

NSU Environmental Survey

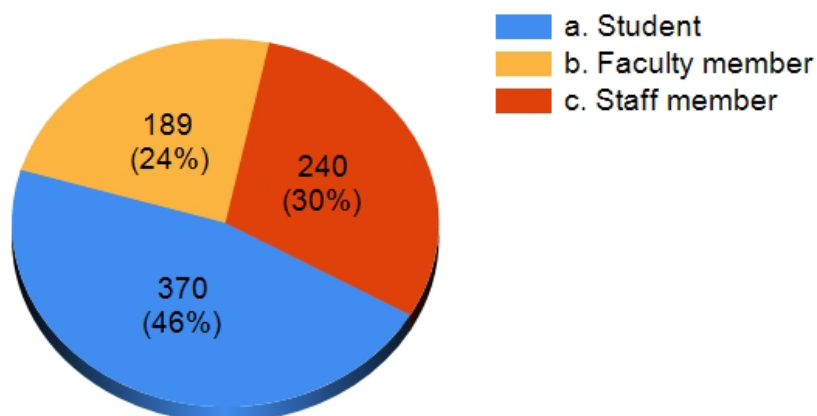
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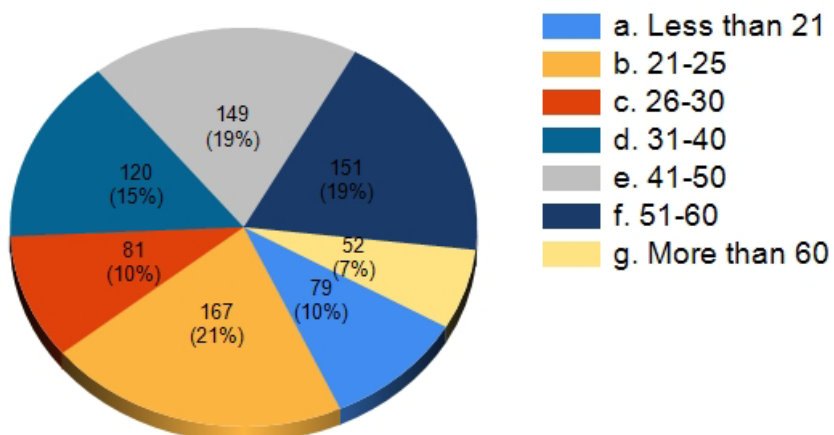
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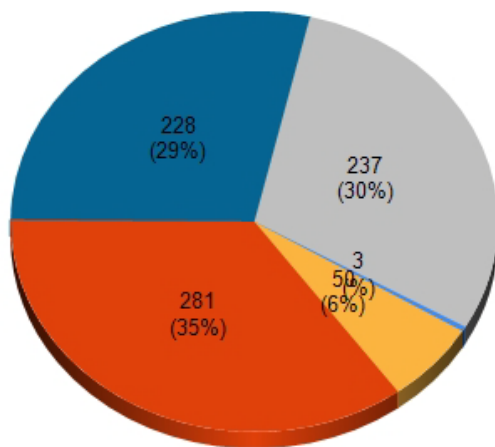
1. My role at NSU is as a
(799 Responses)



2. My age in years is
(799 Responses)

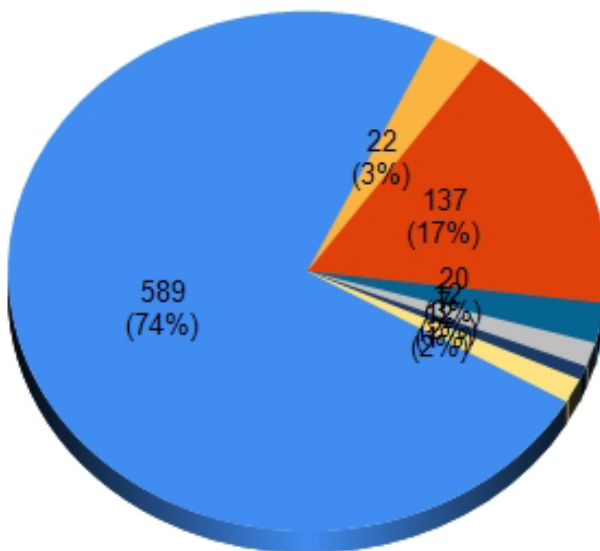


3. My level of education is (799 Responses)



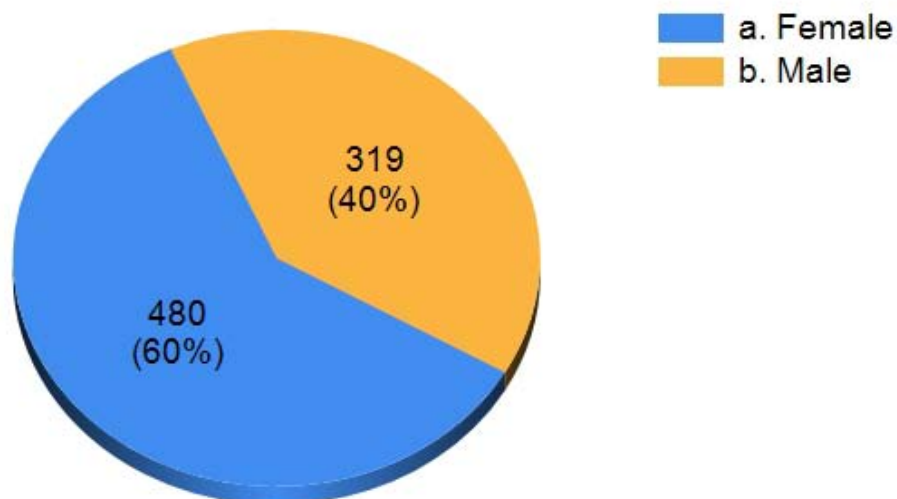
- a. Did not complete high school
- b. Completed high school
- c. Completed some college
- d. Completed college degree
- e. Completed graduate degree

4. My race/ethnicity is best described as (799 Responses)

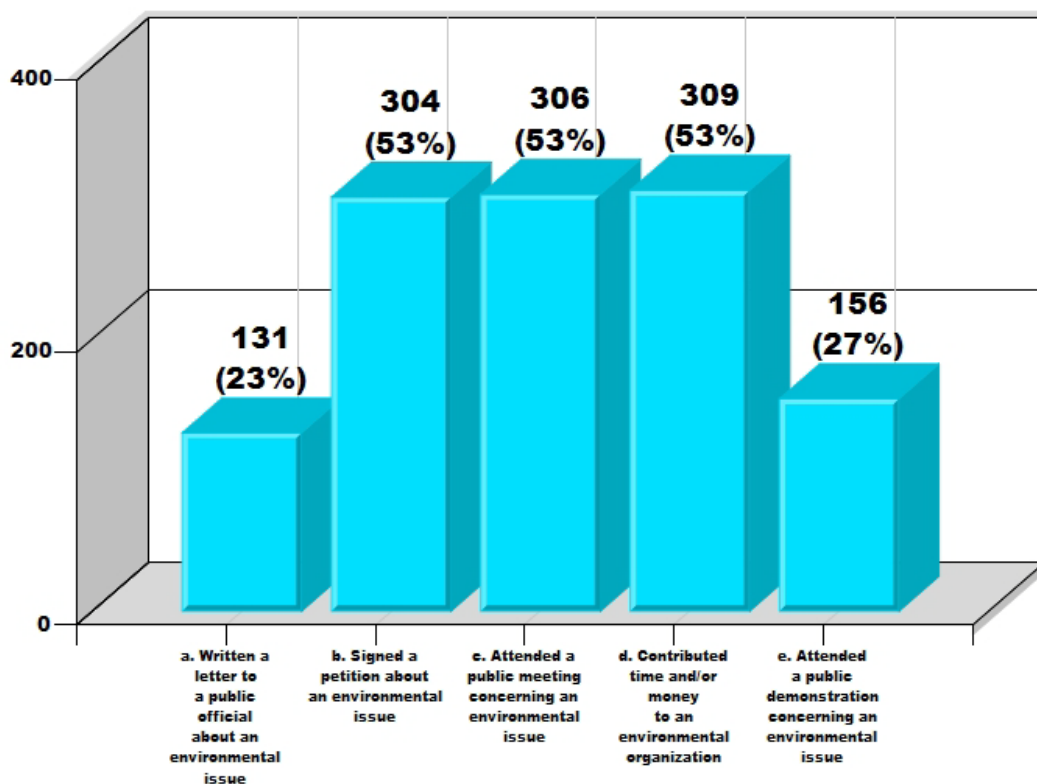


- a. White
- b. Black
- c. American Indian
- d. Asian
- e. Hispanic
- f. International
- g. Unknown

