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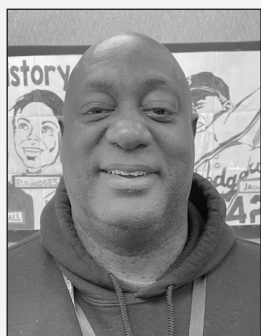
What does Black History Month mean to you?

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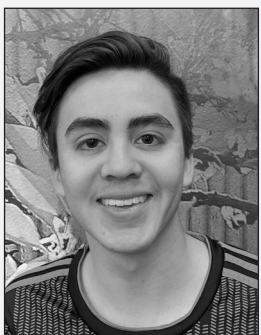
"Black History Month is a great month to celebrate Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr, Rosa Parks and all the key figures that can teach my kids about how you can overcome anything you put your mind to."

Noor Assi*Engineering Major*

"Understanding other cultures, histories and backgrounds help us all grow as a world community. I learned about Martin Luther King Jr. after coming to this country, he reminded me of great leaders from my country."

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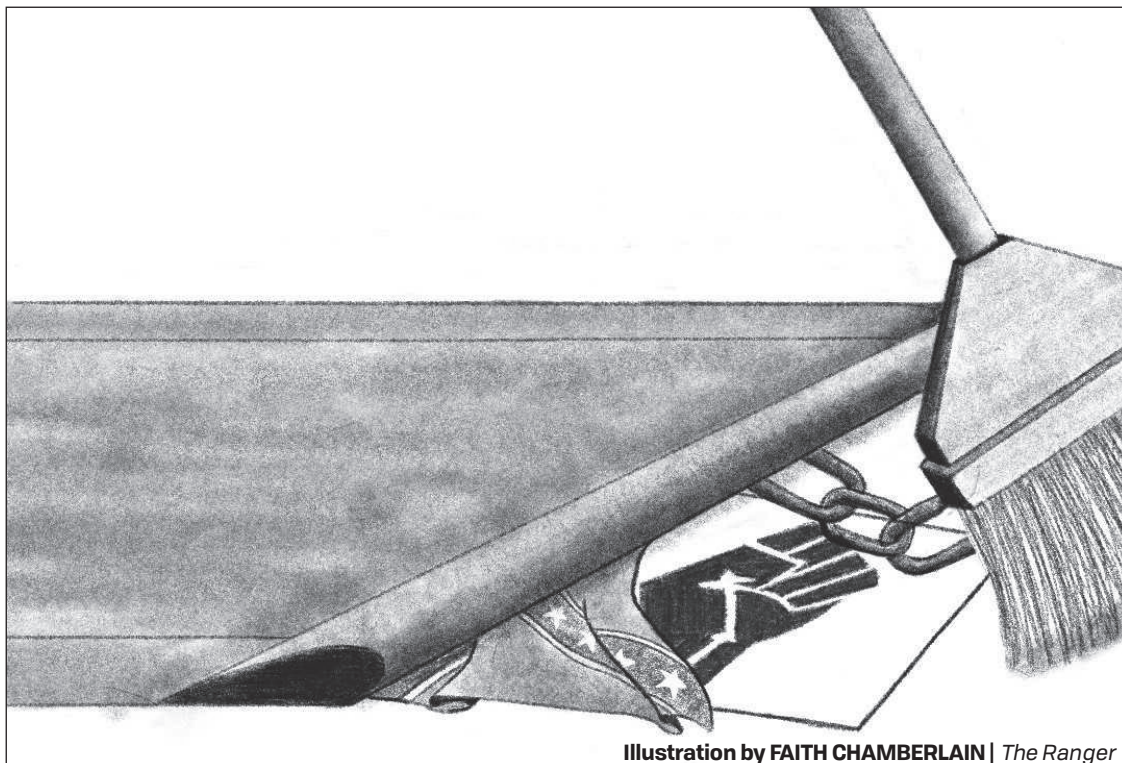
"Black History Month always makes me proud, proud that as a community and a nation, we take time to honor Black Americans and their many accomplishments. Spotting Black History is an important step toward inspiring present and future generations of Americans."

