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StuGov: Nix 'homosexual' from conduct code

By **SHELBY LEONARD**
 REPORTER

Student Senate passed the Sexual Misconduct Code Non-Discrimination Act, a proposal to reword Baylor's Sexual Misconduct Code, in the Student Senate meeting Thursday.

The act proposed to remove the phrase "homosexual acts" from the code and replace it with the phrase "non-marital consensual deviate sexual intercourse."

The most recent version of the Sexual Misconduct Code was established on Jan. 15, 2007. It reads, "In all disciplinary procedures, Baylor University will seek to be redemptive in the lives of the individuals involved and to witness to the high moral standards of the Christian faith."

"Baylor will be guided by the understanding that sexuality is a gift from the creator God and that the purposes of this gift include (1) the procreation of human life and

(2) the uniting and strengthening of the marital bond in self-giving love. These purposes are to be achieved through heterosexual relationships within marriage. Misuses of God's gift will be understood to include but not limit to, sexual abuse, sexual harassment, sexual assault, incest, adultery, fornication, and homosexual acts."

The vote followed an open forum debate with alternating for and against speakers.

Major points expressed by those in favor of the bill were that the amendment was technical, not theological; the amendment would broaden to all sexual acts outside of marriage regardless of orientation; and the amendment would create a more caring, loving Christian environment.

However, some students expressed their disagreement with the proposal by saying the amendment would alter Baylor's reputation and moral standing as a Christian university and would not

affect the environment for homosexuals on campus.

Schertz senior Kimani Mitchell said, in the favor of the bill, that the amendment clarifies the language already present in the code and removes discriminatory language.

"We are simply clarifying language here," Mitchell said. "In our world we don't always take words semantically. They are taken with a pragmatic view, which is the connotation associated with the view. This word is discriminating. Discrimination contextually and culturally is a bad thing."

Sophomore Jaielyn Parnell said the proposal does not claim students or Baylor agrees with the homosexual lifestyle.

"It is not saying that Baylor is OK with homosexuality, or that students will all of a sudden be more welcoming," Parnell said. "It is saying that we are not going to pinpoint homosexuals. It is saying

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Senior Trenton Garza debates on an SR bill to reword Baylor's misconduct code, removing the phrase "homosexual acts" with "non-marital consensual deviate sexual intercourse." The proposal, which was authored by Garza, was passed by student government on Thursday in the Cashion Academic Center.

Truett Seminary enrollment in five-year decline

By **PAULA ANN SOLIS**
 STAFF WRITER

Though Baylor announced a record-breaking total enrollment in September with 15,616 students, those numbers do not reflect the five-year enrollment decline faced by George W. Truett Theological Seminary.



David Garland

According to Baylor's Institutional Research and Testing database, there are 323 students enrolled either as non-degree seeking, masters or doctoral candidates.

This is the lowest number recorded by Truett in the past 12 years. Since 2008, the seminary school has decreased enrollment an average of more than 16 students each year.

"This is something happening nationwide," said Dr. David E. Garland, dean of Truett Seminary. "The economic crisis hit about the same time as the start of our enrollment decline."

According to the Association of Theological Schools, there were 74,193 students enrolled at schools accredited by the association in 2011, a decline of 5,051 students from 2007.

Garland said students' financial concerns, especially those leaving undergraduate school with heavy debt, and the competition from nearby ministry master's programs are two principal reasons Truett numbers are falling.

To counter this, Truett offers one of the more affordable seminary options, Garland said.

Truett Seminary's basic tuition rate is \$773 per hour before scholar-

ships are applied and before membership in a Baptist church is confirmed.

Affiliation with a Baptist church can lower hourly costs anywhere between \$100 and \$301.

Garland said all Truett students receive some form of financial assistance and 266 endowment scholarships allows the seminary to provide further support.

All of this, Garland said, is an effort by the school to combat the national trend of declining numbers of seminary students that are searching for affordable and flexible options.

One way Garland said Truett has sought a more flexible option is by looking into adding online courses to its programs. However, there were not online courses available to offer due to accreditation problems.