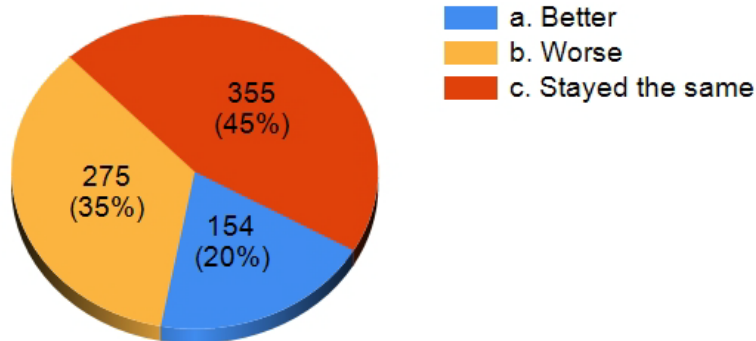
**5. I am
(799 Responses)**



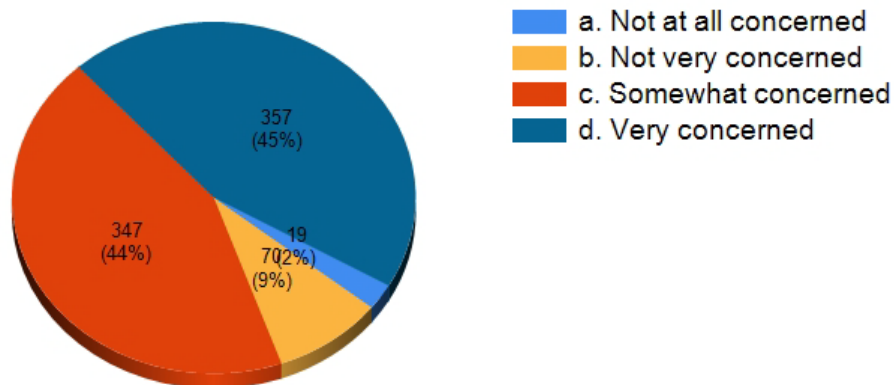
**6. In which of the following environmental activities have you participated? Select as many as apply.
(579 Responses)**



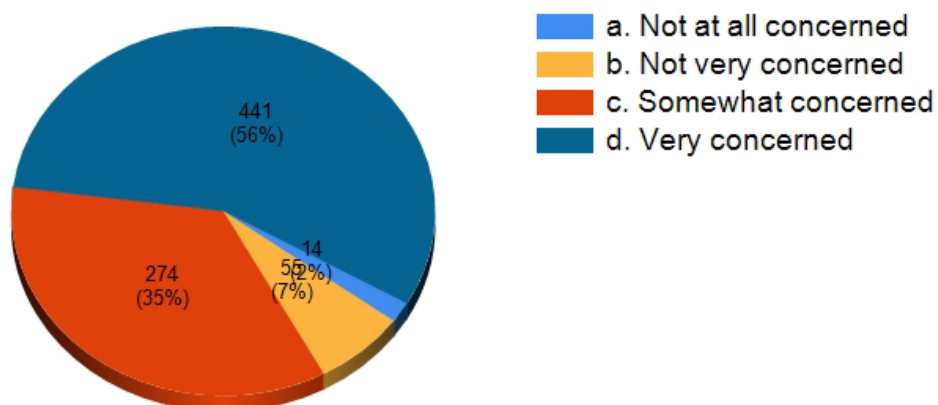
7. Do you think the environmental situation in your area has gotten better, worse or stayed the same during the past five years?
(784 Responses)



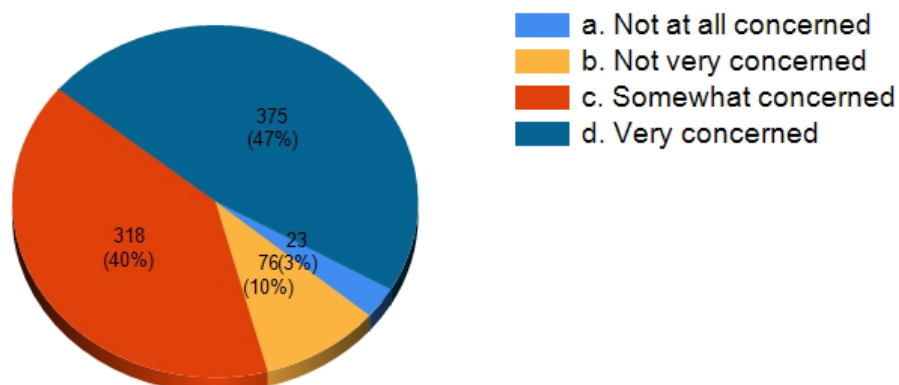
8. Please describe how concerned you are about the quality of our air and water.
(793 Responses)



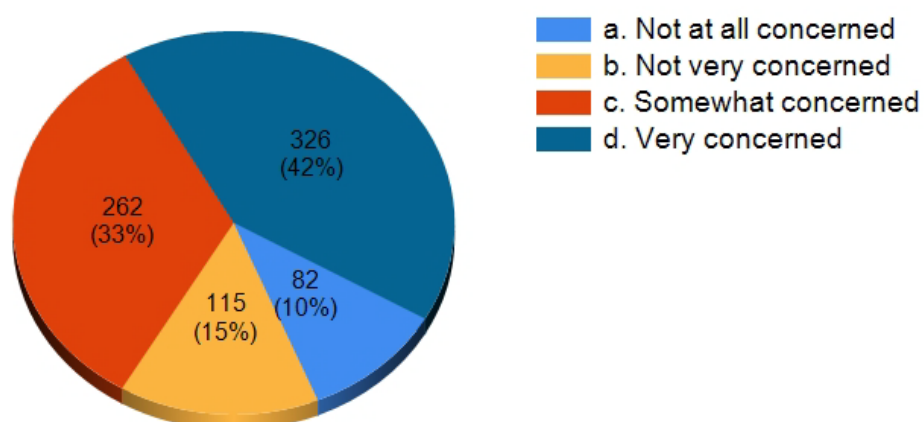
9. Please describe how concerned you are about the purity of our lakes, rivers, soil and fish and game.
(784 Responses)



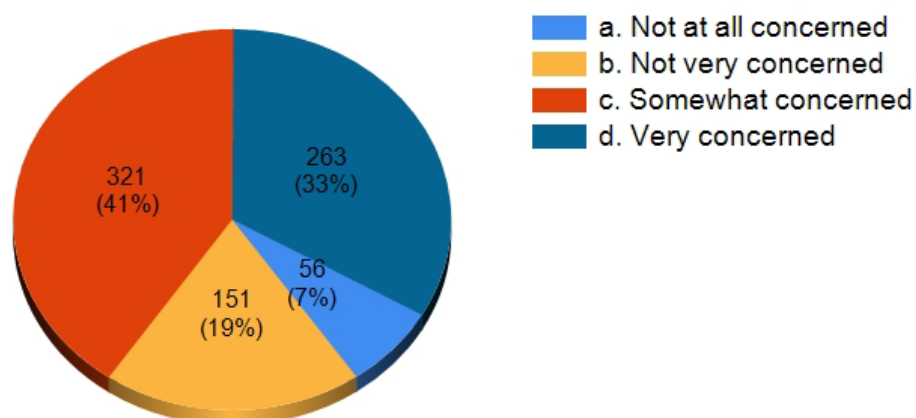
10. Please describe how concerned you are about the issue of deforestation.
(792 Responses)



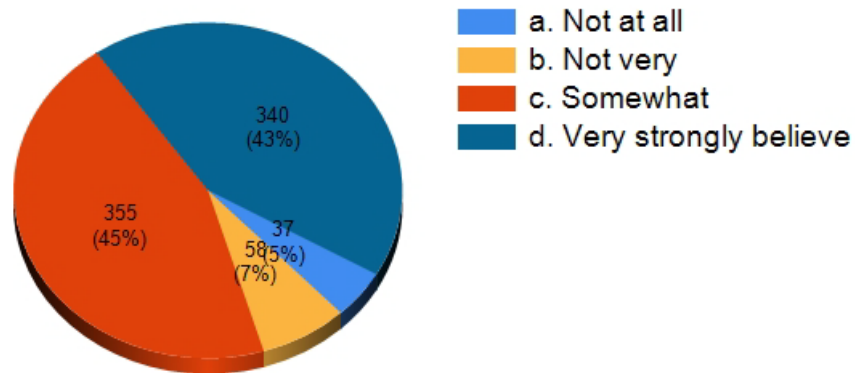
11. Please describe how concerned you are about global warming.
(785 Responses)



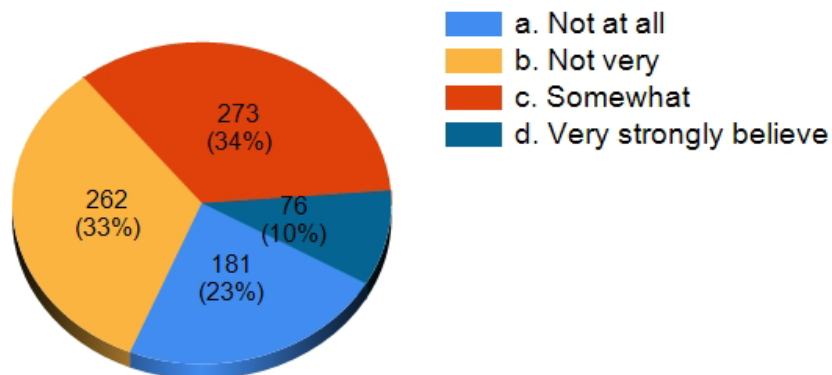
12. Please describe how concerned you are about over population.
(791 Responses)



