

Progress Report




Welcome to Noreascon Three's *Progress Report 7*, which we hope has reached you before you set out for the convention. It contains as much information about the convention as would fit, with an emphasis on things you might need to know in advance. We hope you'll have time to read it carefully, since we want to make those first hours after arrival as easy, and hassle-free, as possible.

Most of you have already received the earlier *Progress Reports*. However, if you sent in your membership after late June, your *Progress Reports* were sent by bulk mail in July. Since that can take up to a month to arrive, many of you probably have not received your other *Progress Reports* yet. In the meantime, we've tried to make *this Progress Report* as self-contained as possible.

One of the most important parts of this *Progress Report* is the **Quickle Registration Form** on the last page. Bring that sheet with you to Registration!

CALLING OR WRITING US

Write if there is time. It works better. The main Noreascon telephone number, (617)776-3243, has an answering machine with a message giving basic convention information. It also gives the number of a real person who can take messages and answer some questions; since this number may change (depending on who is receiving the calls and on how close we are to the convention), please try the main number first; if your questions aren't answered by the message, call the real person.

The electronic mail rules in PR6 still apply; our mail addresses are:

BIX:	Noreascon
CompuServe™:	76107,270
DELPHI:	Noreascon
GEnie™:	NOREASCON3
Internet:	noreascon3@ringwld.UUCP

SIGNUPS AND RESERVATIONS

The **Art Show** and **Hucksters Room** are **FULL**. We are not taking any further reservations, even for the waiting list. If you're in, you should have heard from us by now.

The **Masquerade** has an August 1 deadline for advance registration of costumes or to be a photographer. Better hurry.

Advance tickets for the 50 Year Retrospective **Sunday Brunch** must be purchased (\$21 each, \$210 for a table of 10) by August 15. Some of the speakers will include Isaac Asimov, Betty Ballantine, Ian Ballantine, Hal Clement, Art Widner, Mike Resnick, Greg Benford, Takumi Shibano, Kim Stanley Robinson, Pat Cadigan, Jack Williamson, Frederik Pohl, and Forrest J. Ackerman. The focus will be on how SF and Fandom have changed our lives. Any

remaining tickets will be available at the convention until noon Thursday, when we have to make a final commitment to the caterer on the number attending. Ticket pickup and Sales will be in the Concourse near Information. Note that only full tables will have reserved locations, but that you will be able to assemble individual tickets into a table group at the con.

Hugo voting closed on July 15. **Site Selection** voting is open by mail until August 15, and at con until 6pm Saturday; members may submit items to the **WSFS Business Meeting** until 3:30 pm on Thursday, August 31 (Check with Information). See *progress reports 5 and 6*.

Meeting space and tables for **Clubs** and **Special Interest Groups** is still available. Please write **NOW**. **Kaffeeklatsch** and **Discussion Group** signups will be done at the Convention.

You can still sign up for the **Scavenger Hunt**: write **NOW** to get the list of items to collect in advance; you can still participate in the **Worldcon APA (WOOF)** by bringing 300 copies of your zine. Check with Information.

MEMBER SERVICES

OFFICIAL AIRLINES

Our official airlines, American Airlines and Delta Airlines, are still offering discounts to Noreascon III. Both offer 5% off Supersaver fares. American offers 45% off full coach fare, and Delta offers 40% off full coach fare. Both offer 35% off fares originating in Canada. To take advantage of these rates, you **MUST** make your reservations at least 7 days before you travel. In other words, these rates are available until about August 23. For more information, call American Airlines at 1-800-443-1790 and ask for Star File S17123; or Delta at 1-800-241-6760, and ask for Gold File #NO184.

TRAVEL AGENCY

Garber Travel is our official travel agency. Garber can help you rent a car, plan a New England trip, and provide you with all sorts of information. Call Garber at 1-800-225-4570 if you need any help with your trip.

BABYSITTING

Babysitting provides day time child care for children under 6, and evening care for children under 10. It will be held in the Liberty complex of the Sheraton, past the Art Show. There will be signs showing you how to get there. Babysitting is scheduled to be open 10AM—midnight, with a supper break from 5-7, Thursday-Sunday. It will be open from 10-4 on Monday. If you bought a children's admission but have not yet received the mini-questionnaire, please

send us a note right away. If you bought FULL memberships for your children, please let us know if they will use Babysitting. Note that we can't guarantee to have enough babysitting for children who aren't covered in a mini-questionnaire.

Babysitting is for children who have memberships. Drop-off care will NOT be available for kids-in-tow. Parents are encouraged to work for a few hours during the con in Babysitting.

DRAGONSLAIR

DragonsLair is the place for children's activities during the day, aimed at the 6-12 year olds. There will be arts and crafts, computer games and other events. DragonsLair runs from 10-5 Thursday-Sunday in the Liberty complex of the Sheraton, just down the hall from Babysitting. If you bought a children's admission and have not yet received the mini-questionnaire, please send us a note right away. If you bought FULL memberships for your children, please let us know if they will use DragonsLair.

HANDICAPPED SERVICES

Handicapped Services will run a special table at the Information booth where you can go with your questions and concerns. If you haven't yet received the Handicapped Access Survey, write to us immediately so we can send you one. The survey asks if you'll need Braille or large-print publications, ASL signing for program items, special seating at the extravaganzas, rental of a mobie or wheelchair in Boston, or a handicapped-accessible hotel room. Please let us know how we can help you participate in Noreascon III. At the convention, we will also have information on getting around in Boston.

WE WANT VOLUNTEERS!

A Worldcon needs all the volunteers it can get—all ages, all skills, all types of fans are ENCOURAGED to work for a few hours at the con. We'll need people from the Sunday before the con, to help load the trucks in Somerville; until the Saturday after the con, to help unload the trucks. We also will be having worksessions every Wednesday at the NESFA clubhouse. If you'll be in the area before or after the con, please call (617) 776-3243 to get directions and the latest information on Noreascon III worksessions.

People Mover will open early Wednesday morning, near the Information area in Hall C of the Hynes, and stay open during the day until . Please stop by to sign-up. We'll need help in all areas at the con, but particularly in these areas:

- Art Show (especially set-up on Wednesday-Thursday and tear-down on Monday)
- Art Show Auction/Sales (Sunday-Monday)
- Exhibits (especially set-up on Wednesday-Thursday and tear-down on Monday)
- Hucksters' Room (especially set-up on Wednesday-Thursday and tear-down on Monday)
- Logistics (especially move-in on Monday-Wednesday and move-out on Monday-Tuesday)
- Registration (especially on Thursday and Friday)

If you are under 18 and think you'd like to volunteer, let us know so we can send you a Legal Release Form before the con—your parents need to sign it before you can work.

