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Baptists separate

DALLAS (AP) — "Moderate Baptist group not worried about members joining can think very few churches will choose to affiliate with a different body," said Phil Strickland, director of the Christian life commission for the moderate-controlled Baptist General Convention of Texas, based in Dallas.

Tension between conservative and moderate church members has been growing. Many conservatives believe the convention have adopted policies too different from the national organization, the 15.7 million-member Southern Baptist Convention.

For example, conservatives claim the Baptist General Convention of Texas has not taken strong-enough stands against abortion and homosexuality.

Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano, told the Southern Baptist Convention's Baptist Press that more than 40 percent of the churches in the Baptist General Convention of Texas are unhappy with its

International shadows



M. Aristo Setiawan and Retno Sulistijo perform a traditional puppet show for four-year-old Nicolas Moreno during International Week at the MSC on Tuesday.

ROUND TABLE

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Hight: So is it more cultural than race?
Ogungbemi: Yeah. It is up to you to go and talk to them, go and ask them questions, then they will start to socialize and come over to your house. The point is that they are scared to come up [to you]. It is up to you.

Simpson: There is a definite lack of minority in faculty on campus. We don't have enough minority faculty on campus, there is no way. They were saying that we should voice our problems to the administration. Maybe if there were more people in the administration aspects, then they could help out the people that are having problems on this campus. I am a [resident adviser]; I hear about a lot of racist things that happen in the dorms, and a lot of the minority students don't want to make it a big deal and they don't tell anybody. Or if they do tell their RA, the hall director might not take the correct steps in solving that problem. I have had numerous people come to me and say "My roommate said she does not want a black roommate and she moved." My sophomore year, being an RA, I saw my roommate one time and when I came back she had moved out. I was like "What happened?" But I never saw her again. Incidents like that need minorities in positions to solve problems like that. Yeah, so if we had more minority faculty, more of our issues and problems would be solved. The administration needs to take some steps into getting more of them here because they are not doing that. They say it is 1.5 [percent African-American], but it is falling down each year.

Ballare: I just want to say about the discrimination part, does anyone have any problems with discrimination? Because I know just one time I had a problem with the post office and I felt I was discriminated against. It was my time to go, but then they told me to get in the back of the line, and they let all of the rest of the people go.

Hight: So what did you do?
Ballare: As soon as it happened I went straight to Dr. Southerland and he handled it right there. I got a free mail box for a year and everything.

Hight: What about that employee at the post office?

Ballare: He is still there. He owns the post office.
James: (She begins to cry) When I got back to my car [freshman year] somebody wrote "typical nigger." This is the reason I have hard feelings at Texas A&M University, because someone did this to me. Okay, so all of this stuff about, there are too many unspoken instances that happen at this University that shape the mind of the young people here, and you wonder why people leave and why they would rather go to some other school. This is not the first time you have Asian students getting beat up because of their skin color and I just feel that the majority, the white

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— Suzette Figaro
president of Texas A&M chapter of NAACP

people, sit back and complain. They don't realize how it is to be a black person on this campus, and not just being black, but just being a minority. Even if you are not a Christian, Asian or whatever, they just don't understand. And they are quick to sit up there and say that you are just complaining too much and that this really doesn't happen, and it does happen.

Hight: We wanted to hear a little about personal experiences of racism here at A&M? Maybe you don't have a personal experience with racism — then we want to hear that too. Maybe your experience here has been comfortable — that is of note, too.

Figaro: Personally, I have plenty of stories. I am sick and tired of white people coming up to Greeks and saying why don't you do that stepping thing that you do so well, when all nine of us have a great history, and we have so much to offer, we just don't step. When I was in San Antonio, I remember there were five buses, it was with South-

ern Greek Leadership Conference. It was for all Greeks. When we were going to the bus, minorities hang together. There were like two Asians, one Hispanic and there were black, and we were going to our bus, and all the white people and there were like 50 of them and they were trying to squish onto one bus, and we were like "You can come sit with us and chill with us" and I knew half of them were from A&M, and we were like "Come sit with us and ride back to the hotel", and when they realized that they had to sit with us, I saw some ugly faces. I was like "What about us do you not like?" At the Rec Center they are supposed to play radio stations for 30 minutes. And they only play 103.1 for about 15 minutes. I heard this one guy say, "Why don't they turn this nigger music off?" It is ridiculous that we have to deal with this on a constant basis, and that people are afraid of us for no reason. What is it? Is it my skin color that intimidates you? Or is it the sound of my voice? What? What about me? It is ridiculous and it is stupid. It also goes to how you were raised. My mother raised me to be multicultural, like mammals, anyone you want to. Because I am not just black, I am many other things. But a lot of these parents do not raise their children the same thing. They teach them things, you can't date a black person.

Ballare: I feel like that if you have self confidence, then you will not care what other people think about you when you go into a classroom, you should not worry about whether that person is going to get up and me because I know that I do that if someone smells like smoke I can't stand the smell of smoke, I am going to get up and move. I have never noticed if someone has gotten up and moved, again I know that white people talk to you in class and they try to befriend me all the time, but I am saying that you have to have self confidence. That is what my mom taught me, "They are better than you, Adrienne, you do not hold your head down. You hold your head up high, because you are at the same level as them" and that is the type of mentality you have to have. Reality speaking, the world consists of a lot of racism and discrimination but you can not let that hold you back and you have to hold your head up and let them that you are the same as them.

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