The Association of Theological Schools Commission on Accrediting previously denied accreditation to master's of divinity programs that were completely online, according to a report by the association.

In August 2012, the commission made fully online degree programs accredited at six member schools.

One such school is Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Nearby is also Dallas Theological Seminary which reported 2,007 students in the fall of 2012.

According to its website, 411 of those are online students and 321 are extension students.

"We offer residential, long programs while other schools offer something online," Garland said. "People are looking for something more convenient."

That growing need for convenience is something the school is working toward with a new extension campus in Austin that is scheduled to open January 2014,

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COURTESY ART

Darth Wylee, a rat terrier and beagle mix won the Lariat's Best Pet Costume contest. This 2.5 year old winner is owned by Jared Payton, director of University Parks.

Halloween not just for humans

By **REBECCA JUNG**
 REPORTER

Trick or treat. Halloween is neat. It's Halloween time again. With all the festivities, there are many dangers for pets. Candy is a common danger, but there are many more than most pet owners even considered.

Outside pets need special consideration on Halloween, as it presents traffic, temptations for aggression and outdoor decorations.

"Outside pets need to be brought in where they are safe and comfortable," said Carrie Kuehl, Animal Birth Control Clinic director. "Cats really like to be in dark small places, so even just putting them into the bathroom for a

night would be ideal."

Outside pets are also in danger because of possible Halloween tricks and pranks, PetMD online states; black or dark cats are one of the most targeted animals for pranks on Halloween.

Increased traffic also presents a danger for outside pets. These pets in their excitement or out of nervousness could easily dodge into a busy street and be run over, said Dr. Kristen Dodson, a veterinarian at Hewitt Veterinary Hospital.

The Pet Safety Lady Christina Selter writes in the Bark Buckle Up, an online pet safety site, "Reflective gear or costume with reflection or blinking lights will help to insure you and your

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Switchfoot hits the waves with documentary, new music

By **TAYLOR GRIFFIN**
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Just as the pattern of tides swell and retreat in the ocean, so does the rhythm and course in the life of a rock band. For countless bands, change is the upset that ruins the integrity of its sound and core. Not so for Switchfoot.

As San Diego natives, surfing runs thick in the band's blood, and for its members, the pure joy of getting out on the board keeps them rooted in the past

and eager to explore their potential.

But it's more than simply garnering and fostering their own sound throughout the years. It's a lifestyle of spontaneous transition and going with the flow. In fact, the surfer's term "switchfoot" implies a change of footing on the board for a different perspective in the midst of the perfect wave.

With surfing deep at the core, the band hit the waves to rediscover what keeps them afloat: their personal sound. To fully



COURTESY ART

Switchfoot comes out in January with a new album and documentary called "Fading West." They will be at Baylor on Monday.

find it out, the guys traveled the world seeking new inspiration from the waters and cultures beyond the united states.

"I think as an artist you have to keep looking for inspiration," drummer Chad Butler said. "You can't just sing the same songs. You have to be pushing yourself. This project was exactly that: getting out of our

comfort zone and into a new environment with new cultures and situations influence the art."

From down under in Australia and New Zealand to the colorful beaches of Bali and South Africa, Switchfoot emerged from its adventure across cultures with a documentary and

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SNAP users should have to face justice

Editorial

Put yourself in the shoes of somebody who needs government assistance to purchase groceries. If it weren't for your Electronic Benefit Transfer card, you wouldn't be able to purchase enough food for your family to eat. If you did, then other bills would go unpaid.

Now imagine that you are checking out at your local grocery store only to find that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is experiencing a glitch and you cannot purchase your groceries. In a mix of despair, anger and sadness, you go home, perhaps with only the bare essentials.

Days later, you return to the store and find that another glitch has occurred. This time, every card has an unlimited balance. Would you take advantage of the opportunity?

Seventeen states experienced these two glitches with their EBT programs, and Texas was one of them. Many people found their cards unusable only to find an unlimited balance at a later date. The government has a contract with Xerox to run this program, and the glitch occurred on Xerox's part.