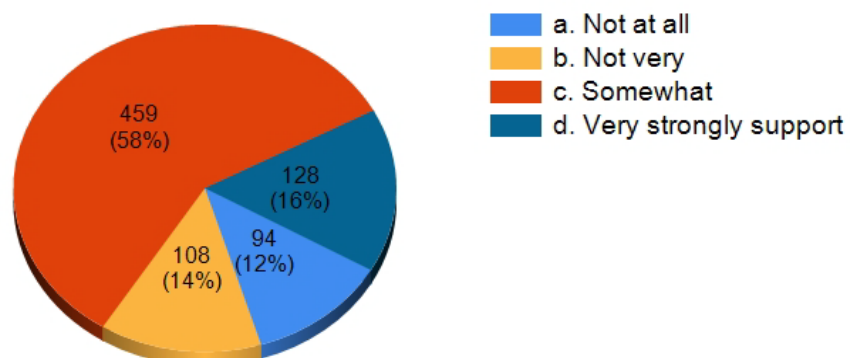
13. Do you believe that more controls should be placed on industry and agriculture to protect the quality of the environment?
(790 Responses)



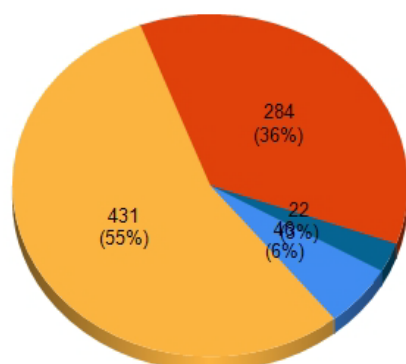
14. Do you believe there are enough laws to protect the environment?
(792 Responses)



15. Would you support environmental regulations that might restrict your way of life?
(789 Responses)

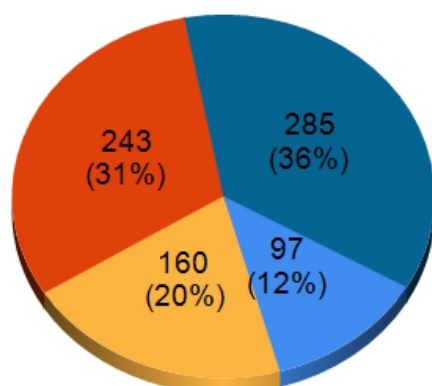


16. Many environmental issues involve difficult trade-offs. Which of the following statements best describes your view?
(783 Responses)



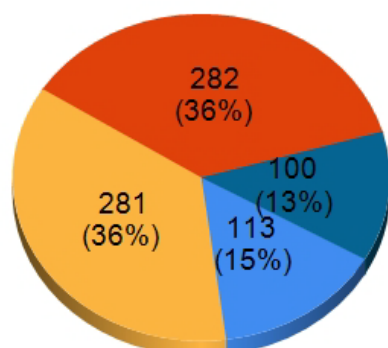
- a. The highest priority should be given to the environment, even if it hurts our economy.
- b. Both the environment and economy are important, but the environment should be our first consideration.
- c. Both the environment and economy are important, but the economy should come first.
- d. The highest priority should be given to the economy, even if it hurts the environment.

17. Consider the following statements. Choose the statement that best describes your view.
(785 Responses)



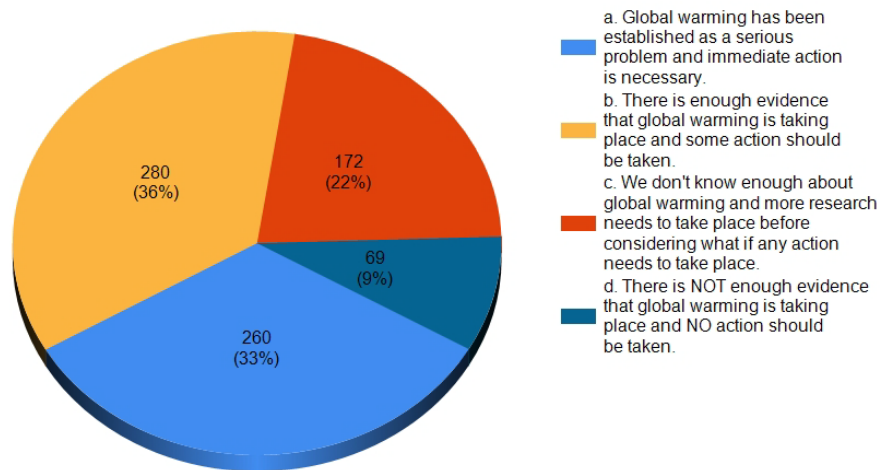
- a. The average American does not contribute at all to global warming.
- b. The average American contributes slightly to global warming.
- c. The average American contributes somewhat to global warming.
- d. The average American contributes a great deal to global warming.

18. Consider the following statements. Choose the statement that best describes your view concerning carbon emissions, implicated in global climate change.
(776 Responses)

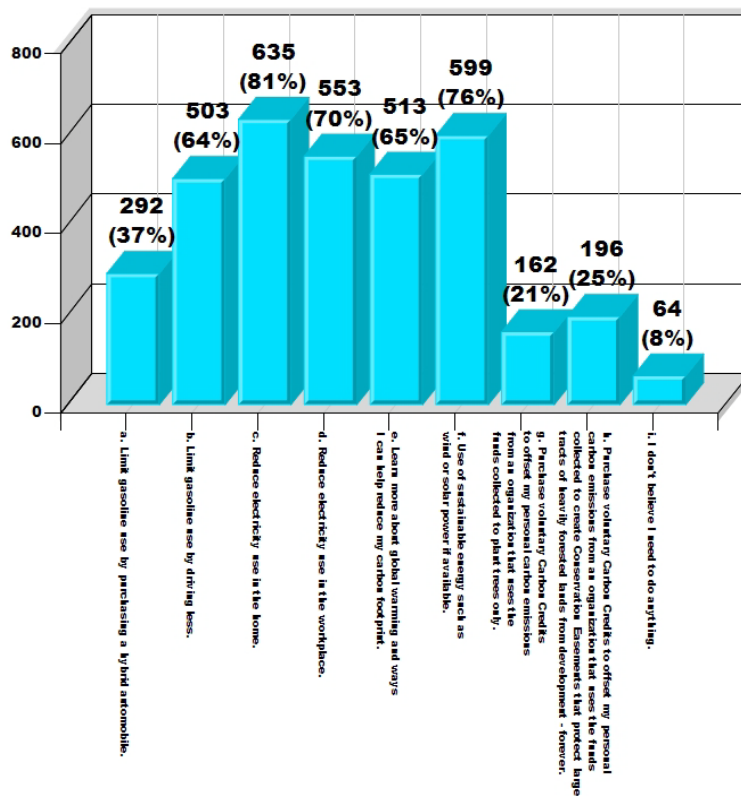


- a. My personal carbon emissions don't warrant any action.
- b. My personal carbon emissions warrant minimal actions on my part.
- c. My personal carbon emissions warrant moderate actions on my part.
- d. My personal carbon emissions warrant very significant actions on my part.

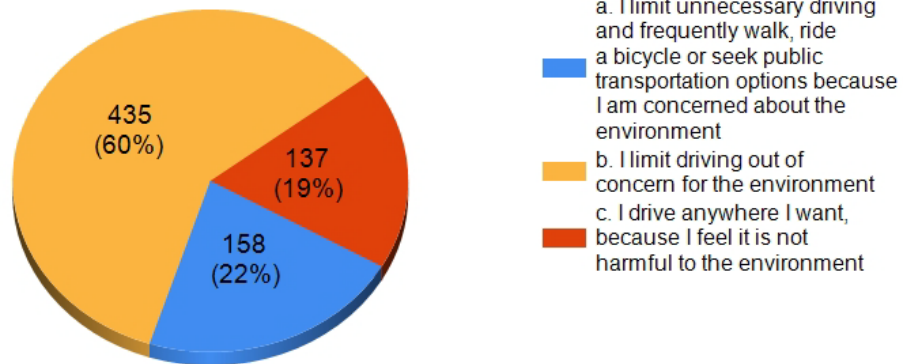
19. From what you know about global warming, which of the following statements do you agree with most?
(781 Responses)



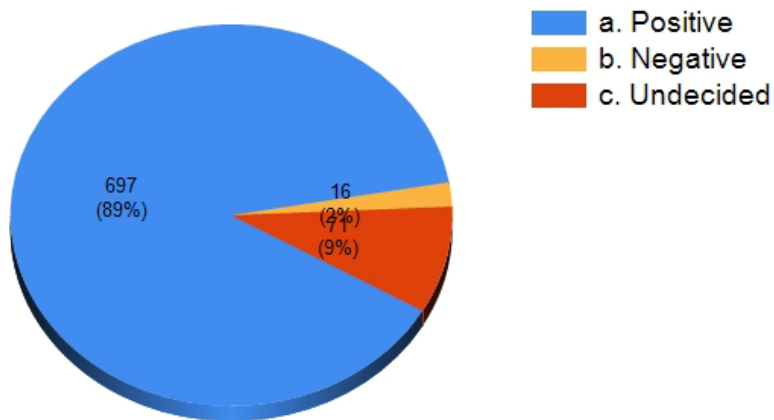
20. Select ALL the actions you are willing to take to reduce or offset your contribution to atmospheric carbon dioxide, implicated in global climate change.
(785 Responses)



