



## **BASC Seeks Ways to Decrease Energy Use**

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Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation is committed to being a good campus environmental steward. This is evidenced through various company practices already in place – from buying local to recycling to incorporating energy efficiency upgrades in the recent Harrison renovation project to using eco-friendly disposable products in retail dining operations to sponsoring a walk/bike week event to selling t-shirts in the Bookstore that support sustainable employment in sub-Saharan Africa.

The latest goal relates to laundry and vending, two contracted services that are currently up for bid, and focuses on seeking ways to decrease energy use. BASC, together with Residential Life, is considering replacing existing laundry equipment with energy efficient front-load washers and dryers. In terms of vending, options under consideration include energy efficient machines, turning machines off during campus shut-down periods, and installing vending misers that manage the power consumption of a machine by shutting it off when no motion is detected in the area surrounding the machine.

BASC is currently conducting a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of vending misers in reducing energy consumption, the conditions in which these devices are most ideal, and any trade-offs that may result. The vending misers will be tested in machines located in Briggs Hall, MacVicar Hall, Smith Hall, and Holmes Hall as part of this study from April 22 – May 5. BASC encourages customers who use these machines during that timeframe to complete a short questionnaire available in these locations or provide any feedback by emailing [vending@brockport.edu](mailto:vending@brockport.edu).

As BASC continues to work with the College on sustainability initiatives, in the months to come the corporation looks forward to reporting on the results of this pilot study, the outcome of both the laundry and vending bid processes, as well as an overall BASC sustainability plan outlining strategies for 2008-2009.