"Re-starting the EBT system

required time to ensure service was back at full functionality," Xerox spokeswoman Jennifer Wasmer said in an emailed statement to the Boston Herald.

The New York Daily News reported that many EBT users packed carts full of groceries.

Grocery stores across the affected states lost a lot of money, and smartphones captured pictures of empty shelves that had been cleared by people taking armfuls of food.

Once people figured out that the glitch had been resolved, they abandoned their carts full of food and left the stores.

Christians are called to feed the hungry and to take care of the poor, which makes this a very touchy issue.

Unfortunately, theft is theft, and the people that exploited the glitch in the system need to be held responsible for their actions.

There is a negligible difference between a person going into a grocery store to steal food and a person that goes into a grocery store and exploits a glitch to get free food. In both cases, the grocery store isn't being compensated for its product.

Knowingly exploiting a technological glitch is a form of theft. Taxpayers' money should not be used to remedy this situation. The

taxpayers aren't the ones at fault.

There is a lot of spite from people that pay into the SNAP program. Some see EBT users as burdens that hurt the economy, but this is directly contradictory to any form of charity.

The reality is that a lot of these people have fallen on hard times and need the assistance to get back on their feet.

Sure, there is abuse and fraud in the system, but that is going to be a reality with any government program in a nation as big as ours.

Some see especially harsh penalties as justice for SNAP abusers that stole food, but malevolence shouldn't get in the way of justice.

The people that committed theft via the EBT glitch should be prosecuted as if they were regular citizens and their financial situation should be completely left out of the equation.

This whole situation reflects desperation among the poor, even in the United States, when it comes to food. There are many people around us that are experiencing hunger, and we can ease their suffering through charitable donations.

While everyone that committed theft should be held legally accountable, we should be able to forgive them and recognize their need.



ASHER FREEMAN

Europe teaches you things that Texas cannot

I have been to the Louvre and I have seen the Mona Lisa. I have taken my picture in front of Big Ben, and I have watched the time change on the world's oldest astronomical clock. I have seen the world outside of Texas.

Before going on Baylor's study abroad, I had never even been outside the country. Now months after my study abroad, I have been to 14 countries across Europe and have even taken a short trip to Asia.

Never has the world seemed so big and so small all at the same time.

I have walked through the Coliseum in Rome, I have looked at the statue of David and I have drooled over the crown jewels.

Coming abroad was a daunting decision at first. I thought to myself, "What am I doing?" I knew no one and I had never even been further away from home than New York, let alone gone across the Atlantic Ocean. Waving goodbye



Claire Cameron | Reporter

to my dad as he watched me walk through security, I almost felt sick with nervousness and excitement. That seems like a lifetime ago.

I have climbed to the top of the Eiffel tower, I have stood before Check Point Charlie and I climbed down a snowy mountainside in Prague.

Landing in Istanbul, Turkey,

last January feels like it was years ago.

I have done so many new things and experienced a whole new world since then.

I have played in the waves on the coast in southern France. I tanned on the sand on a beach in Barcelona, and I have swum in the Mediterranean Sea.

Making friends was easier than I thought. My roommate and I got along very well, and we found a nice group to laugh and joke with. We grew up on this trip. I can no longer look at the world with the same eyes.

My experiences abroad are hard to put into words because I can't find the right way to explain them to someone on the outside. There's no way to describe study abroad to someone who has not experienced it.

I have touched a cloud in Switzerland. I have never been so cold in my life. I have sprinted through

too many train stations to count ,and I have eaten more Italian Gelato than I care to share.

It's an out-of-body experience looking back at my time studying abroad. What can I say that will really capture the true essence of what happened to me overseas?

To say I have a good time would be a lie. There was a few times during my time abroad that I was miserable, but in contrast I had never been so amazed and had never had so much fun in my short 22 years of life.

