Selective Disregard

To the Editor:

When I picked up last Friday's edition of The Davidsonian, I noticed a glaring omission. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday was made a national holiday this year, and the Black Student Coalition's Annual M.L.K. Memorial Service was done on an even grander scale. There was no story in The Davidsonian. Surely you knew — there were posters and flyers all over campus. So, why weren't you there?

This is not a first. I realize that there are new people on the staff this year, and you are not responsible for the mistakes of your predecessors. However, it does not seem that the cloud of ignorance enveloping Black achievement is in any great danger of being dissipated by this year's staff. One of the purposes of the Black Student Coalition, as stated in our Constitution, is to bring an awareness of the Black experience, culture, and history to this campus. And yet, I often hear the complaint that the Coalition never does anything. It would be a great deal easier to dispel some of those negative notions if the campus media paid adequate attention to the things that we do accomplish. When Lerone Bennett spoke at Davidson last year, there was no story. When the Coalition presented the play No Place to Be Somebody, there was no story.

I get personally angry with the tendency of people here to believe that Blacks do nothing of any importance, but I am disgusted that The Davidsonian is, in essence, saying the same thing by way of its sins of omission. We are tired of your ignorance, and tired of your selective disregard. I suggest that The Davidsonian wake up and look around — you might be surprised at how much you are missing.

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