NOREASCON THREE SALES ITEMS

Grand Masters Choice: An anthology edited by our Guest of Honor Andre Norton and Ingrid Zierhut, this book contains a personal favorite story written by each of the Grand Masters of Science Fiction elected by the Science Fiction Writers of America.

With an introduction by Robert Bloch and a full-color wraparound cover by Hugo nominee Bob Eggleton, the book features stories by Asimov, Clarke, de Camp, Heinlein, Leiber, Simak, Williamson, and Andre Norton. Printed by NESFA Press, with a limited press run of 1,000 (275 boxed), it is sure to be a best seller. Prices are \$25.00 for the boxed edition (limit 1 per person) and \$10.00 for the unboxed edition. The book will be approximately 240 pages in length.

Strangers Fanzine: Featuring the writings of our Fan Guests of Honor, The Stranger Club, with a cover by George Richard (Harry Stubbs). \$3.00 or the usual.

T-Shirts: Noreascon III will be printing two T-shirts. The first features a Mad Hatter design by Robin Wood in three colors (red, white, gold) on a black T-shirt with "Noreascon Three, Boston 1989" on the back (\$10.00). The second is buff-colored and features Merle Insinga's Tea Party In Space design in green with the words "50th Anniversary Worldcon, Noreascon Three, Boston 1989" on the back (\$9.00). All shirts will be printed in sizes S,M,L,XL, and XXL.

Cloisonne Enamel Pins: The Cheshire Cat, in white on green; and, the Shooting Star "3" done in green on white. \$3.50 each.

Tote Bags featuring the Mad Hatter design from the T-shirt, in white on a green bag. \$7.00, 15"x11"x5" with a 22" handle.

Propellor Beanies (you asked for them) in green and white panels, just what the well-dressed SF Fan should be wearing. \$3.00.

Glass Bheer Mugs featuring the Shooting Star "#" design in Green surrounded by a Circle of Stars in gold, with the words "Noreascon III, Boston 1989." \$6.00.

THE SCHEDULE: MAJOR ITEMS FOR WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

These are still tentative hours. Final hours will be available in ~~October~~ with the Program Booklet you will receive at Registration.

Tuesday and **Wednesday** are Noreascon's set-up days. Especially on Wednesday, we can use help! Come to the Hynes to volunteer and get an official Noreascon Three set-up badge. On Tuesday and Wednesday, the main part of the Hynes will be open only to staff and volunteers who are helping with setup, and Hucksters doing their own setup on Wednesday. However, you should be able to register Wednesday afternoon.

Noreascon opens officially at Noon on **Thursday** (we won't have a ceremony). Program starts at noon with "Shall we Kill the Worldcon Before It Kills Us?"; by 2 pm, there will be 7-8 simultaneous program items. How to Date An Alien (Sex on Other Planets) will be at 6pm, and the late night items will range from The Famous Writers School of Silly Cat Stories Returns to The Psychological Aspects of Horror: Being Scared to Death.

The **Hucksters Room** opens at noon and the **Art Show** at 8 pm. At 8:30 pm we have the **50th Anniversary Party**. **Films** will be operating all afternoon and evening through Monday, usually with two tracks (500-person and 800-person rooms). **Gaming** will start in the Hilton during the day, and **Filking** in the evening. As will be true throughout the convention, the Hynes will be open to fen from 9am to 3am. **Club SF** will open Thursday evening, and continue through the convention; it will be used for orientation to the Worldcon Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. Our Guests of Honor will be at the Anniversary Party and some have panels or speeches earlier in the day.

By Friday Noreascon is in full operation. The biggest events will be the full day of *Art Show* (10-10), *SF Tonight*, (8:30pm) the *SuperScience* Program (afternoon), and the *Boxboro Fandom "Louis Wu's Birthday Party (9pm-2am)"*. Friday will be the first morning for *Kaffeeklatches*. Program will begin at 10am and end after midnight; big items include The Palace of Passion and Ask Dr. Mike in the Afternoon. Our Guests of Honor will be at *SF Tonight* and other panels and talks.

SuperScience Program will continue on Saturday afternoon, and the *Hugo Awards Ceremony* will be at 8:30pm, followed by a showing of the Hugo-winning film. The *SFWA Auction* will be Saturday afternoon.

The *Retrospective Brunch* will be the first big event on Sunday 11am-1:30pm [you'll need advance tickets for this; see the "Signups" section]. The *Art Auction* will start at 2:30, and the *Masquerade* at 8:30.

On Monday, the convention will wind down, officially ending with the *Closing Ceremonies* and convention review slide show at 2:00, though some Program items and films will run later.

MEETING OUR GUESTS

All our Guests of Honor will be at the *50th Anniversary Party* at 8:30 Thursday, and will participate in *SF Tonight* at 8:30 on Friday, and most will speak at the *Retrospective Brunch*. In addition, they are currently scheduled to make the following appearances:

Andre Norton will present The Best New Fantasy Writers at 2pm on Friday and be on the panel Mars Needs Meerkats at 2pm on Saturday.

Betty Ballantine will be on the Creative Packaging panel at 2pm on Friday and the Works of J.R.R. Tolkien on Sunday at 5pm. She will participate with Ian Ballantine in their Guest of Honor Speech at 11am on Saturday and in Slide Show: The First 100 Ballantine Books on Saturday at 3pm.

Ian Ballantine will also be on The Importance of the Golden Age at 4pm on Thursday and Publishers at 3pm on Sunday.

The *Stranger Club* members are on many items individually. To meet them all, go to Meet The "Stranger Club" at 4pm on Saturday.

ART SHOW

To buy art, you must register to bid, and this will require a photo ID with your birth date on it. If you are under 18, you must have someone over 18 guarantee your bids.

The Art Show will be open Thursday, 8pm-10pm; Friday and Saturday 10am-10pm; and Sunday 10am-2pm. Art show sales will operate 5pm-7:30 pm on Sunday and 10:30am-2pm on Monday.

The main, and probably only Art Auction will be on Sunday afternoon, from 2:30 pm until no later than 7 pm. If more auction time is required, the Monday auction will start at 10:30am.

