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### IHS Discussion: They Were There: Martin Luther King's Visit to UT Austin in 1962



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# THEY WERE THERE: MARTIN LUTHER KING'S VISIT TO UT AUSTIN IN 1962 A discussion featuring:

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segregation. we will interview former of students who were here back then, when they worked for the Daily Texan, to discuss Dr. King's visit and that historical moment in the struggle for integration, on campus, in businesses on the Drag (Guadalupe St.), and beyond, even in Mississippi, reporting that black students were suspended, student government was eliminated, and reporters were being beaten because of protests against segregation.

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