I have walked through the streets of Portugal, I have seen the graves of the brave men who gave their life in World War II in Normandy, and I have seen pure art made out of tulips in Amsterdam. And most importantly, I got to study abroad and become a new person through that experience.

I can say I have traveled across Europe. More important than my travels is how I grew up. I learned

how to be more independent; I learned how to manage my time better.

I learned not to be shy and less apprehensive of strangers. I learned who is safe and not safe to speak to, and I learned that I am one in 7 billion people.

Being in so many places where I didn't speak the language, and had no idea where I was, was a humbling experience. Everything was new and everything seemed so big.

Three months is a long time to be gone, but that shouldn't stop anyone.

I learned what it means to be a foreigner in a strange country and I learned to appreciate how hard it is to try and communicate with someone who doesn't speak your language. I learned so many things I could fill a book with them.

One big thing I learned is how to see the world. No longer is it a place I look at through a veil. I have seen with crystal clear vision the

beauty of God's creation all around me: the mountains and sparkling blue water, the flowers and the architecture of past generations. I feel like I truly started living after going abroad.

I have gotten a taste of the world outside Texas and I can't wait to have more of it.

I think there is no better experience than studying abroad and I think everyone should do it if they have the opportunity.

I can't imagine what the rest of my life would look like if I hadn't studied abroad.

It is a wild experience and no amount of money is worth the experiences I had.

Study abroad changed me for the better and I think everyone, if they can, should take the opportunity to go see world and study abroad.

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Lariat Letters

Women can marry early and be successful

As a senior, I am one of those students that was mentioned in Thursday's column titled "Girls hoping for ring by spring should aim higher."

I had a ring on my finger the spring before my senior year and I am getting married one week after graduation.

What concerned me about this article was not the desire for women to aim to achieve high goals, but rather that they could not possibly do this if they get married during or shortly after college.

Majoring in engineering is not a major you declare if your only goal is to find a husband. Sure, most of the guys you meet may make a lot of money in the future, but the chances of you being able to stay at Baylor long enough decreases dramatically if you are not actually passionate about the field.

So, it is easy to say I did not take out thousands of dollars in loans just to find myself a husband. Marriage and professional goals are not mutually exclusive. Although I am getting married, I am planning on

pursuing my master's and my doctorate in electrical engineering. I hope to become a leading researcher in the industry or in academia.

However, I also know that I do not have to accomplish these things first.

Relationships matter a lot to me: friends, mentors, family and fiancée. All of these people enrich my life.

It is my fiancée's support of my dreams that made me desire to marry him. It is OK to not want to give up relationships because you have not accomplished all of your

professional goals. A woman can find someone who wants to walk with her and encourage her to achieve those goals.

The points made in the article were not all incorrect. In order to engage in a relationship to your best ability, you do have to know your identity.

Women should aim to achieve their highest goals. However, it does not mean that those who choose to marry early lack goals.

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BU students will open their doors to kids at Treat Night

By **RAYNE BROWN**
REPORTER

Baylor's Treat Night is a fun and festive environment where Baylor families can come trick-or-treat. The annual event was planned by Campus Living and Learning and the Residential Community Council.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, residence halls will open their doors to the children and grandchildren of Baylor faculty and staff.

Children ages 12 and under can participate. Faculty and staff must have a Baylor ID in order for their family to participate.

The residence halls participating in the event include Dawson, Memorial, Brooks Flats, Brooks Residential College, North Russell, Texana House, Earle, Teal, Martin and Collins. Each residence hall will be decorated in a different theme such as Harry Potter and children will be able to go to different doors and get candy. This is an opportunity for families to have a family-oriented and safe place to trick-or-treat.

"Every residence hall is doing something different," said Matt Kwiatkowski, Allen-Dawson residence hall director. "We're going to be focusing a lot of energy in Dawson in decorating the lobby area."

Kwiatkowski said the kids can expect candy, activities and a photo booth. After Treat Night, photo booth pictures will be uploaded to the halls' Facebook page where parents can view and download them.

Other things to look forward to at Treat Night are the possible prizes in certain dorms.