Artist check-in is on Thursday (August 31) from 10am to 6pm; artist checkout is on Monday (Sept. 4) starting at 2pm. All artists should have received a confirmation postcard, and should receive the paperwork and instructions mailing within a week of receiving PR7. Write or call if you do not receive it.

PARTIES

The primary locations for Noreascon Three parties will be the Sheraton-Boston Hotel and the Hynes Convention Center. The **Back Bay Hilton** will be a quiet hotel and parties are discouraged there, except for the Boxboro party in the second floor function space Friday night.

Parties in the **Sheraton** will be primarily in the third floor function space, 5th floor Hospitality suites, and upper floor suites. Sheraton policy is that any party serving hard liquor must be catered by the hotel, though We have negotiated a 20% discount from their normal catering rates.

Open parties on the sleeping floors without hard liquor (beer and wine are OK) don't have to be catered, but you will have to purchase your supplies through the hotel at convention "bulk rates." The price the Sheraton is charging for these supplies is extraordinarily low for a hotel; there are markets in the area which charge more. If you are running a non-catered party in the Sheraton, you should write or call Noreascon immediately for an order form for these supplies. You can order at the convention but we may run out if we don't know how much to order in advance. You will be able to pick up your supplies from a Sheraton function room.

Parties in the **Hynes** will be primarily in their first level function rooms. The Hynes is well designed for large crowds and should have few noise and elevator problems. All Hynes parties must be catered.

Additional space for parties is available in the **Boston Park Plaza's** fourth floor function rooms (which are converted sleeping rooms).

Noreascon Three is committed to supporting parties and will be bringing in extra ice, providing subsidies to some of them which have to be catered, etc. If attendance exceeds our estimates, this is one area that will have a high priority for spending any additional income.

MISCELLANEOUS

Noreascon Three's newsletter, *The Looking Glass*, will be published at least twice daily from Thursday through Monday. The first issue of the day, available by 10am, will present the day's program and event schedule including all changes. Later issues will contain schedule updates, party lists, and other news. All issues, from the start of the convention, will be available at the Center of the convention, next to Information in the Concourse. Your news or announcements for *The Looking Glass* should be submitted through Information.

Smoking is prohibited by state law in the Hynes Exhibit Halls (Concourse, Hucksters, Films), the Auditorium, the hallways, and the restrooms. The Art Show and childrens' areas in the Sheraton will be no smoking. Some function rooms will also be posted, but there will be at least one smoking lounge in the Hynes. In general, we will permit smoking in large, well-ventilated rooms but not in smaller rooms.

Noreascon Three will continue the policies of most recent Worldcons: No weapons and nothing that looks like a weapon will be permitted. In addition, we will not allow weapons to be sold in the Hucksters' Room. If a weapon is an integral part of your Masquerade costume, you should already have written Suford Lewis, the Masquerade Director, at the Noreascon address.

Noreascon Three will have a Press Relations office. If you are a member of the press who intends to cover Noreascon Three, please write us by August 15 so we may prepare credentials.

Massachusetts charges a 5% sales and meals tax. The Art Show will collect this tax, and Massachusetts requires Hucksters to collect it.

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HOTEL ROOMS

There are still plenty of hotel rooms left. Only a little over a half of the rooms in our room blocks were filled as of the end of June; however, the closest hotels are now full except for a few rooms, such as those held for persons requiring handicapped-accessible rooms. There are many rooms left in eight hotels. Here are the phone numbers for hotels which HAVE SPACE:

Boston Park Plaza	(617) 426-2000	Bus
Quality Inn Downtown	(617) 426-1400	Bus
Omni Parker House	(617) 267-8600	Bus
Lafayette Swissotel	(617) 451-2600	Bus
Cambridge Marriott	(617) 494-6600	No Bus
Best Western Homestead	(617) 491-1890	No Bus
Inn at Children's	(617) 731-4700	No Bus

The four marked "bus" are on the convention shuttle bus route (see "Getting Around the Convention," below).

If you should decide that you are not coming or don't need a room you have reserved, please cancel the room reservation right away. This makes it more likely that another fan will get it.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you sent in the reservation form in Progress Report 5 by the deadline, you should have received a pink card from us giving the hotel to which you were assigned and then, a little later, a confirmation from that hotel. If you have gotten your hotel confirmation, you are in good shape but we strongly urge you to contact the hotel and guarantee your reservation. Here are the telephone numbers of the hotels which are currently FULL:

"57" Park Plaza	(617) 482-1800
Sheraton-Boston	(617) 236-2000
The Midtown	(617) 262-1000
Lenox Hotel	(617) 536-5300
Copley Square	(617) 536-9000
Back Bay Hilton	(617) 236-1100
The Colonnade	(617) 424-7000

If you have just gotten our pink card but have not heard from your hotel within a couple of weeks, don't worry as we have allocated you a room in our room block. You should call your hotel, as there may have just been some problem in getting out a confirmation to you. If they claim not to have a reservation for you, send a note to us or call us and we will straighten it out.

If you sent in a reservation form but have gotten nothing after several weeks, there may be a problem. Send in a note with another copy of the form or call us and we will see what we can do.

IT'S AUGUST AND YOU NEED A ROOM

If it's August and you did not send in a hotel reservation form before July 15th, DON'T do it now. Instead you should call the hotel directly and make a reservation. For information on which hotels

still have rooms left and whether the convention rate still applies, call (617) 776-3243.

WHEN YOU REGISTER AT YOUR HOTEL

We plan to have each hotel hand out a flyer to our members when they register there on how to get to the Hynes. Please ask for it.

The Sheraton-Boston and many other hotels do not guarantee bed type when they guarantee a reservation. If it is particularly important for you to get a King size or other particular type of bed, about the only thing we can recommend is that you plan to arrive early in the day and stake a claim.

MISCELLANEOUS HOTEL INFORMATION

The parking rate at the Back Bay Hilton will be \$10-per-night, as given in the write-up on them in PR5, not the \$6 listed in the hotel information grid. The Inn at Children's no longer has a coin operated laundry but one is available nearby. The new grill type restaurant at the Sheraton-Boston is not going to be called "T-Bones" due to a name conflict.

