

# Legacy of the BSA at North Central College A Minority Group on a Majority White Campus

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Original Black Culture Center 29 S. Loomis.

## BLACK EDUCATION

The BSA also played an active role in acquiring African American history courses at NCC.

Accompanied by professors, BSA members joined a special committee to add black history courses.

Also in 1969, NCC first opened the Black Culture Center at 29 S. Loomis. The center would serve as a meeting place for the BSA, as well as a black History museum. The establishment of the Black Culture Center would help the club's long-term goal of educating whites.

The BSA would continue to host events to promote black history:

“The main goal of the BSA is to enlighten people. We want people to know about our history, and what achievements and contributions blacks have made.”

-Lynn Smith, BSA President '83

“There will always be prejudice, but there will always be love, too.”

Alan Douglas

Interview with BSA President '81 Alan Douglas

## Formation

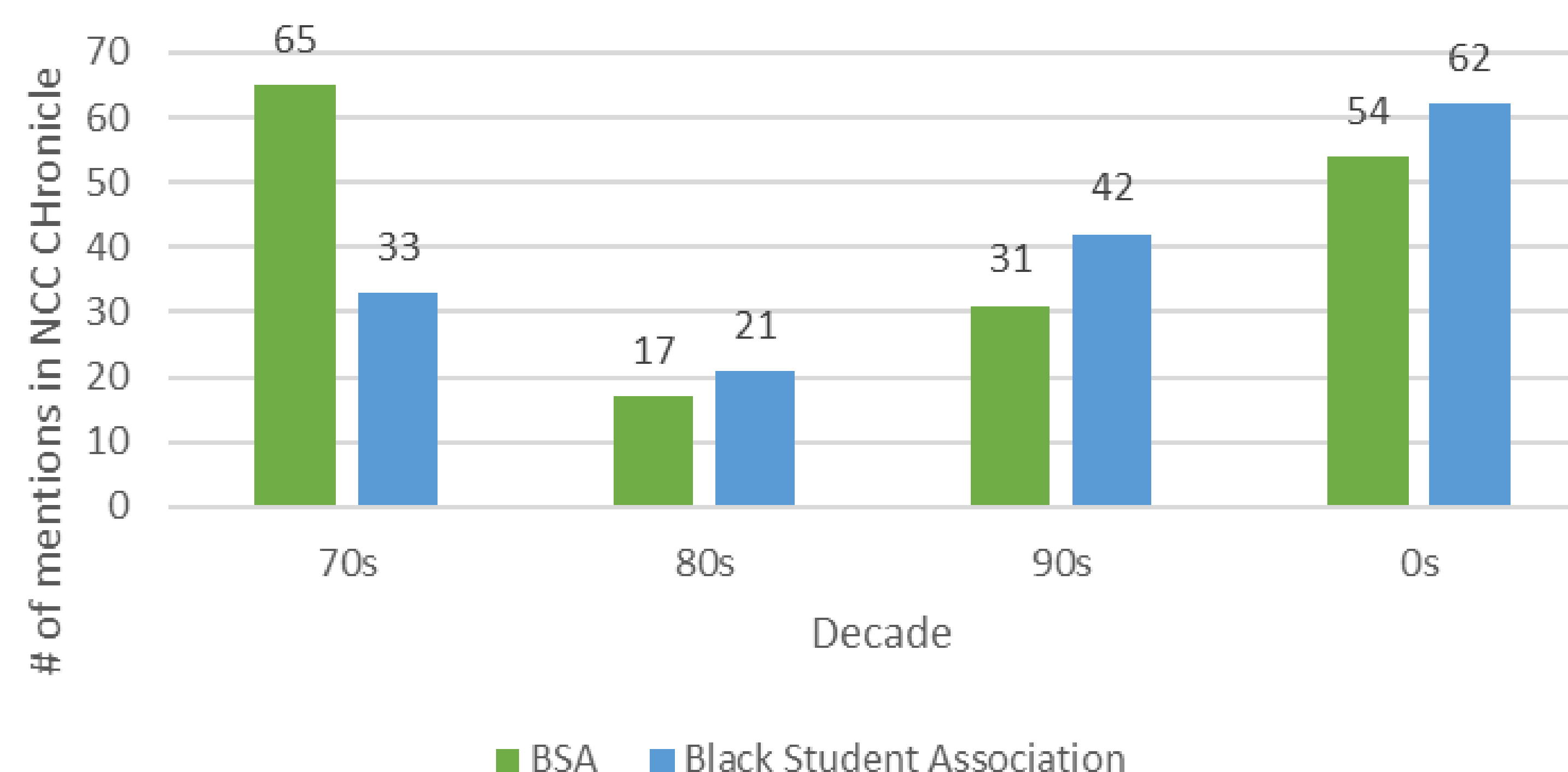
The Black Student Association (BSA) was founded in 1968 with five goals in mind:

- 1) Admit more black students to NCC
- 2) Urge the college to administer more financial aid to black students
- 3) Pressure NCC into hiring black professors and administrators
- 4) Add black history into the school's curriculum
- 5) Create a space on campus specifically dedicated to supporting the black community.

“If the system is not helpful to all humans, it has no right to exist”

- John Daniels, BSA '68

Number of mentions of the BSA in the Chronicle  
By Decade



## TIFFANY ROBINSON SCHOLARSHIP

October 8, 2001- Tiffany Robinson was a sophomore at NCC and a proud member of the BSA. When Robinson passed away in a car accident, a scholarship fund was created in her memory. Awarded at the annual BSA Soul Food dinner, the Tiffany Robinson Scholarship honors the academic excellence of black students.



Black Student Association '83

## CAMPUS CRITICISMS

The Black Student Association has been met with judgements by their white peers.

In 1974, the BSA was heavily criticized for requiring an activity fee, and reportedly denying white membership. White students did not want to pay for events hosted by a “racist” organization:

“As long as an organization continues to discriminate in any of its activities or its membership, they should support themselves.”

--Marianne V. Alicki, Martha M. Barger, Joseph J. Sulier; NCC students '74

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