his named scholarship and to Buckman's co-op student.



Rob White, Verso Paper, Bucksport (3rd from left) presented scholarship checks to the co-op students employed at the Bucksport mill.



Dale Wibberly, Sappi Fine Paper, (right) with co-op students who were employed at Sappi's Somerset mill.



Mike Ryder, Katahdin Paper (center) presented scholarship checks to their co-op students at the scholarship banquet.



Annette Smith Wright, Lincoln Tissue and Paper (right), presented their co-op student his scholarship check.



Susan Mills (left) and Kelli Carrier (right) with students employed by New-Page at their Rumford mill.



Al LaBonty (left) and Peggy Gray (right) are pictured with students employed by Sappi Fine Paper's Westbrook mill.



Mike Ryder, Katahdin Paper (right) presented scholarship checks to co-op students employed at Fraser's Madawaska mill.



Jack MacBrayne, Champion International (retired) and Scholarship Committee member (center), distributed checks to scholarship recipients.



Charlie Cianchette, Cianbro Corporation (center) was on hand to present checks to Cianbro's interns at the fall scholarship banquet.



Mark Pare of Eka Chemicals (left) presents a scholarship check to their summer intern.



John Wolanski, Safe Handling (left) attended the banquet and presented a scholarship check to their summer intern.



Fifty-Six Students Interview for Co-op Positions in October

Each Fall Foundation company members receive an invitation to participate in our fall co-op interview process. Companies who are interested select a date to visit campus to interview students who are interested in a co-op or intern position. A typical co-op schedule permits a student to work for an employer for one summer and one semester while a typical internship gives students the opportunity to work for an employer for two summers.

As a condition to retain their scholarship each recipient must complete a co-op or intern position with a paper producer or supplier.

This fall 56 students signed-up to participate in the co-op interview process. Once students are registered they receive information via the co-op bulletin board about companies who are interested in interviewing them. Students learn about the companies via their websites and then schedule their own interview. Many companies also hold info sessions the night before interview day to give the employer and students the opportunity to meet informally.

During the month of October, twelve companies visited UMaine to interview



students, some had multiple positions available at multiple locations. Students may interview with as many companies as they want. If the interviewer is impressed, he may offer the student a position during or at the end of the interview. Students can not accept an offer until all company visits and interviews have been completed at the end of the month.

If you have an unfilled intern position available, we still have students who are available to work for you. Please call Jack at (207) 581-2298 or email: healy@maine.edu.

Reflection from a Current Student:

Because of the interviewing process, I feel that I have not only learned about the many different companies that make up the pulp and paper industry, but I have also learned a lot about who I am as a person, and what I can bring to the table, not only on a technical level, but on a personal level as well. I have learned that interviewing is not about telling “them” what I think they want to hear, but about asking “them” questions about their company to find out if they are telling me the kinds of things that I would like to hear. I’ve had a lot of fun so far, and I am very excited to someday become a member of the pulp and paper industry.

Matt Howard

Chemical Engineering '12

Pulp & Paper Foundation Breakfast Welcomed Alumni Back to UMaine as Part of UMaine’s Reunion Weekend Festivities

The Foundation hosted its first “Alumni Breakfast” in the Atrium of Jenness Hall as part of UMaine’s Reunion Weekend in June.

Foundation staff and their spouses cooked “made to order” omElets, eggs and pancakes giving friends and alumni the opportunity to mingle with scholarship recipients and professors.

Jack Healy welcomed guests and gave a short presentation highlighting current activities and student recruitment.

Mark your calendar to attend our second “Alumni Breakfast” which will once again take place as part of UMaine’s Reunion Weekend scheduled June 4 & 5, 2010.



UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation Executive Director, Jack Healy expands his duties to include “Chef” to help cook breakfast for Pulp and Paper Foundation alumni and friends.

First Pulp & Paper Foundation Alumni Tailgate Held During Homecoming Weekend



In October former scholarship recipients, engineering alumni, current scholarship students, faculty members and Foundation staff and their families gathered inside and outside Jenness Hall as part of The University of Maine's Homecoming '09 and the Foundation's first "Tailgate".

Current scholarship recipients, student TAPPI/PIMA and AIChE members manned the barbecue in front of Jenness Hall cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for all to enjoy. Inside, our guests were welcomed and invited to enjoy the buffet while catching up with old friends and professors. Planning is underway for Homecoming 2010. We hope you will join us.

First-Year Scholarship Applications are Available NOW for Students Entering UMaine This Fall

The Scholarship Committee has announced it will offer up to 25 full-tuition scholarships to students entering the UMaine in the Fall 2010.

