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A mob of students gathered around the Christian Civilization Club table in the Boettcher Library Quad on Monday afternoon to protest controversial anti-Muslim statements displayed on the club's banner. The action apparently is reflected on college campuses nationwide as part of 'Islamic Fascist Week.' Read one writer's opinion on Page 2.

Student death at ARC raises many questions

By Josh Clemens
Staff Writer

Campus police and health personnel say they remain baffled by

was already on the scene performing CPR. Both declined to comment on the incident.

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classroom building is already wired for Ethernet, so a wireless router can be installed in any campus building. We already allow students to directly connect to the wired campus network, indicating that any security concerns have already been addressed.

The Current asks that the administration to please consider the following proposal:

1. Install one wireless router, coupled with a high-gain indoor antenna, per cluster of buildings. Our analysis of the campus grouped campus buildings into eight or 10 clusters that could be reached with one router using extender antennas. High-range routers are available for around \$100 and indoor extender antennas are available for \$50 or less.

2. Use outdoor antennas to extend access to the cafeteria and library quads.

At our maximum estimated, this would come to only about \$1,700.

ARC could also follow the Cosumnes River College model, allowing Wi-Fi only in the cafete-

Christian Club crossed the line

As I left my first class on Monday at around 11 a.m. and I walked through the Library Quad area, I noticed a large crowd beginning to gather around the Christian Civilization Club booth. The signs that usually depict phrases such as "America is A Christian Nation" had been changed. They now all seemed to scorn one specific religion, and more specifically targeted the main prophet of the religion: Muhammad.

At first I did not understand what it was all about, until I read the sign that said "Muhammad hated and killed, but Jesus loves and saved."

Once I realized what the statement was

trying to portray, I was immediately angry. Much of the reason for this is that my father is Iranian, and half of my family practices Islamic beliefs. Even more of the reason that I found it disturbing is because my mother is from Alabama, and was raised Southern Baptist; being raised in a Christian home, I find it very offensive that people would portray Christianity in such a racist and distorted point of view.

Beth Braun of the Christian Civilization Club said I hope to, "expose Islam for what it is," assuming that the people born and raised in Islamic-based countries do not know the facts about something that

much of their lives have been based around, shows it was a very naive thing for her to say. Even more astounding are the signs that said, "Muhammad was a Racist" or "Muhammad was a Pedophile."

Granted, the club was protected by the First Amendment and is not legally restricted from what they were saying, but shouldn't there be some moral boundaries keeping them from blatantly insulting other ethnicities or targeting one specific religious group? While I support freedom of speech, knowing that this is part of a national Islamic Facism week says we should look carefully at all groups visiting campus with the express intent of inciting hate.



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Correction

In the third edition of the ARC Current, the front page featured a headline with incorrect information about a new satellite campus being built

Congratulations to The Current