Assistant director for resident learning Lisa Murphy said there will be different games at each residence hall and children can win prizes by playing them.

"Every year there's a huge turnout," Murphy said. "I know faculty, staff, and their kids and grandkids



LARIAT FILE PHOTO

Treat Night will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at various residence halls around campus. This offers a safe place for families to trick-or-treat. Each residence hall will be decorated in a different theme.

really love it."

Parents and guardians are expected to accompany children at all times.

Families are also encouraged to bring \$1 or a canned good to donate to Mission Waco.

Parents or grandparents can RSVP by calling 254-292-4100 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and Monday before the event. This is necessary to know how many treats are needed.



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Percussion

The Baylor Percussion Group presents its first public performance of the season Thursday in the Jones Concert Hall. The group is a dynamic contemporary music percussion ensemble devoted to the artistic presentation of the most significant percussion works of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Farm Day will hit Waco

By **ABIGAIL LOOP**
REPORTER

World Hunger Relief Inc. is bringing a day filled with music, local vendors and farm-fresh food to the Waco community.

The free event, called Farm Day, will last from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the World Hunger Relief farm, located at 356 Spring Lake Road in Waco.

World Hunger Relief Inc. is an organization whose main purpose is to alleviate hunger around the world. It does this by training individuals in the art of agriculture to better improve the lives of others and also work with communities in El Salvador, Haiti and Liberia.

Waco junior Vanessa Baum, who works at World Hunger Relief Inc., said the purpose of the Farm Day is to inform the community about what World Hunger Relief is about.

"I think the best thing about

this day is just raising awareness for our mission and our farm," Baum said. "A lot of people don't know about us. I urge Baylor students to come and see what we're about and have a great experience."

There will be many local and state vendors at Farm Day selling plants, food, ceramics, jewelry, and other crafts. Live music will be performed by local and student artists.

"There will be a lot of things to do for the family," Baum said. "We will also have a petting zoo, a story time that will tell the history of World Hunger Relief Inc. and farm tours will also be available as well."

Rebecca Mann, office manager at World Hunger Relief Inc., said that attendees will also be treated to a farm-fresh lunch.

"The lunch is going to come from our farm and we're also getting some food from Baylor Campus Kitchens, who will be

donating some food and vegetables," Mann said. "Lunch is the only thing that is not free. It will be eight dollars for adults and four dollars for children."

World Hunger Relief Inc. was started in 1976 and has had many Farm Days. Farm Day takes place twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Matt Heff, executive director of World Hunger Relief, said the organization is expecting a large crowd this year.

"This is just a fun time to hang out and see what we do and learn about our food system," said Heff. "We usually get around 1,000 people and so it's looking great again; we have even more vendors."

Heff said World Hunger Relief Inc. is a place for people who want to make a difference. At Farm Day, they can learn more about its resources and what the organization does to help alleviate hunger.

Check it out online:

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No. 8 Bears return to Kansas to face Jayhawks



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Junior quarterback Bryce Petty races untouched into the end zone in Baylor's 71-7 win over Iowa State last Saturday at Floyd Casey Stadium. The No. 8 Bears head to Kansas to take on the Jayhawks on Saturday.

By SHEHAN JEYARAJAH
SPORTS WRITER

Fresh off of a 71-7 homecoming dismantling of Iowa State, No. 8 Baylor (6-0, 3-0) looks to get its seventh straight win against the Kansas Jayhawks (2-4, 0-3) in Lawrence on Saturday.

For the first time in school history, the Bears are ranked in the top 10 of the BCS Rankings at No. 8. The Associated Press poll has Baylor ranked sixth, while both the USA Today Coaches Poll and Harris Poll have Baylor ranked top five in the country.

Baylor sits tied for first in the Big 12 with a 3-0 conference record for the first time since joining the Big 12. Also for the first time, Baylor is the top-ranked Big 12 team in the conference this season.

The offense has been a thing of beauty so far for Baylor. The offense leads the nation in total offense with 714.3 yards per game. The next best team, Oregon, is more than 70 yards per game behind Baylor. The Bears also lead the nation in scoring offense by more than a touchdown.