The pulp and paper and supplier industries need energetic bright people to help solve challenging business and technical problems and to provide innovative ideas for future success.

Do you know a student with an interest in the paper industry who will enter UMaine in the fall to study engineering? If yes, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship today.

Applications are available for download on the Foundation website at www.maineulpaper.org or call the Foundation office at (207) 5812-2297, we will mail you an application.

Focus on Pulp & Paper Foundation Volunteers - *By Jack Healy*

More than 80 people contribute to making the Pulp and Paper Foundation a success each year. Volunteers help with recruiting, with management, with finances, and with Paper Days/Open House. We are fortunate to have many qualified and caring volunteers who give freely of their time and of their intellect to make our Foundation better. As we publish future newsletters, we plan to write a brief article about one of our volunteers – in this edition we will feature David Colter.

David is a certified Public Accountant and started his career with Ernst & Young in Ohio. He is President and minority owner of GAC Chemical in Searsport, Maine. He lives in Hampden with his wife Amy and his two children. David is a native of Ohio, and graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BSBA degree with a minor in Accounting. He moved to Maine in 2003, and has been associated with the UMaine Pulp and Paper Foundation since 2004.

David supports the Pulp and Paper Foundation as our Treasurer and as a member of the Executive Committee. David also sits on the investment management committee and the audit committee.

One of the treasurer's primary functions is to cosign checks, and approve the monthly reconciliation of our books. I have been very impressed with the due diligence that David provides regarding our accounting. He checks and double checks that all drafts have cleared. He assures that signatures are where they need to be, and he signs all pages of our monthly reconciliation report, which he helped me develop at the request of our auditors.

David watches with a keen eye to insure the numbers make sense. David catches every check that is out of sequence, most due to our office printer eating checks. And even though David is very good at accounting logistics, he is even better as an advisor to me as I have had accounting quandaries.

David is a very active member of the executive, investment management, and audit committees. David provides a sense of calm and intelligence that always makes those meetings more informative, productive, and interesting. All in all, David's time commitment to the PPF is one of the highest among all of our volunteers.

Thank you David Colter for being a Pulp and Paper Foundation Supporter and Volunteer!



David Colter signing Foundation checks and reviewing financial statements.



Chinn Management Seminars Attracting Strong Student Interest

Chinn Engineering Management Seminars provide students exposure to topics which traditionally are not part of their engineering education. Each seminar is followed by dinner offering students the opportunity to meet and talk with presenters in an informal setting helping them build a network of resources beneficial to their careers.

The fall seminar series opened with Interviewing Skills presented by Rob White, ('94, ChE) Technical Manager, Verso Paper in Bucksport. In his presentation Rob went over basic interviewing techniques and told students what characteristics and attitudes employers are looking for and where they search for new hires.

The second seminar of the semester was conducted by Victor Bilodeau, ('73, MEE) Senior Partner, Align Corp. The seminar was titled, "Gee Toto, We're Not in Orono Anymore", and focused on world cultures and customs and how to be successful when traveling to foreign

countries for business or pleasure. Victor's wife Jan was also on hand to offer insight and answer questions.

The last seminar of the fall series, "How To Make an Engineer Creative", was presented by Doug Hall, ('81, ChE) and Founder and CEO of Eureka Ranch. Doug elaborated on the importance of innovation in engineering and gave our students insight on how to unleash their engineering creativity. Doug went on to

tell students how to jump start their career with innovation and why innovation engineering is critical to our economy.

We are currently in the process of scheduling seminars for the spring 2010 semester. Foundation company members and alumni who would like to present a seminar are encouraged to contact Jack Healy by calling (207) 581-2298 or by sending email to healy@maine.edu.



Doug Hall '81 ChE and CEO of Eureka Ranch presents "How to Make and Engineer Creative".

Consider Engineering 2009 Huge Success - 2010 Applications Available

Our introduction to engineering program known as "Consider Engineering" is offered each July to academically gifted math and science students. The program was expanded in 2008 from two to three sessions offering the opportunity to invite 102 students to participate. Out of all students who attended in 2008, 54 students entered UMaine this fall. Fifty-three of those students are studying engineering. Consider Engineering is the best recruiting means we have to attract capable students to the pulp, paper and supplier industry.

This past July we once again welcomed 102 students to UMaine in one of three four-day sessions. The program provides students with a four day college experience consisting of more than 2 dozen activities offering engineering experiments, problem solving challenges, lectures by UMaine professors and field trips to a paper manufacturing facility and construction production site. A highlight of the program is interaction with current engineering students.