REGISTRATION

AT-THE-DOOR MEMBERSHIP RATES

Our at-con registration rates have been set. The right to vote on the 1992 Site Selection, the right to attend the WSFS business meeting, and the *Souvenir Book* are only provided for full members. Children's and one-day admissions do not include these, but provide everything else for that day. Children's admissions, for the whole convention or one-day, are only available to children 12 years old and under, and include DragonsLair and Babysitting.

	Regular Attending	Regular One-Day	Children's Attending	Children's One-Day
Thursday	\$110	\$30	\$90	\$25
Friday	\$110	\$40	\$90	\$35
Saturday	\$100	\$40	\$80	\$35
Sunday	\$65	\$40	\$50	\$35
Monday	\$30	\$25	\$25	\$25

LOCATION AND HOURS

Noreascon Three Registration will be in the First Level of the Hynes Convention Center, near the Plaza and Boylston Street entrances. As promised in PR6, we will be open long hours (~~The special 65-minute kind-~~)

Wednesday:	1 pm - 11 pm
Thursday	9 am - 12 pm
Friday	9 am - 12 pm
Saturday	9 am - 10 pm
Sunday	9 am - 10 pm
Monday	9 am - 2 pm

After these hours, Registration will move to the Convention Office in the Sheraton's 3rd floor Jefferson Room and will only offer temporary day badges to preregistered members. You'll have to come to Registration the next day, but you will be able to get into the late night convention activities.

As previously stated, all convention members (including staff, artists, hucksters and program participants) will register in the same place.

REGISTRATION LAYOUT

There will be signs and directional arrows showing where to go for Pre-Registration and At-Con Registration. The Registration Service Desk, with registration staff to unsnarl your problems, will be in the middle. If you think you need Service Desk assistance, ask one of our roving expeditors for help.

If you need, as the airlines say, "special assistance in boarding" for any reason -- Handicapped, 6 kids under 4, whatever -- please ask the expeditors.

In peak hours, Program Participants should go straight to the "Green Room" counter for registration help, as your program mailing indicated. The counter will be staffed by the program department and will give you your final program information.

Sales to Members will have a booth in the registration area, and some other convention areas may be represented.

HOW TO REGISTER QUICKLY AND EASILY

First, the outer wrapper of this progress report (the sheet with your mailing label) is the **Quickie Form**.

Your mailing label contains the following information:

Your name as it appears on our records or possibly a more "familiar" form that you prefer, e.g. Jim instead of James. If you gave us a fannish name, it is shown in parentheses (), and will appear with your real name on your badge. Names will appear as they are shown on the label (except for the parentheses). Note that fannish names are limited to 30 characters.

Your membership number followed by your status code (a=attending; s=supporting; c=child).

Your Address

Any errors in your name, fannish name, or membership status Need to be Corrected Before the Convention because they affect your badge. Please write or call. Any corrections in your address should be marked on the **Quickie Form** so we can correct our records after the convention.

PREREGISTRATION

If your status code shows that you are an Attending Member, follow the signs and arrows to the Pre-registration Area which will have stations set up alphabetically by last name. Go to the proper station and present your **Quickie Form** to the staff person who will give you your badge, Souvenir Book and program booklet. If you want to pick up badges for others in your family or group, you will need their **Quickie Forms**. If their last names start with different letters from your own, you will need to go to the appropriate alphabetical station.

If you do **not** bring this **Quickie Form**, you will need to fill out your name and address on a replacement **Quickie Form** which will be available in the pre-registration area and show identification (a photo id) to pick-up your badge.

If you have questions about or problems with your membership status that have not been resolved **before** your arrival at Noreascon Three, please try to bring whatever explanatory documents you might have, i.e. personal identification, receipts, cancelled checks, correspondence with Noreascon Three, letters from the original owners of the memberships (see below), etc. We will do our best to resolve problems at the convention. Of course, if it is necessary for you to pay for a membership or conversion at Noreascon Three and you later find proof of payment, we will refund your money upon receipt of such proof.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you will be purchasing a membership at Noreascon, follow the signs to the At-Con Registration area. Fill out a registration form with your name and address.

We will accept cash, travelers checks, personal checks, Visa and MasterCard. Persons paying by check will need to show appropriate identification (photo id, drivers license, etc.). If you have any doubts regarding the acceptability of your identification or method of payment, write to us now. If you will be paying by credit card, remember to check your expiration date since Noreascon Three crosses August and September.

SPECIAL CASES: TRANSFERRED MEMBERSHIPS, "GUEST OF" MEMBERSHIPS AND CONVERSIONS

All of these can be dealt with when you arrive at Noreascon Three. However, you will save yourself (and us) time and effort, if you write to us so they can be handled in advance.

To transfer your membership to someone, you must give them a signed letter containing your name, address, and, if possible, your membership number. If you have changed your name or address since you bought your membership, you should also provide your original name and/or address. The letter must tell us to whom the membership is being transferred. We can't promise to fully process any transfers sent to us after July 31, 1989, so if you decide to do a later transfer, please bring the material to the convention and, if possible, also send us a copy in advance.

If the transfer occurs at the convention, the persons presenting the letter will also have to present identification with their name and address on it. They should be prepared to wait a bit, since we will have to find your membership in our database before we can transfer it and make a new badge with the new name and the transferred membership number. (Please note that either the original member or the recipient of the transfer (not both) may vote in the 1992 site selection.)