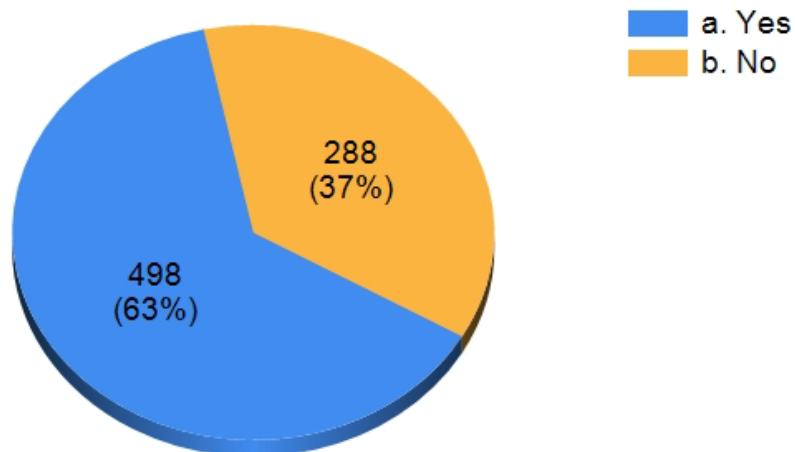
**21. Concerning transportation
(730 Responses)**



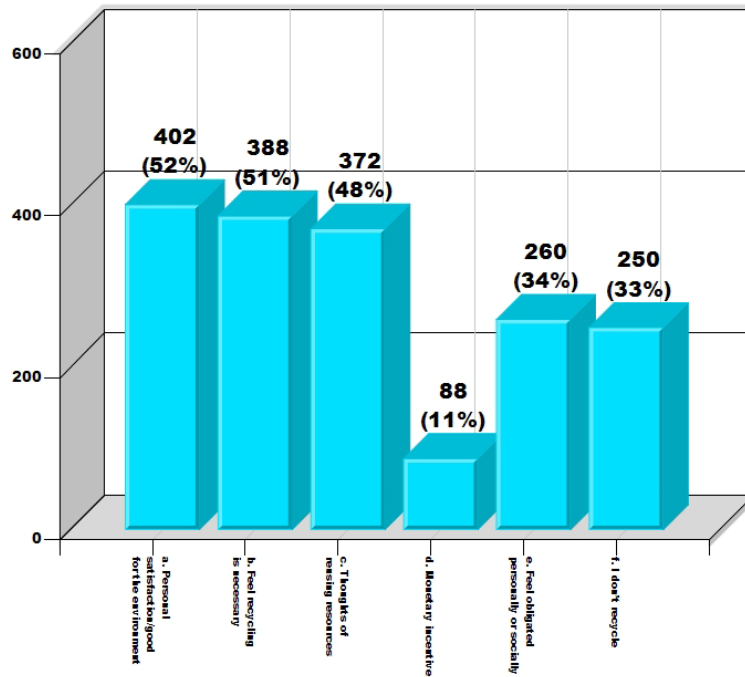
**22. What is your general attitude towards recycling?
(784 Responses)**



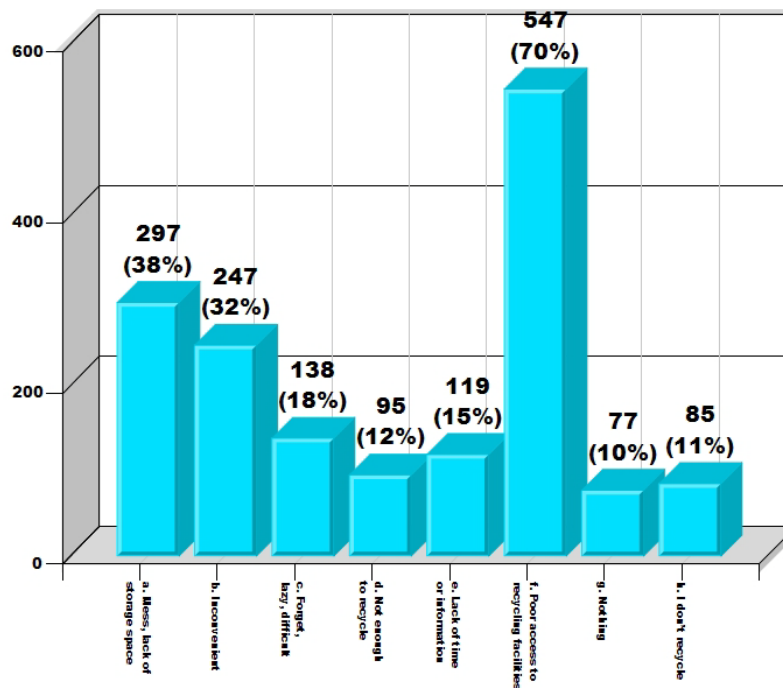
**23. Do you currently recycle?
(786 Responses)**



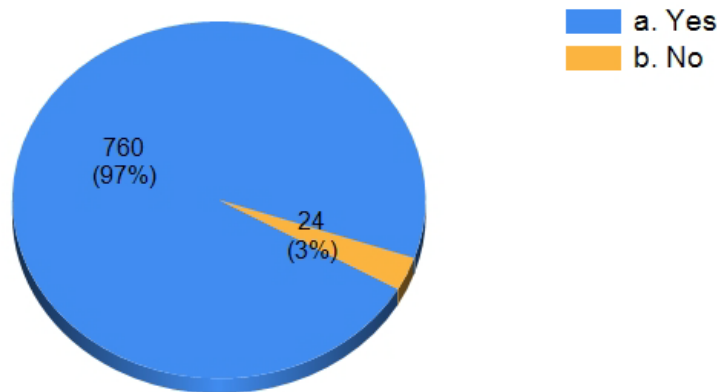
**24. I recycle because (select all that apply)
(768 Responses)**



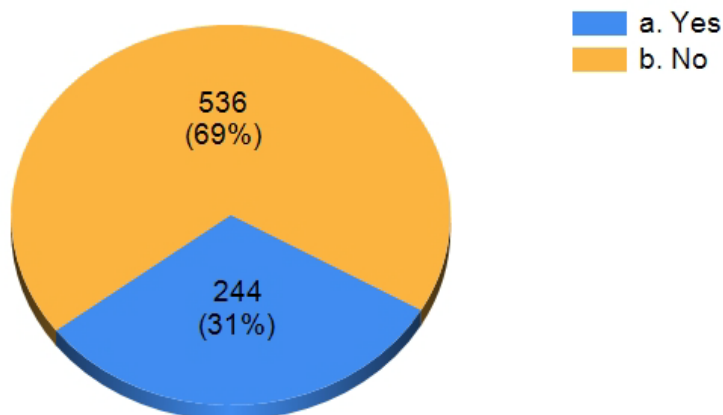
**25. What do you find interferes with your personal recycling efforts? Select all that apply.
(779 Responses)**



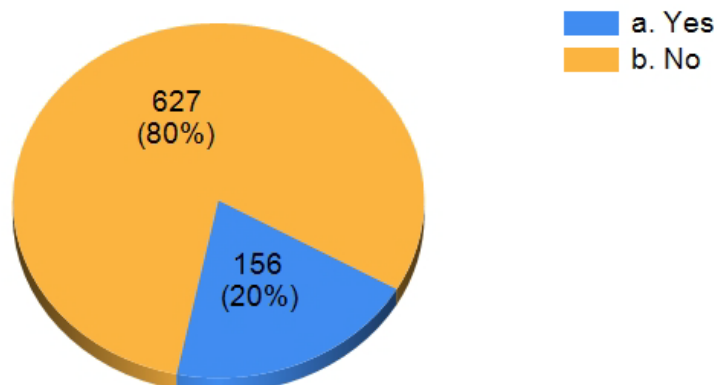
26. Would you recycle on the NSU campus if there were easily accessible bins to throw recyclables in?
(784 Responses)



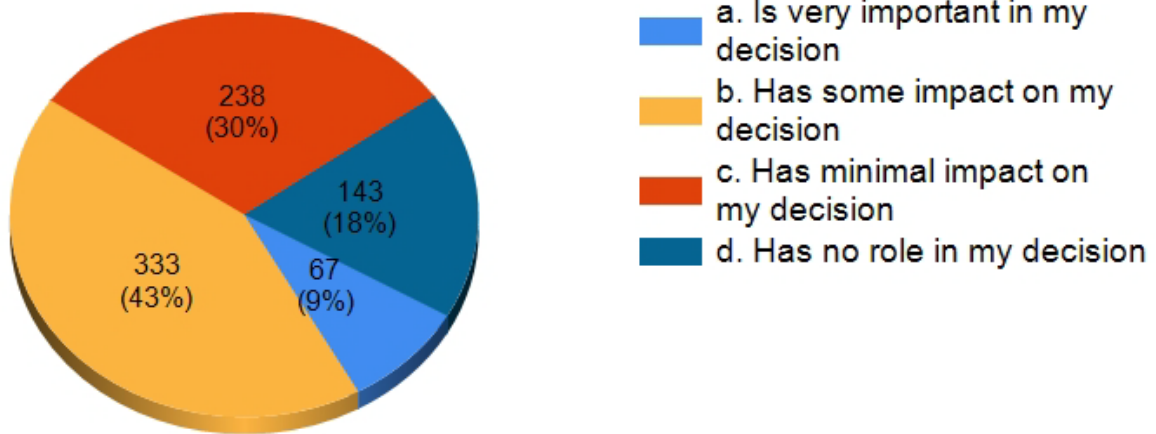
27. Do you know where to take recyclables in Tahlequah?
(780 Responses)