Participants receive information to help them make college and career decisions. Upon program completion students are asked to complete a program evaluation. Many students tell us they were undecided about engineering until attending this program and learning about what engineers do and what types of engineering careers are available. Another frequent



Chris Fisher, '98 CHE, was one of the Consider Engineering tour guides at Sappi Fine Paper's Somers, ME mill.

comment we hear is that the program is not long enough.

The dates for our 2010 program will be July 11-14, July 18-21 and July 25-28. Program brochures and applications are available now on the Foundation's website at www.mainepulpaper.org. Posters announcing the program have been distributed to Maine high schools. Applications are also available by calling the Foundation office at (207) 581-2297. Deadline for applying to the program is May 1, 2010. Admission decisions are announced on or before May 31st.

First Year Scholarship Recipients Attend Welcome Dinner in Their Honor

On the third day of classes at UMaine in September twenty-three scholarship recipients attended the Pulp & Paper Foundation's First Year Welcome dinner held in their honor in the atrium of Jenness Hall.

The reception before dinner gives students the opportunity to meet other scholarship recipients, and for many, the opportunity to renew friendships made when they attended the Consider Engineering program the summer between their junior and senior year of high school. Foundation staff and upperclass scholarship recipients are also on hand to personally welcome each student to UMaine.

After dinner Foundation Executive Director Jack Healy congratulated the students on their selection as scholarship recipients. Jack continued his presentation by encouraging each student to seek out opportunities available such as co-op and Chinn Engineering Management Seminars. Jack also explained what was required in order for them to keep their scholarships. The floor was then opened for questions from the students

to upperclass scholarship recipients who were in attendance to welcome our new scholarship recipients.

By degree program 16 students are studying chemical engineering, 4 students are enrolled in mechanical engineering, while electrical, computer and civil engineering each have 1 student enrolled. Twenty-two students are from Maine. One student is from Longview, WA.

Before leaving for the evening the students were presented with "gift bags" containing logo items donated by Foundation company members. Included were water bottles, coffee mugs, pens, highlighters, padfolio's, hats, note pads, note stickies and other items to use at their desk or display in their dorm rooms. Students were told the gifts were from the companies who are looking forward to interviewing them for co-op and intern positions and ultimately for permanent hire once they have completed their degree. This is the third year company members have donated to the gift bags and has now become the highlight of our welcome dinner.



Welcome Bags filled with Foundation Company Member Logo items were presented to each first-year scholarship recipient.

**Mark Your Calendar - Plan to Attend
Paper Days - Open House
April 7 & 8, 2010
Wells Conference Center - University of Maine**

2009 Honor Award Presented to Don Beaumont at Paper Days Banquet



Donald F. Beaumont, Senior Vice President, Metso Paper USA was presented the Pulp and Paper Foundation's 2009 Honor Award at Paper Days in April. The award recognizes Don's many years of service to the Pulp and Paper Foundation. The award was presented by Honor Award Committee member Lee Bingham. The citation on the 2009 Honor Award reads:

A 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.

One of the Foundation's most loyal supporters, serving successively as Vice President, President and Chairman.

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.

Return Service Requested

2009 Paper Days/Open House Recap - 2010 Program Dates Announced

Paper Days/Open House 2009, held in April at the University of Maine attracted more than 200 registrants, students and guests from more than 60 companies located throughout the U.S. Paper Days is sponsored by the Pulp & Paper Foundation, Northeast Tappi/PIMA and the Maine Pulp & Paper Association

Paper Days 2009 - "IMAGEine - Imagine the Paper Industry of the FUTURE" opened with lunch and a presentation by the Honorable John Baldacci, Governor, State of Maine.

Lou Boos, President, Nordic Engineering served as the moderator for the afternoon panel session featuring industry presenters and a panel of scholarship recipients.

At the Paper Days banquet, Richard D. "Rick" Willette, Jr., President & COO of NewPage spoke to the audience about NewPage's investment in wind power in Nova Scotia, biorefineries in Wisconsin, and the new green office space recently completed in Ohio. Mr. Ouellette also

spoke about the ACE program for new engineers in NewPage that provides opportunities for young engineers to experience multiple aspects of the pulp and paper industry. All in all, Mr. Willette presented a positive view of the future for the paper industry.

Other highlights of the banquet included the presentation of named scholarships, introduction of new Foundation company members, recognition of senior scholarship recipients, and the 2009 Honor Award presentation. The program closed with a bang, as the audience was treated to a performance by the Blues Brothers.

The theme of Paper Days 2010 is E³ - Energy, Environment and the Economy and is schedule for April 7 & 8, 2010 at Wells Conference Center, University of Maine. Complete registration information will be available in late January, 2010 on the Foundation's website: www.maineulpaper.org or by calling the Foundation office at (207) 581-2297.



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