Baylor sees increase in burglaries, liquor law violations.

EMMA KING

Baylor’s annual fire safety and security report for 2015 showed a 175 percent increase in burglaries and a 7.2 percent increase in liquor law violations from 2013 to 2014.

Baylor’s Police Chief Brad Wigtil said it is difficult to say why some of these numbers are increasing. It could be that more of these crimes are occurring, or it could be an issue of awareness. “Sometimes we really don’t know the genesis of an increase or a decrease,” Wigtil said.

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Because the report is released as part of the Jeanne Clery Act, data must be collected by law enforcement and universities to provide crime information in an annual report to students and employees. Some of the numbers are preliminary, Wigtil said.

The Baylor Department of Public Safety’s online campus crime and crime log lists a number of recent burglaries from September and October where there was property stolen from dorm rooms, with no sign of forced entry, or where unlocked bikes were taken. Wigtil said the safety and security report Baylor’s community knows what has been happening, so they can decrease the opportunities for crimes to take place in the future.

“Those numbers are concerning to me. If people are leaving their vents open, or their doors open, or their windows open, we need to do a better job of educating them,” Wigtil said.

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No more ‘he said, she said’
U. of Kansas student senate removes ‘his/her’ pronouns from documents

The student senate of the University of Kansas, a follow-up to the Big 12's recent move, has just
work to delete all instances of "his/her" and other gender-specific pronouns from the official Student Senate Rules and Regulations document and replace them with gender-neutral pronouns.

"This is a key first step in making our campus more inclusive," said student senator Harrison Bunker, the bill's main author. "Hopefully this bill will be a catalyst to create documents on campus and change how things happen elsewhere."

The bill has two priorities with which it must come to grips: (1) the existence — or lack thereof — of microaggressions resulting from instances of "his/her" in government student documents, and (2) the effectiveness of removing and replacing these pronouns with gender-neutral ones for the betterment of the community.

What evidence is there to demonstrate that gender-specific pronouns contain these so-called microaggressions? Even if those words can be seen as harmful, Bunker believes it is not wise to initiate this student bill with any intention of moving the school in the "wrong" direction.

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Low-fat farce: ‘Healthy’ foods riddled with lies

It seems every week I read about new fearsome, newfangled, healthy wisdom coming from food experts on obscure nutrients that I somehow somehow somehow survive 22 years without counting — those fats and their cyclone cyclone cyclone. I'm instantly skeptical of their claims. Usually, especially if it has to do with weight loss.

Yet there's one myth that keeps cropping up, no matter how long a food is fat or fat-free, it's automatically a healthy choice.

I see this mentality among my friends and in casual conversations. The idea of “his/her” being a catalyst to create discussions on campus and cause change to happen elsewhere. It's his/her in student government documents, and overall the effectiveness of removing and replacing these pronouns with gender-neutral ones for the betterment of the community.

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Teen discovers his real identity when applying to college

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Associated Press

VESTAVIA HILLS, Ala. — An Ohio teenager applying to college discovered some startling things about himself because of a program that gives nonviolent first-time marijuana offenders a chance to avoid a conviction.

The program’s recidivism rates and said it has been successful in reducing marijuana the chance to avoid a conviction.

Ahmed Faris, 18, a junior at Hurst High School, said he was shocked when he found out he was eligible for the program.

Faris said he had to go to court and pay a $250 fine to qualify for the program.

The program, which is similar to what some other counties have implemented, allows first-time marijuana offenders to avoid a conviction if they successfully complete a community service program.

David Fendt, the school’s principal, said the program has been a success.

Fendt said that he hopes the program will help students who may be struggling financially.

The school district is currently reviewing the program to see if it should be continued.

The students who qualify for the program are those who have been referred by their parents or guardians.

The program is funded by a grant from the state.

The students who participate in the program are required to complete 20 hours of community service.

They are also required to pay a $250 fine.

“If you see something, say something,” Evans said.

That’s what happened in the case of 18-year-old Julian Hernandez.

The son of Bobby Hernandez was an excellent student and had been planning to attend college.

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Students build successful online following; host market today

REBECCA FLANNERY

The Baylor Lariat

The balloons are filled and gold flamingos set to have a tradition of this kind of event. “I think it’s a really good opportunity for students to see what people in their community are doing outside of school,” said Westlake Village, Calif., junior Hannah Kleinick, one of the creators of Buttoned.

In addition to the vendors Buttoned has gathered, the Pop-Up Shop will feature live music by China Spring sophomore Abby Baker and a DJ session by Ames, Iowa, sophomore Carl Meese. A Buttoned photographer will be taking “street style” photographs of attendees, and Pokey-O’s will be selling their iconic ice cream sandwiches to paying customers.

Haykin said getting the blog off the ground and onto readers’ feeds has been a long and frequently difficult process, but she hopes that their work will pay off with today’s party. “I’m honestly really excited to have Buttoned hostsamura students interact with people who have actually read our stuff,” Haykin said. “I think it will be really neat to have us in one space and to have a tradition of this kind of event.”
No. 6 Bears overcome away atmosphere, outpace Kansas State

MANHATTAN, KAN. – Baylor suffered a late scare but was able to come away with the win Thursday in freshman quarterback Jarrett Stidham’s debut as starting quarterback. No. 6 Baylor defeated Kansas State 31-24 to remain undefeated.

Both teams entered the contest with very different forms of play. Baylor won seven consecutive games with an FBS margin of victory of 36 points. Kansas State had lost all four of its opening conference matchups. Many had speculated the Bears would exemplify a run-heavy offense and ease Stidham into his new role. But head coach Art Briles and the offense had different plans.

Baylor didn’t miss a beat with the change of quarterback. The No. 1 offense in the country rolled to 522 yards of total offense as they racked up first downs effortlessly.

Taking advantage of the national stage, Stidham led Baylor to its eighth straight victory over the Wildcats. Stidham threw for 419 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions. The passing total set a Baylor game-high for the 2015 season. The previous mark was set by junior quarterback Seth Russell (380 passing yards against West Virginia on Oct. 17).

Heisman and Biletnikoff contender, junior wide receiver Corey Coleman was also true to form. Stidham and Coleman hooked up nine times for 207 yards and two touchdowns. One of the most spectacular catches made by Coleman was on a back-shoulder, fade pass from Stidham. The ball was thrown a bit low, and Coleman readjusted in mid-air, while reaching over the defender’s back to haul in touchdown No. 20 of the season.

The score made Coleman the 12th player in FBS history to record 20 receiving touchdowns in a season. He is now five touchdowns from tying the Big 12 record for receiving touchdowns in a season and seven scores from breaking the NCAA record.

Defensively, Baylor maintained its “bend but don’t break” persona. While the Bears gave up 430 yards of offense, it limited the Wildcats to 24 points, despite Kansas State’s overwhelming 38 minutes of possession.

Baylor allowed 172 yards through the air, but statistically gave up 258 yards on the ground. A noticeable factor limiting the Bears’ effectiveness to stop the run was junior nose tackle Andrew Billings’ ankle injury.

Although reports had circulated throughout the week that the run stopper was 90 percent healthy, he appeared to be favoring the injury nearly every play.

Kansas State took advantage of the Bears’ inability to stop the run, as they averaged 5.4 yards per rush. Although the run defense struggled throughout the night, the Baylor pass defense held the Wildcat offense in check.

Junior nose Billings came up with a game-changing interception that led to a Baylor score in the first half. Kansas State collected 172 yards on 22 attempts.

While the scoreline was close, the Bears seemed to control the game throughout. Next up for Baylor will be a home game against No. 15 Oklahoma on Nov. 14 in Waco.