



**THE 1981
NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL
FANTASY CONVENTION
July 24 - 26, 1981**

This year's convention will once again be held on the grounds of Roger Williams College, an incredibly beautiful and scenic campus overlooking the entrance to Mount Hope Bay. In summer, this region has all the appeal of a fine resort, and we've secured a package for the conference which itself borders on fantasy. (We said this last year and no one quite believed us — Some had visions of Booth absconding with the funds to Bangor Maine — If you didn't come last year ask someone who did. These are the real prices, not a misprint). Rather than the familiar fifty-dollar-a-day rooms usually associated with conventions you can get a package for fifty dollars (\$45 per person if you want a double) that includes two nights lodging in a clean and attractive dormitory room, six exceptionally good cafeteria-style meals and registration.

GUESTS OF HONOR

Peter Straub is without question one of the finest horror writers of our generation. He is the author of *Julia*, *If You Could See Me Now*, the bestselling *Ghost Story* and the pioneering *Shadowland*.

Les Daniels has done everything; a book on comics (*Comix*), a history of the genre (*Living In Fear*), anthologies (*Dying of Fright*, *13 Tales Of Terror*), a series of novels about the vampire Sebastian (*The Black Castle*, *The Silver Skull* and *Citizen Vampire*), a number of screenplays, songwriting (with Martin Mull) and some things which he will tell you about only if you have a valid driver's license or a draft card.

Rowena Morrill has had her paintings gracing the covers of paperbacks for a number of years. She was the hit of the now-famous New Britain Fantasy Art Show which included almost all the the major talents in the field. Her work is best described as mystifying. Other artists scratch their heads and wonder how she did it whenever she exhibits.

Pete Pautz is the Executive Secretary for the Science Fiction Writers Of America and an accomplished short story writer. He is the new boy on the block and he should be watched for several reasons (1) he is a friend of Charlie Grant, (2) he won last year's celebrity pool tournament (because Booth and Grant scratched), and (3) his wife is an extremely talented and beautiful artist.

PROGRAMME

Informal Reception - Friday night. The local Walden's representative will be on hand with the in-print titles of those authors present to sign autographs.

Panels, etc. - a full schedule all day Saturday and Sunday morning.

Films - Selected and provided by reknowned film expert Chris Steinbrunner (*Cinema of the Fantastic*).

Art Show - Rowena will be exhibiting along with talented local artists on the verge of breaking out. This is not an open show and there will be no auction. If you see something you like collar the artist and make an offer. Convention Art Show Maven Bob Lavoie has asked most of the artists to do something on a common theme. These paintings will be exhibited separately and should make for some interesting comparisons.

Huckster Room - Open all three days. For information on dealer tables contact:

Paul Dobish
57 Alexander Street
North Providence, R.I. 02904
(401) 353-2106

Game Room - Pool tables, pinball, electronic games, etc.

The Great Celebrity Pool Tournament - will take place Friday or Saturday Night when everyone is drunk enough. Andrea Pautz is the favorite to upset reigning champion Pete Pautz. She's been upsetting him for years. We will try to set up a one-on-one confrontation between the winner and the legendary Sherman Oaks Slim if the opportunity ever presents itself.

The Second Annual Celebrity Roast - will take place Sunday morning. Last year we got Don Grant, who many thought was beyond roasting, and everyone had a good time — except possibly Don. He still isn't speaking to his daughter Nancy. Try and guess who it will be this year? Even if you're wrong you can have a good time thinking up nasty things about your friends.

REGISTRATION, FOOD & LODGING

\$50.00 for a single, \$45.00 for a double will take care of all three. Two towels per person and a made bed are provided. Each dorm has a lounge area with a refrigerator for holding the makings of night time parties, which are the rule. If you would sincerely like to waste your time sleeping, please let us know and we will put you in the dorm with Don Grant and Joe Brennan.

If you can not stay over (or live close by) you can get just registration for \$7.50. Meals are available for commuters at low rates. The Rathskeller serves beer and wine and there is a snack bar and game room.

DIRECTIONS

To reach the conference, (from anywhere), just come into Rhode Island on Route 95, and when you reach Providence, take Route 195 EAST until you reach Route 136. Take 136 SOUTH, which will lead you right to the gates of Roger Williams College.



NOTE: All Registrations for rooms must be received by June 30th. No one will be allowed in the dorms afterwards. This is a firm date because of the contract with the college. Walk in registrations ONLY will be accepted after June 30th.

Send Money or Questions to:

Bob Booth

67 Birchland Avenue

Pawtucket, R.I. 02860

(401) 722-4738

QUICK NOTES:

There will be a \$5.00 room key deposit upon registration. This will be refunded when you check out.

The convention will open for business at 1:00 PM on Friday, July 24th, 1981.

You must be out of your room and your key returned by 12:30 on Sunday.

Please observe the parking rules of the college.

Don't forget to specify *Party* or *Sleeping* dorm. If you don't you will be placed wherever we have room.

Your cancelled check is your receipt! If you want confirmation other than that send along SASE. You can tell by the prices that this is not a money-making operation. We are trying to keep the cost low for YOUR benefit. To do this we need your help.

GUEST LIST:

Peter Straub

Guest of Honor

Les Daniels

Guest of Honor

Rowena Morrill

Guest Artist

Pete Pautz

Toastmaster

Joseph Payne Brennan

Charles Collins

Galad Elflandsson

Charles L. Grant

Donald M. Grant

David G. Hartwell

Paul Hazel

Stephen King

Eric Ladd

Don Maitz

Michael McDowall

Alan Ryan

Chris Steinbrunner



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