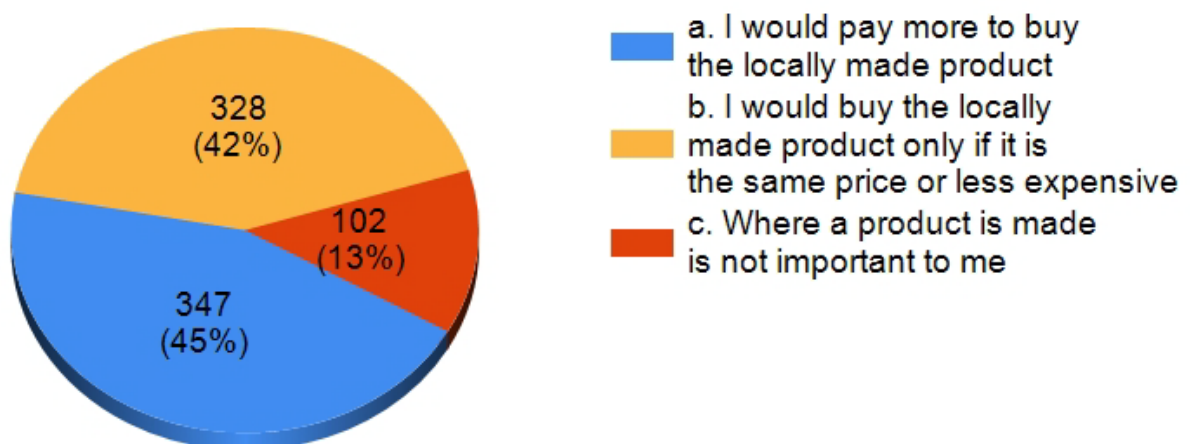
28. Are you aware of any places to take recyclables on the NSU campus?
(783 Responses)



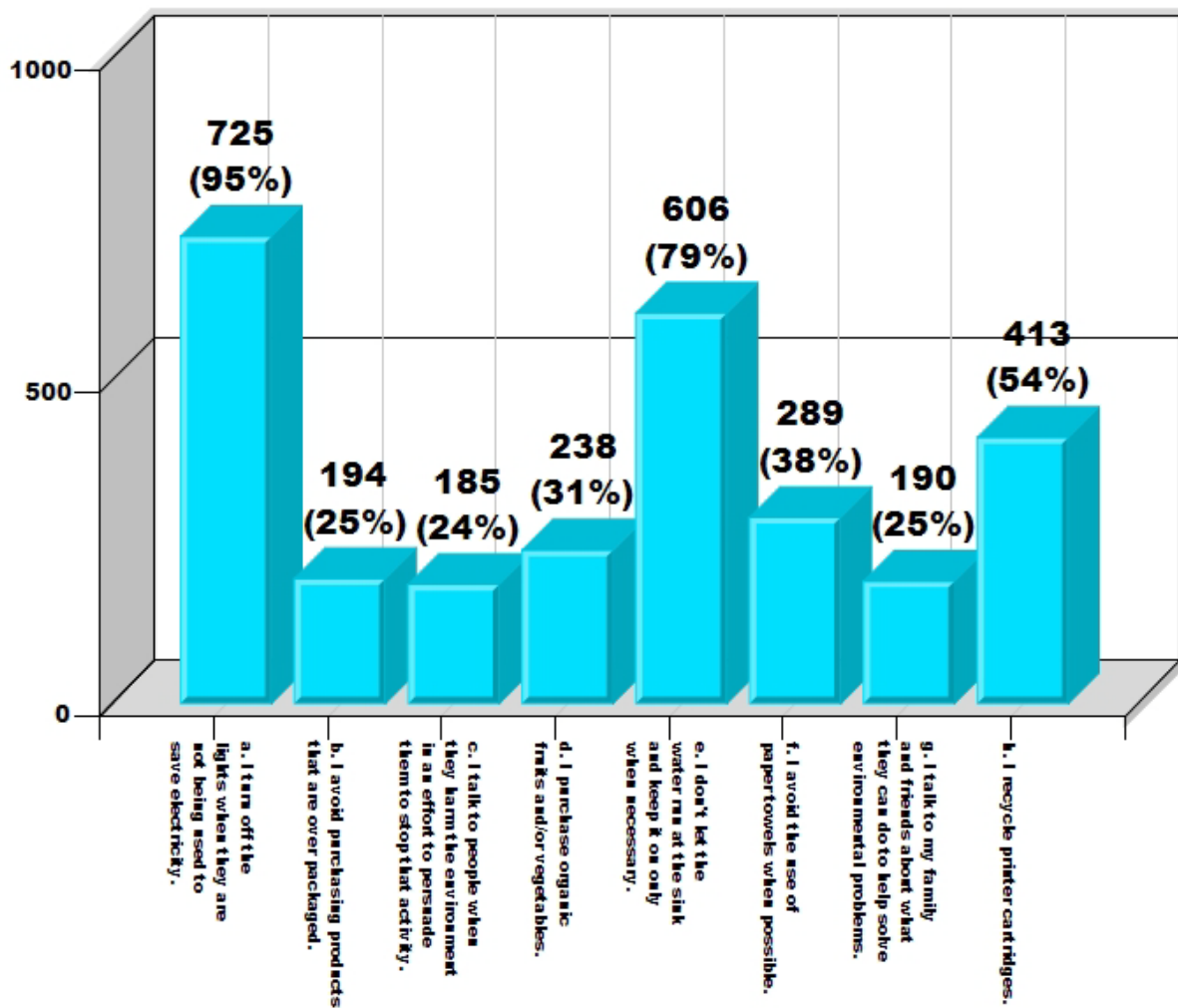
**29. When deciding whether or not to make a purchase, the environmental impact of that purchase
(781 Responses)**



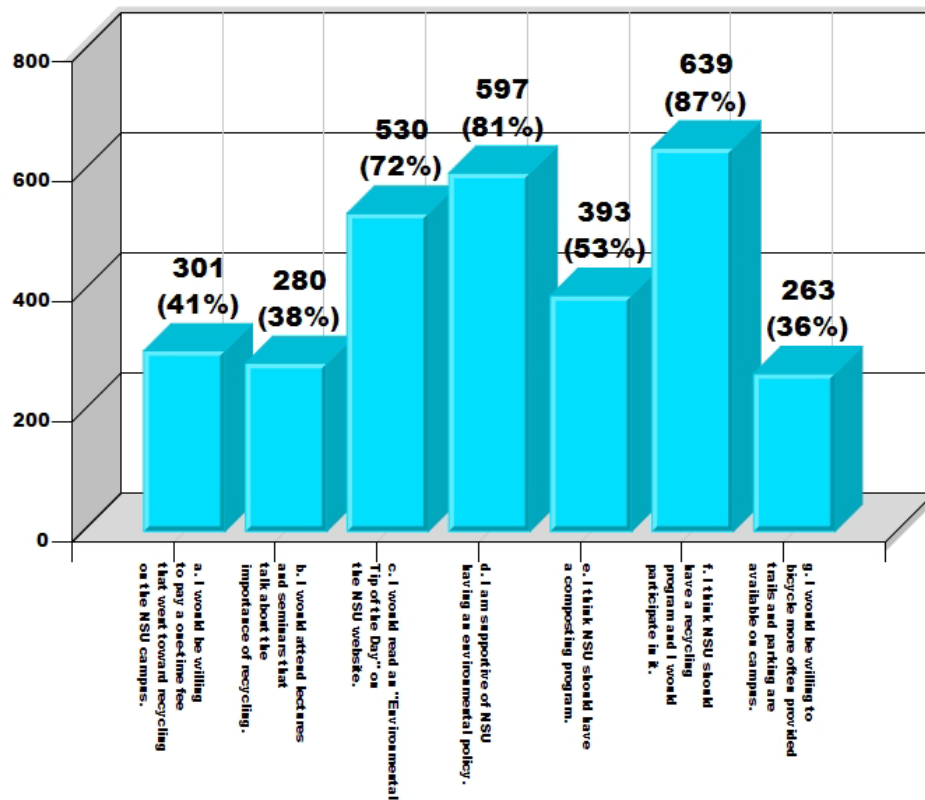
**30. When given the opportunity to buy a locally made product or one which has
been produced far away and shipped a long distance
(777 Responses)**



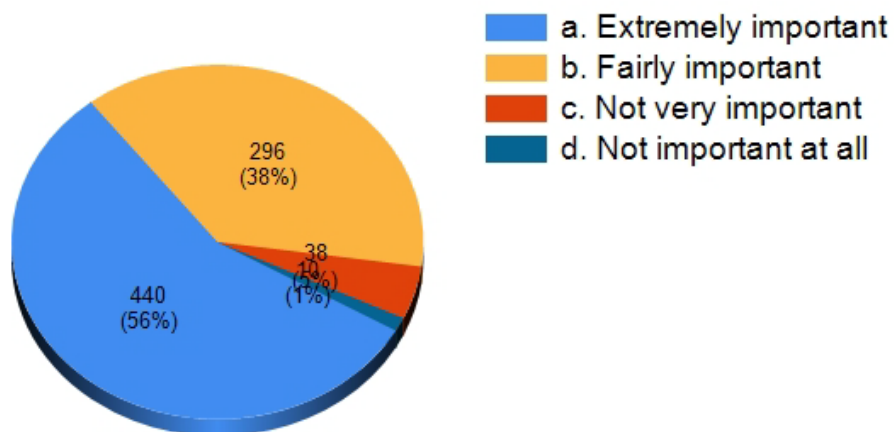
**31. Please select ALL the actions you take out of concern for the environment
(763 Responses)**



32. Please select ALL of the actions below that you would support for the NSU campus (737 Responses)



33. Overall, I feel efforts to protect the environment are (784 Responses)



NSU Environmental Survey - Summary of Findings

The survey conducted by the Campus Environment and Sustainability Task Force received 799 responses, an impressive result given the number of surveys available at NSU at the end of the academic year and the level of activity of faculty, staff and students at that time. Responses were encouraged by mass e-mails, listings on the NSU home page, in the *RiverHawk Daily*, and on John Vaughan Library home page, on kiosks at University Center during the week of Earth Day, and personal contacts by members of the Task Force. Although the largest number of respondents were students (question #1), our numbers represent a rather low percentage of students (4%), but significant percentages of faculty (54%) and staff (42%) at NSU.