Christopher Anguiano*Welding Technology Major*

"Embrace your culture, be a part of it, it doesn't matter where you come from or how you connect to it, as a Mexican American I get to be a part of their celebration, they get to be a part of my celebration, so as Americans we get to all celebrate together in our rich history."

Peyton Pirtle*Radiology Science Major*

"My parents encouraged me as a little girl to know everything there was to know about Black History and Martin Luther King Jr. I find as an adult, by embracing the differences and similarities in my community, I understand even more about myself and how I expand my perspectives on culture and enrich my community as a whole."

Illustration by FAITH CHAMBERLAIN | *The Ranger*Censoring
radical roots

EDITORIAL

Quality education is once more under attack in America.

The College Board has buckled under the political pressure and complaints of Gov. DeSantis of Florida, and has recently stripped their AP African American studies course of many topics.

The revisions have purged many of the most important topics. Lessons of Black Lives Matter, a movement that sparked discussion across the globe has been made optional. While others were removed entirely. Topics include reparations studies, Black feminism, the queer experience and critical race theory.

Brandi Waters, senior director of AP African American studies for the College Board asserted that she "would tell students this is the most coherent narrative of African American history, culture, politics and legal studies that I've seen for high school students."

DeSantis's crusade against the leaked early draft of the pilot program was only an

opening gambit in his administration's bid to totally ban "ideological conformity" in higher education. Which is worrying, when many of his more extreme bills are in a run-up to his assumed Presidential bid.

DeSantis' administration took these revisions for the win they seem to be.

"We are glad the College Board has recognized that the originally submitted course curriculum is problematic, and we are encouraged to see the College Board express a willingness to amend," Alex Lanfranco, director of communications for the Florida Department of Education, said.

CEO David Coleman, on the other hand, was quick to assure both students and faculty that the timing and changes were "just a coincidence." Coleman further stated he regrets any misunderstandings. "We are devoted to these notions of access and freedom."

College Board officials have stated they have

documents proving any and all changes were made in December, placing them a month before Florida's Department of Education sent the letter whining about the curriculum, and stating it would be banned statewide if no changes were made.

Officials continued on to say that the content was "quite dense" already and that they routinely omit any secondary reading from their courses.

Officials say the lesson plan is molded by careful consideration of feedback from the teachers piloting the course. The course explores content on Africa, slavery, reconstruction and the civil rights movement.

And while contemporary topics like the Black Lives Matter movement are acceptable forms of research for a paper, those topics usually count for very little, and will not have a place on the final exam.

Parking: an elegy

OPINION

By PHOEBE TERRY
Co-Editor

I rise before most of the world has thought about rousing. Through sleepy eyes and with tired hands, I grab my steering wheel and set off on the path that leads toward the betterment of my life.

Through countless setbacks and obstacles, I rise every morning just the same only one thing stands in my way; cones.

Parking is difficult enough at a college, but every once in a while the world seems to think there isn't enough of a challenge and decides that cones need to be placed in seemingly half of the parking spots of an entire parking lot making what was once a difficult and annoying, but accomplishable task into slaying a metaphorical dragon made of plastic and vulcanized rubber.

Of course, a student could just get to school earlier, and that would solve any parking problems they may encounter; well not if they're disabled or happen to have any trouble walking the quarter mile to class and back.

Because of the lack of parking spots, some people have decided that they are suddenly entitled to park in a disabled spot, and I'm all for some healthy civil disobedience but these students are only hurting the people who need good parking the most.

Compounding this issue is the construction all over the Washington Street Campus. AC may well be almost half metal fence and hard hat at this point. Construction has closed two parking lots and taken up a large number of parking spots in another. I'm overjoyed that with the opening of the First Bank Southwest Center, more

parking will be added near the park, but that cannot atone for the many unplanned hikes students have had to take to class and back.

A hike that gets turned into a climb if the elevator happens to be broken that day and the students' class is on the 4th floor of Byrd or Parcels, I might add.

Obviously, parking is one of the most complained about issues at any college. The stresses of hundreds to thousands of students descending on an institution looking for a place to put their cars while they go to class would overwhelm anyone.

I also cannot discount the fact that AC does not charge for parking while some other colleges charge \$150-\$200, and for that, I am forever grateful. I promise I'm not mad Amarillo College. I'm just a little disappointed.

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