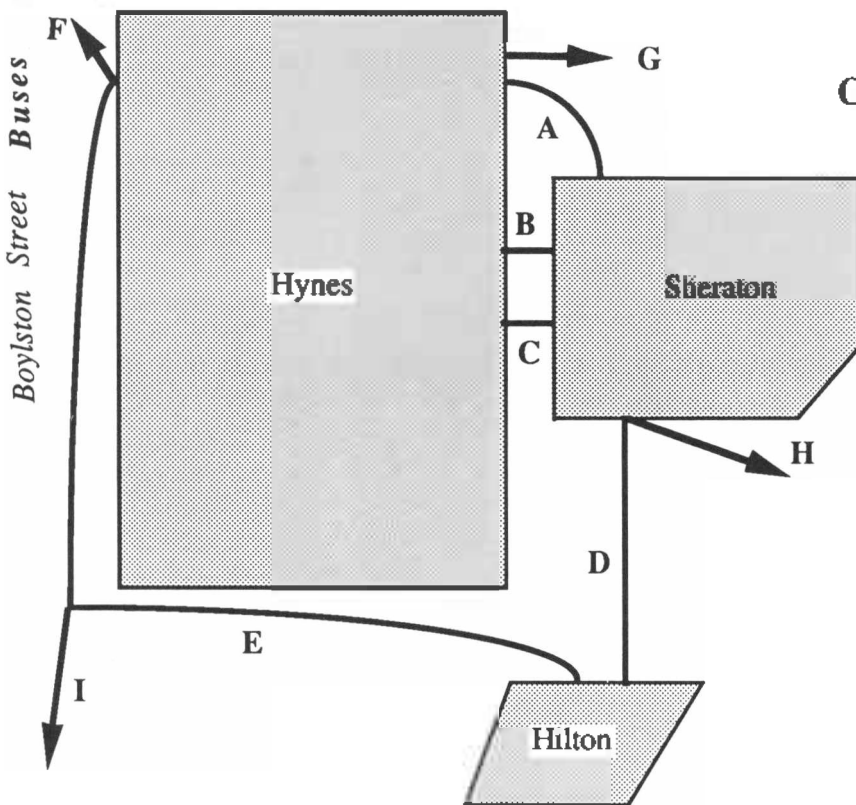
If you own any "Guest of" memberships and you know who will be using them, write to us now so we can prepare badges with the correct names. Otherwise, to ensure that these memberships are given to the correct persons, it will be easiest if you bring them all to registration together. If the recipients of these "Guest of" memberships arrive at registration separately from the owners of the memberships, the users of the "Guests of" memberships will need to present signed letters from the membership's owners with the owner's name and address and the recipient's name, just like a transfer. The recipients will also need to present identification with their name and address.

Supporting Memberships may be converted to Attending Memberships at any time by paying the difference between the Supporting price (\$20) and the Attending Membership rate at the time you convert. This conversion rate will be \$90 at con.

If you need to take care of any of these at Noreascon Three, please go to the Registration Service Desk first. If you are converting a Supporting Membership to an Attending Membership, you will also need to go through the "new registration" procedure to pay the difference.

LOST BADGES

Lost badges can be replaced, but the procedure will be time-consuming and expensive. Save your receipts and be prepared to identify yourself and purchase the replacement. If you find your badge or it is turned in to convention lost and found, we will refund your money upon presentation of your receipt and the replacement badge.



**Map A:
Connections Among the Major
Facilities**

- A Plaza Route, Hynes 1 to Sheraton 2
- B Concourse Corridor, Hynes 2 to Sheraton 3
- C Huckster Corridor, Hynes 2 - Sheraton 3
- D Surface between Sheraton 1 - Hilton
- E Streets between Hynes 1 and Hilton
- F Boylston St. to Lenox, Copley Square, Copley Plaza
- G Prudential Plaza to Marriott, Colonnade, Prudential Subway Station
- H Streets to Midtown, Colonnade
- I To Auditorium Subway

GETTING AROUND THE CONVENTION

Some of our staff are experienced at competitive orienteering [running through swamps with a map and compass, looking for a control flag]; even they have trouble with the Hynes and Sheraton. So you should expect to get lost at least once, to walk enormous distances between things that look "so close" on the maps, and to lose track of what building and floor you're in. We're going to try to provide some orientation to the buildings here, and give you some idea of where to find things.

First, **getting to the Sheraton-Hynes complex.** As described above, we will have flyers at each hotel registration desk with directions and the locations of the nearest shuttle bus stop. See also the detailed directions for Getting to the Convention, below.

Noreascon Three will be running shuttle buses from the area of the Park Plaza (including the Boston Park Plaza, the Quality Inn, and the 57 Park Plaza), the Lafayette Swissôtel, and the Parker House. We have upgraded the minimum service that will be offered to run approximately every 15 minutes from 8pm to 4am. The shuttles will be free of charge to all convention members. Be sure to have your convention badge or "Quickie" registration form with you if you wish to use the shuttles.

Second, here's how you get **between the buildings** [see map A]. To get from the Hynes to the Sheraton, you either go down to the first level and out the Plaza entrance into the second floor of the Sheraton, or you take one of the tiny connecting passages between the Hynes second level and the Sheraton third floor. Those passages will be crowded if lots of people are moving through them; in crowded times (for example, right after the Masquerade) we recommend using the Plaza entrance.

The Hilton is across the street from the Sheraton first floor or the Boylston Street entrance to the Hynes (going through the Plaza and

Sheraton will usually be quicker). Take the short flight of stairs up to the second or third floors.

Transportation between levels [see map B] in the Hynes is primarily by escalator, though there are small elevators near each escalator. On the maps, these are in the top left, top right, and bottom left corners of the building. In the Sheraton, there are stairs between the second and third floors in the upper left and lower left corners, and an escalator at the right. In crowded times, the elevators will be congested, and we recommend the stairs for parties up to the fifth floor. We will also be trying to run some express elevators to higher floors.