The distribution of respondents by age, level of education, race and gender (#2-5) were close to what would be expected of the NSU community given the breakdown of respondents by faculty, staff or student.

We feel there are four main conclusions that can be drawn from the responses to the survey:

1. Respondents had high concern for the environment. Over half of the respondents have contributed to an environmental organization, signed a petition or attended a public meeting about an environmental issue (#6). When asked how concerned they were about various environmental problems, from 74-91% were "somewhat" or "very" concerned (#8-12). Overall, 94% felt efforts to protect the environment were "fairly" or "extremely" important (#33).

2. Respondents indicated a willingness to sacrifice or make lifestyle changes to achieve environmental improvement. From 74% to 88% of respondents either "somewhat" or "very strongly" believed that there should be more environmental controls and regulations (#13, 15). A majority of respondents believe more laws are called for to protect the environment (#14) and that the environment is more important than the economy (#16). A very high percentage of respondents take into account such issues as environmental impact and local origin when making a purchase (#29, 30) and make efforts to curb electricity and water consumption (#31).

3. Respondents were concerned about global climate change. Two-thirds believed America contributes "somewhat" or "a great deal" to global warming (#17) and 69% believe global warming is a problem requiring "some" or "immediate" action (#19). Nearly half felt they should take "moderate" or "significant" actions to curtail global warming (#18). A range of 64-81% of respondents were willing to learn more about global climate change and to take positive actions such as using less gasoline and electricity and to use more sustainable energy sources (#20). 82% of respondents have already chosen transportation options that help the environment (#21).

4. Respondents were overwhelmingly supportive of recycling, yet were frustrated by a lack of local recycling opportunities. A positive attitude regarding recycling was indicated by 89% of respondents (#22) but only 31% knew where the recycling facility was in Tahlequah (#27). (We admit to writing a poor question on #27, as the survey went out to people on all three campuses. We were justifiably criticized for this in the comments.) An overwhelming 97% of respondents said they would recycle on the NSU campus (#26) but only 20% were aware of any opportunities to do so (#28). Despite the fact that 70% were frustrated by poor access to recycling facilities (#25) 63% of respondents did report that they recycle

(#23) and a large majority chose to do so because of positive reasons rather than out of a sense of obligation or financial incentive (#24).

As for actions NSU should take the largest number (87%) felt recycling efforts should be improved, 81% thought NSU should have an environmental policy and 72% would read an "Environmental Tip of the Day" on the home page of the NSU web site (#32).

In general the survey results support the short term and long term recommendations of the Campus Environment and Sustainability Task Force. We hope this survey is helpful in guiding NSU in making choices about its commitment to a more sustainable future.

Comments

1. Overall I agree that treating the environment in a friendly manner is important. I do not agree with such things as carbon credits because invariably it is just another way for someone to take money and does not reduce overall emissions.
2. What about a carpooling program.
3. By American standards my carbon footprint is very low but by world standards it is still high.
4. MOST IMPORTANT: we need local facilities to recycle plastics and paper! On campus would be best!
5. My only comment is that public transportation is highly lacking, if existent at all, and using such services is not a possibility in Tahlequah or Muskogee.
6. It would be wonderful if there were recycling drop off locations on campus!
7. You are demonizing something you have not researched enough. There is a disturbing lack of empirical data to support the economic devastation that curbing carbon emissions will cause, not to mention the severe depression that would follow. When credible environmental scientists come out without the influence of politicians or lobby groups and determine beyond ANY doubt that the earth is indeed warming due to carbon emissions, attitudes will change. I do a lot of the activities mentioned in the survey, not for the sake of the environment. I do them because I think that it is wrong to waste resources.
8. I don't drive, and I live close enough to campus to walk everyday, so a lot of the driving/biking questions' answers will be skewed one way or another to seem as if I don't care... o.o
9. Politicians are idiots for suggesting that global warming is a problem--There is no unbiased evidence that proves our carbon usage has an effect on the surface temperature of the Earth. The sun and sun spots are far more directly proportional to the surface temperature of the Earth than the amount of carbon usage that was proposed by a lying politician. Recycling also is a major problem. The only substances currently worth recycling are metals and glass. Plastics and paper products do more harm in the recycling process than creating new product. I am not against cleaning up the environment at all; If citizens would just take more responsibility for their actions our problems would be miniscule compared to what they are today.
10. there is a girl on the 2nd floor in North Hall that has a small can for recycling aluminum cans! (:
11. Global Warming is a scam!
12. I don't "feel efforts to protect the environment" are "not important at all", I KNOW that those efforts cause a great deal of harm. I am strongly opposed to all NSU expenditures on this type of dangerous nonsense.
13. Not sure on #15 what you mean by "restrict your way of life"--do you mean i.e., no snowmobiling in public parks; limited number of canoes on the river at a time; can only drive a certain distance during a period of time; no refrigerator in the office because of electricity usage? It would have been helpful to know if you are talking limiting nationally or locally. A further comment: As long as we don't have trains & practical public transportation systems--I have to drive! I live in the country! However, I have my way of limiting driving & have purchased a car that gets high gas mileage. #30. Depends on what the item is (i.e., organically locally grown veggies--yes--that's only a couple of dollars. What else is locally produced? #16 was a great question--you put it to us!
14. We are so far behind on this issue, I find it personally and professionally embarrassing. I appreciate that there seems to be genuine forward momentum on this. The lecturer we saw last week was nice, but she was fundamentally a cheerleader. A real policy with real action needs to be put in place immediately. Less talk, more walk, please.
15. I believe recycling bins for plastics should be everywhere on every campus, football field, gym, etc. I don't think we need to pay extra for it. People in this state do not care and are lazy when it comes to recycling. They need to have incentive or be made to do it. I believe we should recycle and teach our children to do as well. It should be the "norm" in society. Thanks!
16. Bring more recycling receptacles to NSU. Keep NSU Beautiful!
17. I work at NSU and also have 6 Classes at NSU. I have been doing recycling in SH for 2 semesters, I just started in the FA building and I am also going to be incorporating other buildings. I do it by myself, and I have heard of this committee that is supposed to be doing recycling on campus, however I have not seen any of it and I have been going to school at NSU for 6 years and worked here for a semester and a half. I would like to know when and where this group meets so that I can contact them and find out more information on how to get help with this. Please let me know Adam - 918-360-6242 I feel that there are too many goals on here, and when you get one organized and efficient then move on to another. NSU has a history of having big goals and good intentions but usually bites off more than it can chew and the unorganization ends up ruining a great idea and goal.
18. This is a poorly written survey (for example, demographics should never be at the beginning and the age category is not mutually exclusive) and it too Tahlequah-centric.
19. I believe NSU should consider using solar energy and wind energy. NSU should also try to use biofuel on its vehicles and should PROTECT ITS TREES AND STOP CUTTING THEM DOWN, its ruining the atmosphere and beauty of the campus
20. Consult the nsu environmental mgmt program for consultation regarding the environment... WE will appreciate it!!!
21. Get recycling bins, and bike trails would be fantastic

