



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change concluded in 2007 that the increase in global average temperature is due to an observable increase in anthropogenic warming, Skov said. Anthropogenic warming is directly caused by human activities, such as driving or not recycling.

Geography senior Tabitha Spence said change throughout the University is most effective when proactive officials within departments take action.

“The Department of Health and Food Services has already taken strides to be more sustainable by introducing compostable cutlery, getting rid of trays and buying from local farmer’s markets,” Spence said. Drucilla Tigner, government junior and assistant director of the Campus Environmental Center, said bringing an outside source to conduct the study was vital.

“They have the equipment and the technology to do the research efficiently,” she said. “But also because they are a non-biased source and someone who is going to be completely neutral.”

Skov said most organizations fail to realize that becoming environmentally sustainable saves money.

“One-third of the global greenhouse-gas costs are negative in that they save energy and cost less,” Skov said. “The first third of the job will save you money, and that is the best reason to get started.”