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According to Lathan, the rally and the poster of Bitran's class were totally separate events. "Both events involved some of the same people, but it was their individual choice to be involved in the poster. The events were totally unrelated," Lathan said.

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