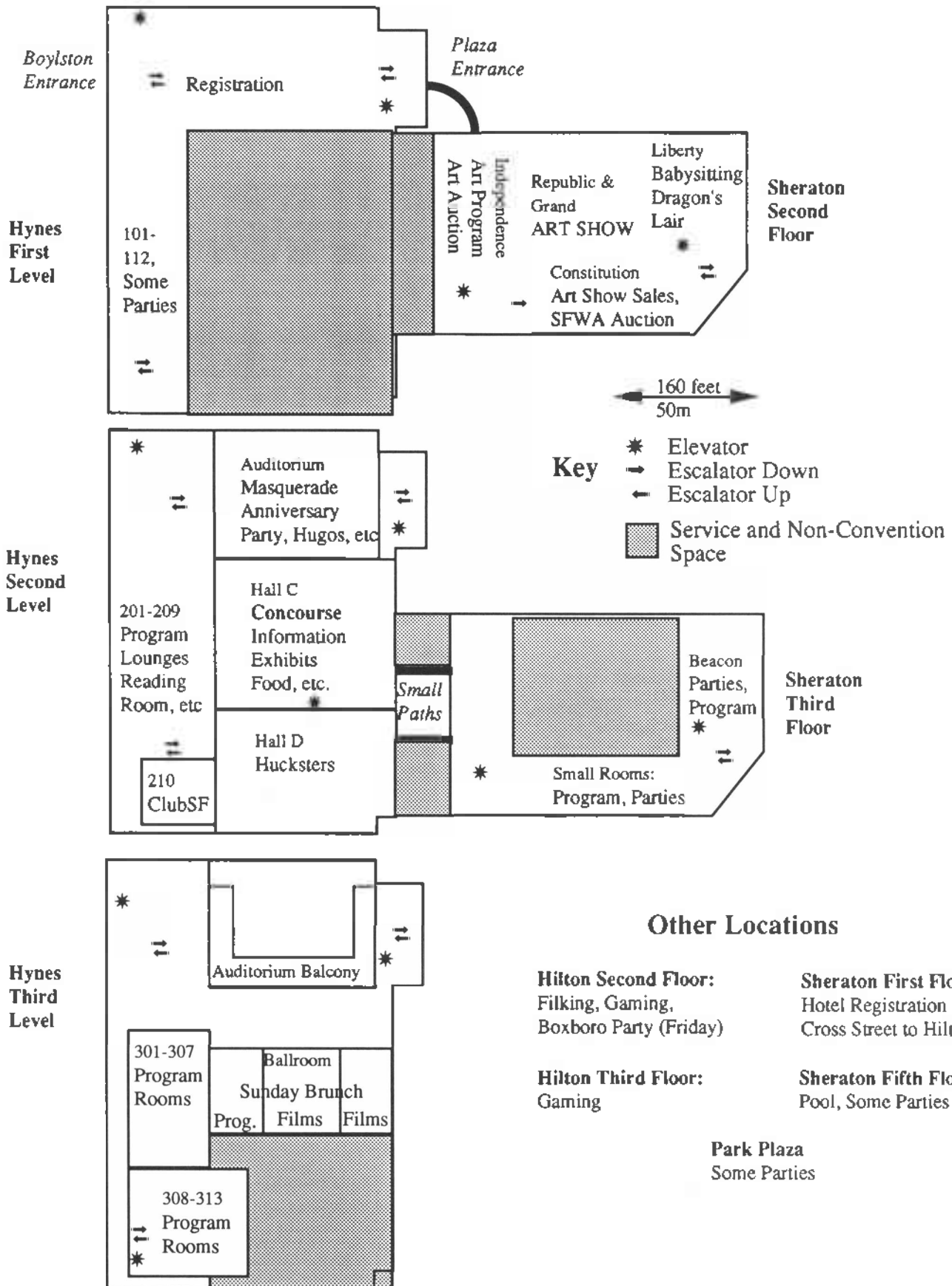
What's where [see map B] When you arrive at the Hynes, you go up the Boylston Street escalator from the lower lobby, or enter from the "Plaza", to the FIRST level to find *Convention Registration*. Aside from some late-night parties at the other end, that's about all we have on the first level.

Go up either set of escalators to the SECOND level, where you will find the *Concourse* with exhibits, food, bar, seating, performances, information, and so forth. The *Auditorium* is there for the biggest program items, and the *Hucksters Room*. *Club SF* is at one end of this level, and there are various lounges [including the *SMOKING lounge*] and program rooms.

The THIRD level has most of the *Program* rooms, including the *Green Room* for Program Participants; *Films* and the *Sunday Retrospective Brunch* in the Ballroom; and the *Auditorium Balcony* with over 1,000 of the best seats.

Over in the Sheraton, the SECOND floor is dedicated mostly to Art and Children. Some of the hotel restaurants are there, along with the *Art Show* and its related *Auction*, *Art Sales*, & *Art Programming*. The *SFWA Auction* will be on this floor, as will *Babysitting* for the smallest children and *DragonsLair* for somewhat older kids.

Map B: Sheraton-Hynes Location Map



On the **THIRD** floor, most rooms are set aside for *Small Program Items, Special Interest Group Meetings, & Open Parties*. There will also be some *Open Parties* on the **FIFTH** floor of the Sheraton and the **FIRST** floor of the Hynes.

The Back Bay Hilton, across the street, is the primary location for *Filking* on most nights and for *Gaming & Game Program* throughout the convention. On **FRIDAY** night, the *Boxboro Party* will be on the **SECOND** floor of the Hilton. Some *Open Parties* may also be in the Boston Park Plaza.

GETTING TO THE HOTELS AND HYNES

If possible, come into Boston outside of "rush hour". Boston's rush hours are approximately 7:30 am to 9:00 am and 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm Monday through Friday (except Monday during the convention which is Labor Day, a USA holiday.) The airport and the Sumner Tunnel (from the airport) and the Callahan Tunnel (to the airport) tend to also have heavy traffic from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

These directions were field checked in June 1989 and are not affected by known construction between now and September 1989.

[Note: for the **Best Western Homestead**, the **Boston Marriott Cambridge** and the **Inn at Children's**, please use the hotel's directions or write for a detailed discussion.]

ARRIVING BY AIR

All air lines serving Boston use Logan International Airport (airport code "BOS"). "Logan" is close to the Back Bay area of Boston where the Hynes Convention Center and Noreascon are located. You can get from the airport to your hotel or the Hynes Convention Center using Boston's rapid transit system, the "T", by Limo, by Taxi, or by renting a car. Don't take the "water shuttle" from the airport to downtown Boston, since it leaves you far from the convention.

The simplest way to your hotel is to find the correct Limo. Some of the hotels have a dedicated limo service, and Airways Limo serves many of the hotels. A Limo ride typically costs \$6 to \$8 per person.

The next simplest way to your hotel is Taxi. This is fairly expensive for one, but a group taxi ride can be less expensive than the Limo. A typical fare is \$15 to \$20 (plus 15%-20% tip, unless the service is poor). Rules are posted in the taxi. There are taxi stations at each terminal. Look for the signs at the curbside near your airline's baggage pick up.

The most expensive way to get from the airport is to rent a car. Virtually all rent-a-car companies are represented at the airport. Driving in Boston can be an experience to be avoided. Parking is often expensive. But, if you plan to do some sightseeing beyond the immediate Boston-Cambridge area, a car can be quite useful. All traffic to Boston must go through the Sumner Tunnel (on Mass-1A southbound). The signs at the airport exit are generally adequate.

The least expensive and most adventurous way to get to your hotel is by rapid transit - Subway and Bus. This service is provided by the MBTA at places where a sign showing a "T" in a circle is displayed. Locally, the system is called "the T". The "T" reaches all hotels and the convention center. For the hotels and Hynes, the normal charge for Subway is 75¢; busses are 50¢ and exact change is required. The system operates 7 days per week from early morning to shortly after midnight. If you are on a subway train before midnight you should be able to reach any destination. The main "T" stations of interest are shown in map C.

