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## Southern Baptists factions feud over church doctrine

United Press International  
James T. Draper, conservative president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant denomination, rejected proposals by moderates in the church to depoliticize the denominational presidency.

But Draper said he will continue to work for unity in the 13.8 million member church — a unity shattered by years of intense feuding over biblical doctrine and control of denominational machinery.

At issue were a number of changes proposed to Draper by moderates involving the appointive power of the convention president.

That power has been the focus of the controversy in recent years as conservatives have publicly stated their intention to turn the denomination to a more fundamentalist stance.

Under current Southern Baptist procedures, the convention president appoints a layperson and a cleric from each of the 26 cooperating state conventions to form a committee on committees.

Moderates, in several meetings with Draper following his election earlier this year, proposed that the Southern Baptist Convention president be required to seek and obtain nominations from state convention leaders.

They asked Draper voluntarily to follow the procedure this

year in his appointment policy and to support changes in the church's bylaws that would require such procedures.

"I think the group shares with me a common goal to bring back unity to the convention. I do not support it (the plan) at this time. I do not see that changing the bylaws is the best way to do it (bring unity)," he said.

Cecil Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C., and a leader of the moderates, said he is disappointed and frustrated by Draper's response.

"Well, I have been there before. Two years ago I went to breakfast with (former Southern Baptist Convention president) Bailey Smith and he said trust me. I had a hard time believing it then, and my misgivings were generously confirmed," he said.

Bill Sherman, pastor of Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., and another leader of the moderates, said moderates are, "hard-pressed to accept Draper on trust because he comes from a group that in the past three years has proven unworthy of trust."

The moderates said Draper and Smith belong to a faction in the denomination headed by Houston Applegate, a former Texas state court judge and member of the First Baptist Church of Houston. That group has said it will use denominational machinery to eliminate what it believes is theological liberalism infecting the church's seminaries and agencies.

Pressler's group is generally considered responsible for the overt politicking that has characterized and bitterly divided the national meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention the past several years.

Moderates maintain, however, that unless the convention depoliticized the future, there will be dissension, distrust and possibly division.

## Farmer wants fence repaired

United Press International  
WAXAHACHIE — Speeding down Interstate 35, you have to look fast to see the fading black and white signs on the barbed wire fence. But for Bernard Dale, 78, they're a way of taking his gripe to the people.

And the signs are much more attractive than the four sheep carcasses he hung on the fence until they rotted.

"This steel fence (set in concrete) has been mechanically assaulted by the Texas State Highway maintenance crews over a period of years without any effort being made by them for repair or compensation," reads one of the signs.

A highway grass mower tore through a barbed wire fence on Bernard and Mary Ellen Dale's 80-acre sheep-breeding farm in 1979. The Dales say they lost four breeding sheep worth \$800 to dogs before anyone patched the hole.

They want the highway department and its mowing contractor, G.W. Gipson, to fix the fence and pay for the sheep.

The highway department says Gipson's insurance company agreed to pay for the fence, but Dale won't accept the \$725 check. He says that won't even pay for the sheep, and he'd prefer someone fixed the fence.

He said he's received estimates as high as \$10,500 to fix the fence.

So the Dales are fighting it. "Many people have suggested the only way to lick city hall is to make people aware," Dale said.

Many of his neighbors in the city of 17,000 didn't appreciate the sheep carcasses, but they learned to live with the signs.

"About half of them are gone now," he said. "The other half say fight it."

Dale, retired from the Navy and his retired schoolteacher wife, 68, say they fear big business is conspiring with the highway department to drive off their land, which has been zoned industrial and is Waxahachie's industrial park.

Dale contends his fence has been damaged eight to 10 times but the 1979 incident was his last straw. He has a bunch of cars and trucks supporting the fence, and cables preventing them from falling into the highway.

He turned the matter over to attorney Jim Pitts, who filed a \$20,000 negligence lawsuit against Gipson and the highway department. No court date has been set.

Dale says the signs will stay "until I die or until someone does something about it."

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United Press International  
COTTSDALE, Ariz. — Robertson says he is not fat people to lose weight. Shedding weight, he says, is an easy part of his program. The hard part is his patients keep the

"The body perceives starvation, then a need to become available for utilization," Robertson says. Robertson, who has a weight-loss program of 40 percent of patients are able to lose weight off indefinitely. Sound familiar?

Nationwide statistics show that more than 5 percent of the population are on conventional diets and only 1 percent are on the weight off. But Robertson says his other weight-loss program is supported by a diet that is constantly changing. The Southwest Bar

## Athletes starving forging

United Press International  
SAN ANTONIO — A study of college athletes indicates wrestling and football players are starving themselves and footba

Nutrition professor, who conducted a study, says these two diets are defining habits are defining habits of college athletes nationwide.

"It's nothing to a weight loss in a speech prepared Oct. 19, during the American Dietetic Association meeting in San Antonio, 18-22.

"They dehydrate themselves to void in plastic sweatsuits so they can maintain weight," she said. At the other extreme, Professor found football players consume a total of 10,000 calories a day — or a 20 percent average man eat.

The registered dietitian says her computer analysis of 10 teams at Syracuse found football players with "tremendous amounts of calories." They go to outrageous amounts to meet competitive demands.

She says the wrestlers are players whose mothers she monitored. She says they were eating half their body weight in food. That's a danger level, far exceeding the figure recommended by medical authorities.

The professor says she found the training tables of butter for six weeks, then pour a cup over the 12 to 16 ounces consumed at dinner.

"As for lunch, they eat even hamburgers. Eating practically nothing seems to be a way of staying fit," she added. Their daily caloric needs are as low as 780, result, some suffer from vitamin deficiencies.

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