Junior quarterback Bryce Petty leads the Big 12 in passing yards with 337.2 per game and completion percentage with 70.2 percent. Nationally, he ranks fifth and eighth in those two categories respectively.

Petty is starting to garner some Heisman attention nationally.

Junior running back Lache Seastrunk leads the Big 12 in rushing yards per game with 126.7 yards per game.

Last season, Baylor had a historically poor defense. In contrast, the Bears are 11th in the nation in total defense this season, and rank seventh in the nation in scoring defense. Baylor is also top 15 in turnover margin, and have forced

six more turnovers than it's given up.

Kansas comes into this game with major struggles on offense. The Jayhawks are currently 118th in the country in total offense with 287.7 yards per game. The Jayhawks are one of only six teams to be averaging under 300 yards per game of total offense, and are second worst in yardage from teams from automatic qualifying conferences.

The Jayhawks are 112th in the country in passing yards with only 157.8 yards per game. Junior quarterback Jake Heaps has thrown for more than 200 yards only once in six games. On the season, Heaps has 903 yards passing, six touchdowns and six interceptions on a 51.5 completion percentage.

The Kansas running game is better, but not much better. They currently average 129.8 yards per game to rank 99th in the country. Senior running back James Sims leads the Jayhawks with 519 rushing yards and four touchdowns.

The Kansas defense is 71st in total defense. Kansas allows opponents to gain 402.0 yards of total offense per game. The Jayhawks are 66th overall in scoring defense. They allow 27.0 points per game. Every team behind Kansas in the Big 12 has already played Baylor.

Kansas is a team that starts well, especially at home. Against No. 20 Texas Tech and No. 18 Oklahoma, the Jayhawks combined to score 17 points before either of the other teams scored. The Sooners and Red Raiders were both held scoreless in the first quarter against Kansas.

While the Jayhawks will look to get off to a quick start, Baylor has no problem in first quarters. The Bears have scored on their first drive in five of the first six games. In first quarters this season, the Bears outscore opponents 143-20.

Baylor has played only one road game so far this season.

"We really do try to keep everything as normal as possible on the road, but you just can't do it because it's not normal," head football coach Art Briles said. "You can't look at a shirt that's red and say it's green, because it's not. It's different. You have to be different and prepare differently and every situation is different."

Baylor is playing in the state of Kansas for the second time this season. Against Kansas State, Baylor's offense was held under 69 points for the first and only time this season in a 35-25 thriller. The Manhattan crowd was a big factor in Baylor's struggles.

"I'm hoping for a loud, boisterous crowd to make it so easy on my team," Kansas head coach Charlie Weis said. "That's what I think they got at K-State. It was a loud, boisterous crowd. If they hadn't given up a couple big plays in the fourth quarter, they might have beat Baylor."

The Bears last played Kansas on Nov. 3, 2012, in Baylor's homecoming game. Baylor blew out Kansas 41-14.

The year before, Baylor narrowly pulled out a win over Kansas in Lawrence during the Robert Griffin III Heisman year. Baylor was forced to overcome a massive 21-point hole to pull off a 31-30 victory in overtime behind four touchdowns from RG3.

"We came out a little flat two years ago," senior nickelback Sam Holl said. "This week we have to focus on not doing that and coming out from the very beginning like we do at home every week."

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pet are safer while trick-or-treating.”

People looking for a safe alternative to trick or treating with a pet should look for animal friendly community events.

Indoor dangers are present as well. For pets that have already been separated from the Halloween activities that still appear to be upset or nervous, there are things a pet owner can do.

“Play soothing music, leave the TV on, and make sure they are in familiar and comfortable surroundings,” Dodson said. “If really concerned speak with your veterinarian.”

The staff at the Animal Birth Control Clinic of Waco compiled a list of possible dangers to pets on Halloween: candy, costume parts, cupcakes and gum.