For all destinations, take the free Airport bus from your terminal to the Airport "T" station. Only the "22" and "33" airport bus routes stop at the "T" station; look at the signs or ask the bus driver for the correct ones. At the Airport "T" station take any subway train marked GOVERNMENT CENTER or BOWDOIN. They will stop at the (Inbound) platform marked "TO BOSTON". The Airport "T" station is on the Blue Line of the "T".

For the Lafayette Swissôtel change trains at the State station. Go upstairs to the platform marked "TO FOREST HILLS". (The other platform is marked "TO OAK GROVE".) Take the train (Orange Line) one stop to the Downtown Crossing station. Go up to the street. Follow Washington Street against the traffic about one block to Avenue de Lafayette (on your left). Turn left, and go half way down the block to the entrance of the Lafayette hotel. The actual registration area is upstairs; take an elevator.

For the Parker House get off of the train at the Government Center station. Go upstairs two flights to the street level. Behind you as you exit the subway is a long, white, curved building complex (#1 thru #3 Center Plaza) on Cambridge St. which turns into Tremont St.; go one block to your left with the traffic as you face these buildings (up Tremont St., to Beacon St. on the right and School St. on the left). Cross School St. and then follow it to the left about 100 feet (30 m). On your right is the entrance to the Parker House.

For the Quality Inn, 57, Boston Park Plaza, Lenox, Copley Square, Sheraton, Back Bay Hilton, Colonnade, Midtown, Boston Marriott Cambridge, and Hynes get off of the train at the Government Center station. Go upstairs one flight to the Green Line. Take any train "Inbound" (usually signed BOSTON COLLEGE, RIVERSIDE, CLEVELAND CIRCLE). Do not take trains to "North Station" or "Lechmere".

For the Quality Inn, take the train two stops to Boylston station. Go up to the surface and follow Tremont Street straight ahead (slightly downhill at first) 1-1/2 long blocks in the same direction as traffic. The Quality Inn is on the right, after the theaters.

For the Boston Park Plaza and the 57, take the train three stops to Arlington station. At Arlington station go up to the street. Follow Arlington Street with the traffic one block for the Boston Park Plaza (on your left). For the 57, follow the traffic two blocks to Stuart Street (the right angle cross street). Turn left. The 57 is about 2 blocks along Stuart Street (with traffic) on your right where the Cinema sign is.

For the Lenox, take the train four stops to Copley station. At Copley station go up to the street. Follow Boylston Street against traffic one block. The Lenox is on the diagonally opposite corner of this intersection (Exeter Street).

For the Copley Square hotel, take the train four stops to Copley station. At Copley station go up to the street. Cross Boylston Street to the front of the Boston Public Library facing Copley Square. Continue along the front of the library (on Dartmouth St.) At the corner, cross Blagden Street on the right and walk diagonally to the right up Huntington Avenue with traffic. The Copley Square Hotel entrance is near the end of the block just before Exeter Street.

For the Sheraton, Hilton, and Hynes Convention Center go to the Auditorium station. Go up to the street (Massachusetts Avenue) and turn left (toward a large open space. The Mass. Pike goes underneath). After 1/2 block, cross Boylston Street (the direction you were walking in) and turn left again. For the Sheraton and the Hilton turn right onto Dalton Street at the traffic light (1 block ignoring Cambria Street which is easy to miss). The Sheraton is one block on the left. The Hilton is one block on the right. You're facing the Hynes; go down 300 feet (100 m) to the entrance.

For the Colonnade and Midtown hotels get off of the Green Line train at the Park Street station. Change to a Green Line "E" train signed (only) NORTHEASTERN, BRIGHAM CIRCLE, HEATH STREET or ARBORWAY to the Prudential station. At Prudential station, go up to the street (Huntington Avenue). The Colonnade is right across the street but you will have to walk down to the intersection and back up to the hotel. The Midtown hotel is 1-1/2 blocks further down Huntington Avenue; walk to the Belvidere/West Newton intersection nearby and cross to the corner of West Newton Street away from the Colonnade and walk 1-1/2 blocks along Huntington Avenue to the Midtown hotel.

ARRIVING BY TRAIN AND BUS

Intercity trains stop at Back Bay and South Station. South and Back Bay stations have "T" rapid transit service. Look at the section "arriving by air" for detailed instructions for getting to your hotel or the Hynes from the proper "T" station. Each of these stations also has taxi service. The 57, Boston Park Plaza, Lenox, and Copley Square hotels are within 4 blocks of the Back Bay station. Several other hotels and the Hynes are a somewhat longer walk.

Most intercity buses stop at South Station or the Greyhound Trailways terminal on St. James Street depending on the bus line. The Greyhound Trailways terminal is 1 block from the Boston Park Plaza, 2 blocks from the Arlington station, and 3 blocks from the 57 and the Back Bay "T" station. Taxi service is usually available at all bus terminals.

ARRIVING BY CAR (OR VAN)

If you are driving to the convention (and are not a "local"), plan your route in advance, and get a map. Most of the route is expressways and you will not have a chance to stop to figure out what to do next until you get onto city streets. Map D shows the basic structure of the expressways; Map E shows the local streets near the major convention hotels and the Hynes.

PARKING AND LOCAL DRIVING RULES

Parking in central Boston is expensive and in short supply. There is rarely any available, legal on-street parking. A parking ticket is expensive (\$15 minimum) and you can have your car towed away. Streets or zones marked "Resident Parking Only" are generally enforced at \$25-\$50/ticket. Parking meters, when you can find one unoccupied, generally cost 25 cents for 15 minutes. In spite of attempts at enforcement, parking in "No Parking" zones, and double (and triple!) parking are common - making driving difficult.

Boston drivers run yellow lights and red lights; change lanes and make turns without signalling; and otherwise drive aggressively. The one-way streets are plentiful and irrational. (Some were created to discourage through traffic.) Boston has a very high auto-theft rate.

Street signs are often obscure or non-existent. There is no consistent pattern to building numbers along a street beyond being increasing in one direction. There is no simple way to figure out where a given number on a street is. Many business buildings do not display a number.

To many destinations, walking is entirely reasonable - it is somewhat more than a mile (less than 2 km) from the Hynes Convention Center to the Parker House, the furthest of the downtown hotels. Whether this is a reasonable walk for you depends on your health, inclination, the hour -- be careful in many areas after dark -- and the weather.

