

# STREETWISE

## QUESTION:

Should the University Bookstore sell *Playboy* and *Penthouse* magazines?

"The controversy is out of control. The discussion is overly emotionally charged and people have a tendency to say, 'Well, pornography objectifies women so all pornography is bad.'"



--David Ellsworth  
freshman, math major

"I think that it's kind of disgusting, but it's peoples' own choice what they want to buy (Whether it causes men to look down on women) depends on the person, some men it does; some men it doesn't."



--Kym Daggett  
junior, psychology major

"I would say it's OK. If you want something like that, you can go in and get



it, and if you don't, you don't need to. (It doesn't cause men to look down on women) anymore than topeless bars."

--Sean Russel  
freshman, history major

"I think the magazines should be there if people want them. I myself don't think they are a good role model for women and I do think it degrades women in general."



--Tiffiney Schmohe  
sophomore, undeclared

"If they take it off the shelves it would be censorship. It's the women's choice, they're not forced to pose nude. If that's what they want to do, that's what they want to do."



--Peter Koong  
freshman, political science

"I would like to see them make that choice to allow people to get them elsewhere and to promote literature and magazines more positive in their presentation of women."



--Maia Holliday  
senior, architecture

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## Panel: society a nightmare for blacks

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream of freedom and equality exists today in a nightmare society.

That was the consensus of a panel discussion titled "The State of the Civil Rights Movement: A Dream or a Nightmare?"

The six-member panel was presented as part of the University's celebration of King's birthday Monday. Panelists spoke of the challenges facing black Americans.

Clarence Spigner, an associate professor at the University, noted men living in Bangladesh have more of a chance of living to age 65 than a man living in Harlem.

Student Eric Ward echoed Spigner's sentiments by speaking of the disproportionate number of blacks in prison or in gangs.

"Certainly the civil rights movement was never a nightmare, but the society it's had to exist in has been a nightmare," he said.

When he returns home to the Los Angeles area, Ward finds most of his friends in prison or dead. "I can count on my fingers how many are left to go home and talk to," he said.

The need for black unity is crucial, Ward said, adding it's not enough to get through college and earn a good living if it means ignoring the reality of injustice and not working to change it.

An audience member asked about the recent confirmation of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court and about the schism in the black population that became evident when the national chapter of the National Association of the Advance-

ment of Colored People did not endorse him.

Norman Hill, president of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and an associate of King's, said differences are to be expected.

"It is an illusion to speak of any group as being monolithic," he said.

Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois, early leaders in the fight for rights for blacks, differed in their philosophies and beliefs, "but each person makes some contribution, no matter how small," Hill said.

Both black and white people ought to be concerned about who speaks for them and what they're saying, said Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who co-founded the Southern Christian Fellowship Conference with King.

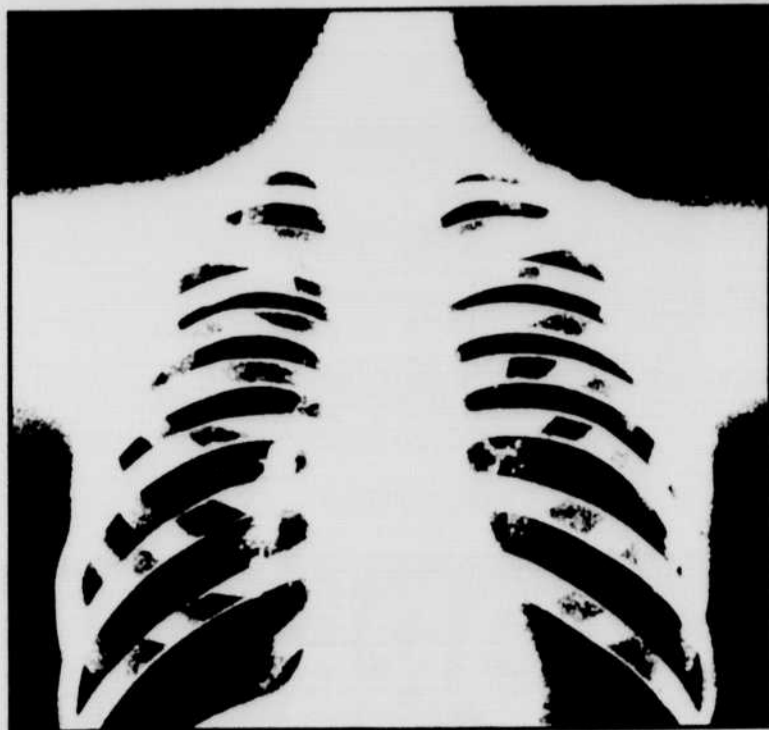
The panel was also asked how to make the dream a reality. Shuttlesworth told the audience members to begin with themselves.

"I think life is meant to be simply lived," he said. "We ought to do the things we can do. Simply be committed to eliminating injustice. Dr. King said 'you can be a king, anyone can be great.' The reason we are here today is because someone cared, someone dared, someone believed, someone tried."

Ward added his assessment by paraphrasing poet Nikki Giovanni, also a panelist.

"The last bastion of white supremacy is in the black man's mind," he said. "I think if we free our minds, we will see an unbelievable dream."

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