The sweetener in gum, Xylitol, is toxic for dogs in any amount, as well as chocolate and other small items they should not ingest such as string, in addition to decorations both indoor and outdoor.

Chocolate and gum present the most danger for pets, but the temptation to munch on other things such as a corn cob used for decorations could cause an intestinal blockage, Dodson said.

A common Halloween treat, popcorn, can be dangerous as well if it's hot or eaten in large quantities, Dodson said.

“I would recommend not feeding ‘people food’ of any kind.” Safe fun dog treats can be purchased at Target, Dogtopia Waco and Wolfgang Pet Bakery in Hewitt.

It's important to be aware of pets' behavior and notice any changes that might indicate something is awry with a pet, such as poisoning, anxiety or serious behavior issues.

Owners who suspect their pet might have ingested something toxic should first determine what the pet ingested, and then call their vet, the Waco Animal Emergency Clinic or the Animal Poison Control Center, Dodson said.

When it comes to pets in costume, there is one key thing

to remember.

“Make sure that your pet is actually interested in being dressed up,” Kuehl said. “You don't want them to be hurt trying to get an item of a costume off. It all depends on the individual pet, but I would never leave a pet in a costume unsupervised.”

As for Halloween costumes, make sure your pets movement is not impeded and your pet still has the ability to bark or meow, Selter said. For pets that don't like costumes, a bandana is always a safe option.

Something else to consider with your pets on Halloween is what activity might be taking place within its vicinity.

A dog that thinks it's fun to bark at strangers, but can also be territorial at times, if fun or scary costumes are thrown into that mix with that dog, then that dog could become very territorial and a difficult or scary situation could develop, Kuehl said.

“A good way to figure this out beforehand is to do a test run with friends,” she said.

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that homosexual acts are wrong but heterosexual acts committed outside of marriage are also wrong. It is making it more equal.”

San Antonio senior Grant Senter said rewording the phrase “homosexual acts” will make homosexuals on campus feel more loved by the Baylor community.

“This is not just about a technical change,” Senter said. “This is about the entire picture of the university and what it means to be a homosexual on campus. Are you protected? Do we care for you? Do we reach out to you with Christ's love? At this point no. What I think this bill does is take a step towards a more caring, Jesus loving community.”

On the against side, Dallas junior Connor Mighell said Baylor is private and is legally entitled to have its own policies on homosexuality.

“Baylor's status as a private religious affiliated university allows it to define its own policies and procedures according to the precepts of Christianity,” Mighell said. “It's right to do so is protected by the Constitution of the United States and multiple Supreme Court decisions on the federal and state level. The long-standing interpretation

and consensus regarding Christian Scripture hold that homosexual acts are a misuse of God's gift of sexuality. Thus, Baylor can and should define its policies in this manner.”

San Antonio senior Stephen Bell said Baylor still welcomes all people and upholds the belief that homosexuality is wrong.

“I understand the technical argument that we are not ‘technically’ excluding homosexuality,” said Bell. “But the fact is, Baylor and many students believe that homosexuality is wrong. The conduct code should say that if they are going to have a conduct code at all. The Baylor statement on human sexuality says, in the very first sentence, ‘Baylor University welcomes all students into a safe, supportive environment in which to discuss and learn about theoretic issues including those of human sexuality.’”

San Antonio sophomore Chase Hardy Jr. said this amendment does not have the power to change prevailing ideas on campus.

“Changing a single word will have no effect on students' attitudes toward homosexuality,” Hardy said. “Ultimately it is up to the students' own moral understanding and their

own willingness to love one another.”

After the debate, the bill passed. Further action is pending on review by the Baylor University Board of Regents.

“I'm proud Student Senate approved the bill,” said Bushlands senior Trenton Garza, who authored the bill. “I look forward to seeing where it goes. I genuinely hope that the faculty and the senior administrators will consider joining the students in supporting to the board of regents that this code needs to be reworded.”

Arlington junior Dominic Edwards, the internal vice president, said he was proud of the senators and the way they handled the debate with professionalism.