22. I really don't know where to recycle but if I had the option I have no problem sorting my trash in order to help with recycling.
23. I do a Water Watch program for the state at Lake Eucha
24. I know of several students who would be very upset if there was an extra fee due to a recycling or environmental program that would likely be a failure on this campus...
25. I have nothing against being cleaner and less wasteful, but I think that if environmental programs interfere with people eating or being able to make money to take care of their families, that they are a problem.
26. Too many NSU surveys no action!
27. wind and solar power are good. recycling is good and i would bring some of my stuff here to put in recycling bins in there were some. the environment should be protected because we live by it but it should NOT be over regulated!!!
28. I think some questions didn't have appropriate responses listed; e.g., I might have limited driving but for cost saving measures and not necessarily for environmental reasons.
29. i live too far away to bicycle, in Owasso. In Owasso, I would bicycle more if there were safer routes/trails. As it is I get profanities yelled at me and feel like people might hit me or my kids. It just isn't safe, helmet or not. Our whole world needs to be more accomodating to pedestrians/cyclists.
30. Recycling on campus would be easy and very beneficial.
31. I believe that there needs to be recycling bins on every floor of the dorms, not just every section. I also believe that the school should stop the use styro-foam...it does not decompose and is horrible on the enviroment.
32. NSU should be a community leader on this issue, starting with solar panels and possibly wind power in order to reduce electrical usage.
33. I think question 21 should have another option, such as I know driving affects the environment, but I drive anyway.
34. This was confusing as to how it relates to NSU??
35. Environmental issues are very important, especially global warming.
36. Thanks for doing this survey. Hopefully some changes can be made on this campus for the better. I am all for recycling!
37. I would like to be able to recycle in Tahlequah. When I moved here I could not believe that there was no where to recycle. I am used to putting recyclables in a bin on the street for pick up once a week. I was thrilled with the recycling competition and wish that was available all the time. I now bring stuff in to someone at work that recycles at home.
38. seems not enough attention is being paid to reduce utility costs.. a program is in place bu not used. Higharchy needs to start setting example and require adherence. Feller
39. The environment issues are pure fraud. It is a waste of money and time. Period.
40. Q21 does not have enough valid options
41. I am opposed to environmentalism playing the role of our state-approved religion. I do think it is a good idea to use our resources wisely and to not be wasteful.
42. Some of your questions don't have the answers I would really say. The concept of carbon footprint is only concerned with my output of fossil fuels. You do realize that humans breathe and therefore expel CO2. How is that figured into your new catch phrase "carbon footprint"?
43. Oklahoma needs a far better public transportation system!
44. I only live a few miles from campus and I would like to ride a bike to work if it were safe. I would like to have a place to drop off recyclables on campus.
45. If there were places in each building on campus to put plastic bottles and used paper I would recycle them. Also the water on campus taste like dirt from the water fountains, if that problem was fixed then I think less people would use bottled water.
46. Question 27 should have included Broken Arrow and Muskogee.
47. I think NSU should put efforts into the research of new or improved ways to recycling. as well as getting the recycling programs running.
48. We don't recycle because we reuse everything from plastic and paper bags, feed sacks, milk jugs, etc. We also strive to not be consumers. If you "use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without", you will leave a minimum impact on the environment. We also are not convinced that occasional periods of global warming are not a natural phenomenon; that the energy used to recycle isn't greater than the savings, and believe that biofuels take more energy to grow and create than they save.
49. While the upfront cost is still fairly high for installation, solar panels could be installed atop many of the buildings around campus to help offset rising energy costs. Also reducing paperwork by utilizing online or network documents, sending emails rather than letters, allowing people to opt out of receiving paper statements would be awesome.
50. where is the local recycling drop off???...I've been in tahlequah 4 years and still take what recyclables i do collect to tula!
51. I find there is a considerable jump between the "c" and "d" options. There is not a general choice often offered.
52. I believe global warming is a big hype. Some areas of the world are see temperatures cooler than normal so maybe we have Global Cooling.

53. I have been recycling for several years. I know I don't do enough but I try to add something new until it becomes a habit and then work on adding another. I know I don't do enough and I know there is alot more I need to learn. If I knew more, my answers wouldn't have been somewhat. I don't recylce for the money but I try to use it as a reason to try to get others to recycle.
54. We are doing a group project at NSU BA right now in Mrs. Barron's class. We are trying to convince them to either provide recycling bins or provide other choices in vending machines besides plastic (1000 year) bottled drinks. Thank you. wagnert@nsuok.edu
55. I think the current research indicates more concern regarding overall climate change rather than simply global warming.
56. Except for questions 26-33, I can't figure out how the earlier questions had anything to do with NSU
57. #23 Do I recyle? The best answer is "some." I do some, but I wouldn't say I recycle.
58. I think the colleges shouds recycle the paper that they throw away, I worked in the college od Education and I was amazed at how much paper they threw away. That one step would help the environment greatly!
59. Let's get those recycling bins on all NSU Campuses ASAP!
60. Having a convenient location to recycle could double or triple the amount of trash that I could and would recycle
61. Thanks!!
62. It seems that the recycling focus is for the Tahlequah campus. Please keep in mind that we have 2 other campuses.
63. You may wonder why I feel envrionment issues are important and disagree with global warming. Well quite frankly I don't believe in it. What I do believe is that plastics are harmful and we are wasting resources trying to get to oil. I think wind power should be studied more before put to use. Mainly because of habitat loss for assorted species to the windmills but can see no reason why we are not using solar power more. I believe methane gas from feedlots and dumps should be put to use on the powergrid and I wonder why they aren't. I strongly believe in composting and think this campus could benifit from this practice immensely. I would recycle if I knew where to go to do so. I believe that NSU could help with that by informing its students of these places if there are any at hand.
64. We need to remember how to live WITH the environment rather than exploit resources for money and personal gain. US behavior is an international embarrassment.
65. I am a student in Broken Arrow.
66. A lot of these questions do not apply to NSUBA students like myself.
67. The library has an active paper recycling program which has been operating for many years. Also my department in the library collects pop cans used by our department and recycles them. We are not collecting glass or tin.
68. None of the answers on question 21 were appropriate for me. I drive everywhere I need to go because of time constraints and distance, not out of lack of care for the environment.
69. It would be great if NSU created community gardens where our own compost could be used and food could be grown for local consumption.
70. You are doing a "One size fits all" survey - many questions did not have an answer that fit my circumstances. I may Want to recycle, but cannot because there are no facilities. Many of your statements seem to imply that a checking a certain option makes you a bad person. I think you should have had more input into the question writing process.
71. I mean no offense, but I feel better wording is possible in this survey.
72. The biggest problem that I find in Oklahoma is the lack of places to recycle, so it makes it very inconvenient to recycle. In California in all public parks there is a separate bin for recyclables.
73. I would like to see Research on plastics recycling
74. It is refreshing to see a serious interst being taken regarding environmental issues on this campus. It certainly helps foster a sense of pride that I belong to a campus that is taking environmental issues seriously. I very much hope that significant steps will be taken by this committee to make lasting campus wide improvements of this nature.
75. Please include Muskogee and BA campuses in your efforts. It seems things don't reach us sometimes. Please keep us aware and we would be happy to be included in the recycling efforts.
76. We need to have a system of regulating PC power!
77. on question 21 I would drive less if there were more options for public transporation
78. NSU-BA needs to have bins like OU does on their main campus in Norman.
79. I believe the environment is important because God put man in charge to "subdue" the Earth (Genesis 1:28-30). However, I believe that man has become so obsessed with nature, that we end up worshiping th creation rather than the creator. We spend millions of tax dollars trying to save the "white owl" that we forget about the more important issues pertaining to the economy, abortion, euthanasia ect. I believe we need to spend our taxes on these issues first before we even go into "saving the environment."
80. Recycling and conservation needs to be as convenient as possible to encourage student participation.
81. Even if Senator Inhofe and people alike does not believe in global warming, they should still believe in the ethical side of protecting the environment.
82. If NSU started a recycling program, it would cost the University money. Yet, there seems to be a positive movement on behalf of the administration to get one started. Why has this not happened in regards to having Day Care on campus? It

- is something that everyone on campus seems to want, yet it feels sometimes like no one wants to get the ball rolling on the project.
83. It would depend on how much is "the one time fee" and I sincerely don't know how NSU would go about composting because most people use salt on their food and that is really bad for plants and compost piles.
 84. More should be done to care for the trees on campus and no cutting down trees to make way for cosmetic landscaping or convenience to those who could take a few extra steps (sidewalks, parking).
 85. Many questions don't take in consideration that many people in this area live out side of town and riding a bike or driving less is not an option. We don't even have the option of recyling without bringing the trash to town. Which is not good. Yes we need to work to make our earth a better place but we also need to make the plan work for everyone.
 86. I was a bit hesitant answering some of the questions as the choices seemed limited, such as in very general statments.
 87. Most importantly, NSU should increase awareness on how to recycle in tahlequah (and make recycling on campus more accessible) and make bicycling to class more convenient.
 88. It would be great if we could recycle plastics in Tahlequah.
 89. Hi
 90. Recently, our College hosted a group of 44 people from Canada who were here for 5 days. Canada is a very environment-conscious country, and most of the people expressed strong concerns that our University and city did not recycle.
 91. I feel that this issue should take high priority, abd that steps should be taken emediatly to protect our campus, and planet from destruction.
 92. re: Q#14 - laws exist, but nobody enforces them !! Q 21 - there is no pub trans here.. if there were, I'd use it. Q #31 -- I don't own a printer, therefore I don't recycle print cartridges and I used to talk to ppl, but quit due to "bubba" retribution in this city
 93. We save & recycle aluminum to donate to Cherokee Cty Humane Society. I am a proud supporter of STIR and OK Scenic Rivers Commission; would be a member of other local environmental groups if available.
 94. Yes, I feel that we need to reduce our wastefulness, but am not sure if labeling it under "it causes global warming" would be correct. As of now there are no studies that are not politically driven or bias one way or the other. Until some long range evidence can be given to support or dismiss "global warming" it should not be a driving force to conserve. Volcanoes produce more COx and SOx in a few minutes than our entire industrial revolution. Yes, production of smog/ground level ozone is a health concern and we should do things to limit/off set those problems.
 95. Why did you ask about recycling in Tahlequah? I live in BA.
 96. I think there should be a campus recycling program for staff if even if not for students. In the office I work in they throw away all paper- no recycling is done here.
 97. any money needed for these efforts should be collected increased parking permit fees.
 98. School food service providers should minize the use of disposable items such as paper plates and plastic utensils. Whenever i see tons of these disposable items being thrown every day, i feel so annoyed.
 99. I'd like to see student organizations like SEMA be more active on campus with environmental awareness efforts.
 100. I strongly support a smoke-free campus.
 101. No action should be taken by NSU as global warming is scientifically unsound and pushed as a way to create fear in the population any damage humanity has caused through carbon emmisions will be corrected by ocean turnover and other natural cycles what we see today as global warming is actually a natural cycle that repeats throught geologic history. please do research before falling prey to propaganda!
 102. I would also love to see a campus garden for NSU. Many other other campuses have them and it is beneficial to everyone involved.
 103. It would be great if there was NO SMOKING on campus!
 104. I've been told by one of my students that a student association was pushing for recycling bins and they were told that the university would take over and "take care of it". Why do we encourage their involvement if we're not going to let them follow through??
 105. Regarding question #30, I factor into my decision to purchase a product based more on quality rather than location of manufacture. We are heading into a global economy, so therefore, I do not take into consideration much import/export location of manufacturer, although I am in support of improving the quality of American made products in addition to more environmentally friendly production and packaging regulations.
 106. Needed more options on some questions. I have not lived in the area five years--dont know if it has improved or worsened. I am on the BA campus, so do not know of recylcling in Tahlequah. I do recycle paper; did you mean something else on campus? The economy/environmental question would really have to be answered on an individual issue basis as would the regulatory issues. What is it that we would be composting?
 107. Test
 108. I hope this succeeds, coming from California, I was shocked that OK does not promote or even encourage recycling!!!
 109. Q 32- a one time fee....are you kidding? If NSU charges a recycling fee you can count on losing my support for any initiatives of the university.

