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**Black Student Organization. Collection of the Black Student  
Organization, 1970-1992.**

**GACA Collection 236**

**Black Student Organization. Collection of the Black Student Organization, 1970-1992. GACA Collection 236. 1 flat box.**

**ABSTRACT:**

The Black Student Organization collection consists of membership information, financial documents, newsletters, event planning materials, and a scrapbook. Contained within the scrapbook are a partial constitution, several news clippings, and numerous member photographs. Most collection materials date from the 1970s.

**ORGANIZATION NOTE:**

The Black Student Organization (BSO) formed at Gustavus during 1963. By the mid 1970s, members were helping with “recruiting and advising potential black freshmen [and seeing that] . . . new students have the essentials for living on campus such as clothing, books, etc.” BSO members organized activities during Black Consciousness Week and Black History Month. Although the BSO still existed during 1999, the organization’s name and focus changed to the Pan Afrikan Student Organization (PASO) about 2001.

Information obtained from the *Gustavian Weekly*, 19 October 1979, p. 5 and the Gustavus website during October 2010.

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

Black Student Organization. Collection of the Black Student Organization, 1970-1992. GACA Collection 236. Gustavus Adolphus College Archives, St. Peter, Minnesota.

**ACQUISITION:**

Tanya Dowd donated portions of this collection during 1993. Materials pertaining to advising were donated by the Dean’s Office during the 1980s.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Jeff A. Jenson processed this collection and developed the finding aid during October 2010.

**DIGITAL CONTENT:**

Portions of this collection have been digitized and are available online through our [digital collections](#).

**RELATED COLLECTIONS IN THE ARCHIVES:**

Pan African Student Organization. Collection of the Pan African Student Organization (PASO), 2022-Ongoing. GACA Collection 471.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Black Student Organization (Gustavus Adolphus College).

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Students.

Gustavus Adolphus College -- Societies, etc.

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Administration, Minutes, 1986 and 1992	1	1
Administration, Officer Lists, 1973-92	1	2
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Events and Programs, "The Black Man in White America" by Hattie Jean Peyton and Willie Skillern, Religion 110 with Professor Wilkinson, 17 December 1970	1	4
Events and Programs, Correspondence, Complaints, "Soulful Taste of Christmas," and Planning Materials, 1974-79, 1983-84, and 1992	1	5
Events and Programs, Guest Book, 1976-90	1	6
Financial, Correspondence and Receipts, 1973-90	1	7
Miscellaneous, Newsletters and Announcements for Events and Activities Outside of Gustavus, 1971 and 1974	1	8
Newsletters, "B.S.O. Connections," Miscellaneous Issues, 1987-94	1	9
Scrapbook, Includes partial Constitution along with Event Clippings and Photographs, 1975-77	1	10