University officials were unavailable to comment on the matter Thursday night. A copy of the resolution will be presented to all voting members of the Baylor University Board of Regents, the offices of all Baylor University senior administrators, the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate and John Whelan, associate vice president for human resources.

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according to the Truett Seminary's website.

Garland said Truett will open another extension campus in Dallas, though it has not been announced on the website as of yet. It will begin accepting students fall 2014.

“We are still deeply committed to resident education,” Garland said. “But many people now have ministry positions and they are trying to earn masters degrees at the same time. It is difficult for them to uproot and live in Waco for three years.”

Garland said several Truett students are commuters that travel from San Antonio, Houston and other nearby cities.

The online factor will help future students complete half of their

degree requirements off campus, though the other half must be in-residence hours.

While this one post-graduate school at Baylor is working to rebound from an enrollment drop, another, the Baylor Graduate School has experienced a slight increase in recent years and a significant increase is expected next year.

The Graduate School has plans in motion to add to its student body with the addition of two new doctoral programs, a Ph.D. in higher education studies and leadership and a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

Both programs are expected to begin fall 2014.

Dr. Larry Lyon, dean of the Graduate School, said though the Graduate School will likely see an

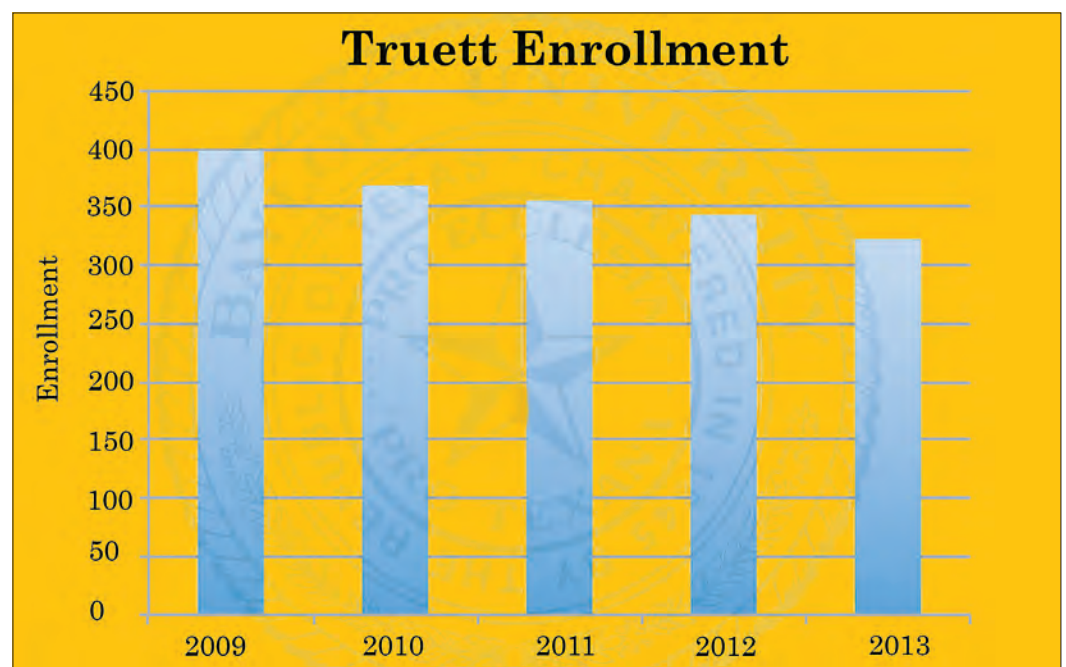
increase in its enrollment numbers, its primary goal is quality.

“Our enrollment is getting stronger academically,” Lyon said. “That is to say GPA and standardized test scores are getting stronger every year.”

The future of the Graduate School may also see a strengthening of master's programs with the possible addition of an online MBA.

Lyon said the Graduate Curriculum Committee is considering the approval for the online program.

“I am reasonably confident about it,” Lyon said. “It could start pretty soon after approval. But first we have to make sure the technology is in place.”



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