110. Why not spend money and effort on lowering tuition or raising standards of education instead of worrying about "personal carbon emissions?"
111. Man made global warming is a hoax. The earth's atmosphere is very complex and current computer models are so crude that they cannot possibly hope to predict what the earth's temperature will be in even 10 years, much less 50 or 100 years. Besides the most important element in determining temperature is H2O (water and water vapor) present in the atmosphere, not CO2.
112. Please place recycling bins around campus!
113. The Hadley Center for Climate Prediction and other major climate centers like NASA have data that show that global cooling is occurring, not warming. The facts show that global warming doesn't exist. I believe that it only exists because democrats love to have a crisis available to scare citizens into doing something they otherwise wouldn't, like say "OK, tax me some more for carbon emissions." Feel free to help protect the environment, but don't do it because of popular pressure to do so, but because you want to exercise your individual freedom to do so.
114. Some cities have curbside recycling programs. This does a lot for compliance because it is far more convenient.
115. I live in the country and work in Muskogee, so keep in mind, there are some things (actions) in this survey that aren't possible to do to help the environment, due to the lack of access. I cannot commute from 15 minutes south out of town to Muskogee by walking or using a bike. There is no public transportation access where I live. So, I have no choice, but to drive a car. I try and recycle some, but Muskogee's recycle facility is very limited, small, and has too many restrictions. They don't accept metal, steel cans, batteries, or all types of plastics.
116. We are getting this environmental issues forced upon us with inaccurate proof. But it is going to happen, it is a money maker for certain people and I know you think I am stupid.
117. I am very concerned about the environment, however, global warming is driven by opportunists looking for grant money. It's not real. There is NO evidence to support it nor deny it. More research is needed by scientists that are not supported by the grants from people that want them to find a certain way. Quit listening to Al Gore. His degree is in government, NOT science. We simply need to do our part and recycle and make the best use of our resources and take care of mother earth.
118. I wish that we were able to recycle plastics in Tahlequah.
119. I am a NSU-BA student, and a few of these questions did not apply, but I think that more things need to be implemented on the BA campus as well.
120. Ban leaf blowers on campus. Install more bike racks.
121. Even though Al Gore is raising a stink doesn't necessarily mean the human or animal population is the cause of global warming. I am sick about hearing about global warming. Whatever is going to happen will and we will have to adjust to it. My husband's work follows the emission laws and the other company didn't so people are complaining about the plant. The biggest client at my husband's plant will not take glass products if not abiding by the environmental laws.
122. I don't think most people will know what "carbon credits" are. That may need an explanation beside it.
123. Where are the recycled products going to go? Are there any recycling plants in the Cherokee County area?
124. I believe protecting the environment is a good principle, however, it is a personal choice. I believe that the current "fad" of the environmental movement and "global warming" is an attempt to shift the power of our country to socialism. There is a balance that needs to be maintained, but not at the expense of our economy and personal liberties!
125. NSU LIBRARY RECYCLES AND HAS BEEN DOING SO FOR COUPLE OF YEARS
126. Some of the questions in this survey lack nuance. For example, in #32, I would be willing to pay a one-time fee that went toward recycling on the NSU campus, IF the fee were reasonable and not on the scale of a financial burden to my family's budget.
127. This is a political issue generated by leftist and liberals and Al Gore is going to make millions from it!!!!
128. Mia Revels ROCKS!
129. WE NEED BIKE RACKS ALL OVER CAMPUS>>>>>>> I HAVE FOUND LIKE 2!!! I DON'T EVEN BOTHER BRINGING MY BIKE BC THERE IS NO PARKING!!!
130. Motor pool should have hybrid vehicles instead of their Fords.
131. I believe that NSU has not been doing its part to help the environment with the unneeded printing of paper.
132. Almost all of these questions are leading questions that will skew your results in the direction that you want it to. I don't think that this is a fair representation of the public opinion. I conserve energy and water because it is beneficial for my finances and little else. I do believe that we should be good stewards of the planet that has been provided for us to live on, but I sincerely doubt that we as a species are able to influence its cycles in any way. Look at newspapers from the 1970s, and you will see headlines about man made global COOLING. Also, the earth has survived countless biological disasters ranging from volcanic eruptions to ice ages to comet and meteor impacts that raged destruction across the entire planet. Are you that arrogant that you think that you actually can make a significant impact on this huge and complex system?
133. Why is it that the government can tell us what we can and cannot buy for the sake of the "environment" when it is clear and evident that all ecofriendly products cost more and is a scam for making money? Global Warming is a natural cycle

that the Earth undergoes every so many thousands of years to prepare itself for its natural changes, why is it so demanded to "save" it now? It's all a crock of shit.

134. Is this a liberal survey?
135. I've waited a long time to see NSU start recycling and using its students as a work force!! Let's put some students in charge of it and get a lot of ownership to the program! If this takes off, we will be one of the many schools across the country who are initiating this. Some colleges have bikes to rent across campus, the money funds their recycling program, they have the students taking care of the landscaping (those students who are "forestry" minded, or management minded...etc. Yea for this!
136. NEED RECYCLING ON CAMPUS FOR CONVENIENCE
137. I live and work in the Tulsa metro area, so certain of the above questions, #27 in particular, do not apply to me - nor very likely to most of the students on the BA campus. Please consider being more inclusive on further communications and surveys. Thank you very much. I appreciate being allowed to participate in this very important survey.
138. There is substantial debate about global warming and the fraudulent methods used to collect data. I might suggest that you get the book "Red Hot Lies," which details the fraud and bias in this theory. I am a highly responsible person when it comes to recycling, and I recycle much more than you mention in this survey, including glass, aluminum, newspaper, office paper, even junk mail paper. I recycle or compost household peelings and organic material such as coffee grounds. I also recycle clothing, plastic sacks, and virtually anything that can be reprocessed. I donate to Habitat for Humanity, since discarded materials and fixtures from my home may be useful to someone else. However, the theory of global warming is not established science and it has been widely disputed. Environmentalism is another shelter for leftism.
139. We have to print way too many copies of papers for computer classes when simple digital copies could save the university tons of money on paper. Plus a lot of trees!
140. It is my pleasure
141. I know the wastefulness of a few bad people down on the river got our rights to the water more restrictive, they closed the roads to the rest of us, just to keep out the litterbugs, but I know for a fact that the float businesses have a key to the gates, I guess some have all the privileges. I think they shouldn't brand the rest of us as litterbugs!
142. It makes me sad that NSU does not have recycling facilities :(I have seen some bins, but I work on campus as a student worker and I've personally seen the custodians dump the "recycle" bin in with the trash :(It was very discouraging...
143. I am not willing to pay any more money to NSU than I am already paying. Take money from somewhere else, there is money somewhere, I promise. Thanks!
144. The reasons for not saving the environment may be summed up by a quote from one 11 yr old. Ah, the Earth will be around for me, who cares about what goes on after that. The reason many people did not answer this survey is inability to get to it from the e-mail, time factor and apathy. Thank you.
145. Right now, there are only two bike racks in Tahlequah that I know of. One is on campus, the other is in front of the local bicycle shop. This is pathetic.
146. I always buy the "green products" and am considering to start buying the cloth bags instead of paper/plastic. However, the I don't know where recycling places are in Tahlequah and I don't have much room in my apartment to recycle. But I always try to do my part because it is the right thing and the best thing to do. Our environment is highly important!
147. Well, there definitely needs to be more questions concerning how much people feel that they know about environmental issues. Such as, is recycling even feasible here, what is the cost/return ratio, evidence for/against global warming, etc...
148. It is because of my concern for the environment that I am waiting for NSU to offer bus service from Tulsa BA to Tahlequah. In my department absolutely NOBODY but me turns off lights at the end of the day or in rooms that go unused for hours. A quick directive from the President that faculty should be doing that would help immediately. Also, while I am currently fighting a letter of non-renewal, I have repeatedly asked the Theatre Students fraternity to take up recycling in both our buildings. Again, a directive from administration to our program as a whole would probably give other faculty the incentive to give the students the incentive to do the right thing.
149. Some of the questions that not have an answer that was applicable.
150. Thanks!
151. We need a recycling plan at NSU now