



## United Auto Workers District 65, Boston University Local Collection

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### Collection overview

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The collection includes a printed history and videotape documenting unionization activities at Boston University's Medical Campus.

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## Background on United Auto Workers, District 65

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## Scope of collection

Printed history, *District 65, UAW at BU: The First Ten Years* (1988), and videotape, *Twice as Strong*, regarding

unionization activities at Boston University Medical Campus.

## Administrative information

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### Access

The collection is open for research.

### Provenance

Acquired from Leslie Lomasson

### Processing Information

Processed by Ken Fones-Wolf, 1990.

### Bibliography

For more on District 65, see John P. Hoerr, *We can't eat prestige : the women who organized Harvard* **Call no.:** Du Bois Library LD2120 .H64 1997.

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English

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### Subjects

- Boston University. Medical Campus.
- Collective bargaining--Professions--Massachusetts--Boston.
- Collective labor agreements--Medical personnel --Massachusetts--Boston--History.
- District 65, UAW at BU.
- International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. District 65.
- Twice as strong.

### Contributors

- United Auto Workers. District 65 **[main entry]**
- International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America. District 65.

### Genres and formats

- Videotapes.

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