



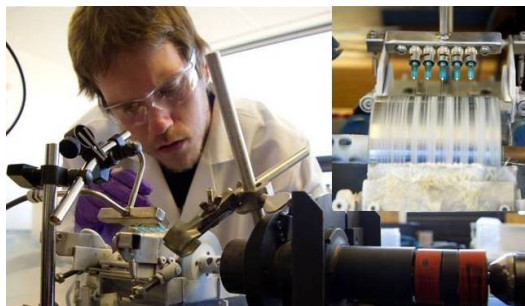
Forest Bioproducts Research Institute



GROUND BREAKING

May 3, 2011

- 1:00pm** **Robert Kennedy, UMaine President**
- 1:05pm** **Betsy Biemann, President, Maine Technology Institute**
- 1:10pm** **Hemant Pendse, Director, Forest Bioproducts Research Institute**
- 1:15pm** **Steve Schley, FBRI Advisory Board Executive Committee Member
(President, Pingree Associates Inc.)**
- 1:20pm** **Ground breaking by Kennedy, Biemann, Pendse, Schley,
Darrell Donahue (Chair, Building Committee) and Paige Case (Class of 2011)**



Class 2011 Chemical Engineering graduates Abbey Siegfried and Paige Case have been working on novel technologies for making novel bioproducts like biofuels (green gasoline, diesel or jet fuel) from wood and separating chemicals (e.g. acetic acid) from wood extracts. Graduate student Alex Demers is working on making carbon nanofibers from lignin, a waste product from pulping.