

**African American Student Achievement:**

**The Black Student Union**

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**Abstract**

*The literature has numerous citations on how officials find it useful and often necessary to work through student organizations and leaders in order to mold student opinion along the lines of administrative directives. Dormitories, social clubs, fraternities and sororities shaped the views and conduct of students. These groups and others at black colleges helped to maintain the system of discipline (Fisk University Bulletin, June, 1940). This study examined the evolution of African-American student organizations on college campuses and the role they play in students' achievement. The results of this study are based upon a survey conducted with Black Student Unions at selected colleges and universities, which are included in this article.*