If you don't need your car in Boston, leave it at an outlying "T" station (or at the 128 railroad station for commuter trains to Back

Bay) and take public transportation into Boston. Overnight parking is allowed at some outlying parking lots, although security may be lacking.

FROM THE NORTH

From I-95 or US-1 north of Boston follow I-95 to I-93 south. From US-3 north of Boston, take it to its junction with I-95. Exit to I-95 north and go approximately 6 miles to its interchange with I-93; take I-93 south towards Boston.

Take I-93 south until it merges with US-1 at the Central Artery; At the merge, stay in the right hand lane and take the exit to Storrow Drive in about 200 feet (60 m). Move left to the middle lane after merging with traffic from the left. Continue on Storrow Drive (see below).

From Logan airport by car, exit the airport and follow signs to "Sumner Tunnel". Normally this is a easy left turn at the top of the ramp from the airport, but when there is heavy traffic, you are forced to go right and make a U-turn under the highway at the next exit. After paying toll (60¢), go through the tunnel staying in the left-hand lane. At the exit from the tunnel you must go right, but take the left-most lane up a ramp to the central artery northbound, signed "US-3 north, I-93 north, Storrow Drive". Take the 2nd exit which is signed "Storrow Drive, Cambridge". As the ramp merges with another ramp, stay in the left-hand lane. See "Storrow Drive Westbound" below.

Once on Storrow Drive Westbound, stay left and enter the tunnel (labelled "Storrow Drive, Back Bay"). Upon exiting the tunnel:

For the **Parker House** stay left and exit up a ramp labelled "Govt Center, Kendall Sq, Mass-3 N". On the left is a sign "Govt Center, Downtown". At the foot of the ramp, go around the rotary (roundabout) to the left (3/4s around) to Cambridge Street. Follow Cambridge Street up the hill until it becomes one-way (and becomes Tremont Street.) Get into the left lane and turn left at the traffic light onto School Street. The entrance to the hotel is on the right.

For the **other hotels and the Hynes** follow Storrow Drive to the exit marked "Copley Square, Back Bay, Mass-28 S" (on the left) about 1-1/2 miles (2.4 km). At the end of the ramp (traffic light) go to the left about 100 feet (30 m) following the sign "To Rte 2, Park Plaza" and then turn right onto Arlington Street.

For the **Midtown, Colonnade, Copley Square Hotel, Sheraton, Hilton, and Hynes Convention Center**, go 6 blocks along Arlington Street (2 blocks beyond the Public Garden) and take a right onto St. James Avenue. Follow St. James Avenue to Huntington Avenue and Dartmouth Street (4 blocks) with the Copley Square plaza on the right.

For the **Copley Square**, stay to the extreme right on Huntington Avenue and stop at the entrance in 3/4 block at the top of the hill.

For the **Colonnade, Midtown, and the Hynes main loading dock**, follow Huntington Avenue as outlined above at "From Massachusetts Turnpike".

For the **Sheraton, Hilton, and Hynes**, follow Huntington Avenue to the top of the hill and enter the Ring Road on the right. Follow the directions below in "from the West."

For the **Lenox**, turn right at Newbury Street (3 blocks after turning, 1 block after the boulevard which is Commonwealth Avenue.) Follow Newbury Street to Exeter Street (4 blocks) and turn left. Get to the right, go 1 block (across Boylston Street) and stop at the motor entrance to the Lenox.

For the Boston Park Plaza, 57, Lafayette, and Quality Inn, turn left at Stuart Street (the normal left turn just beyond the Boston Park Plaza) and follow the directions below in "From the West" except that the first 3 - 4 blocks are omitted.

FROM THE WEST

From Mass-2 northwest of Boston, take Mass-2 east to I-95, and then take I-95 south approximately 10 miles to I-90, the Massachusetts Turnpike. You will be required to pay a 35¢ toll (passenger cars) when you enter the Turnpike.

From the Massachusetts Turnpike, for the **Parker House** get off at exit 18 (Cambridge - Allston) which exits to the left. After the toll booth (25¢), bear right for "Boston, Cambridge". Get in the right-hand lane. At the second traffic light (before the bridge), make a sharp right-hand turn onto the highway entrance ramp. Stay left on the ramp and enter the highway. Take Storrow Drive east to the exit marked "Govt Center, Kendall Square, Cambridge." At the foot of the ramp, go across the rotary (approximately straight ahead, slightly left) to Cambridge Street. Follow Cambridge Street up the hill until it becomes one-way (and becomes Tremont Street.) Get into the left lane and turn left at the traffic light onto School Street. The entrance to the hotel is on the right.

For all other hotels and the **Hynes Convention Center** continue along the Mass. Pike (40¢) staying right. Take the "Prudential Center - Copley Square" exit to the right inside of the tunnel.

For the Boston Park Plaza, Copley Square, 57, Lafayette, Lenox, and Quality Inn, follow the ramp to the right (SLOW DOWN) exiting onto Stuart Street eastbound (it's one way). Follow directions below for the individual hotels.

For the Sheraton, Hynes, Colonnade, Hilton, Inn at Children's and Midtown, bear left at the fork in the ramp. As you emerge from the tunnel there is another fork in the ramp. For the Sheraton, Hynes, and Hilton, take the right fork onto Ring Road. For the Colonnade, Midtown, Inn at Children's, and the main Hynes loading dock, take the left fork onto Huntington Avenue westbound. Follow the directions below for the individual destinations.

Boston Park Plaza: follow Stuart Street to Charles Street South and turn left. From Charles Street South, take the first left turn into Park Plaza and bear to the left onto Columbus Avenue; go 3/4 block and stop at the "motor entrance" on the right.

57: follow Stuart Street past Arlington Street to just beyond the Motor Mart garage (on the left) and turn into the 57's entrance on the right.

Copley Square: Get into the left lane immediately after the ramp enters Stuart Street. Turn left at the next street (Dartmouth Street) and stay in the left hand lane. Make a very wide left turn at the next intersection staying to the right of the Mass. Pike entrance then turning hard left up Huntington Avenue. Stop at the entrance about 3/4s of a block on the right near the top of the rise before the traffic light. (If you wind up on Blagden Street, take a left at its end onto Exeter Street and stop on the left at the side door of the Copley Square.)

Lenox: Get into the left lane immediately after the ramp enters Stuart Street. Turn left at the next street (Dartmouth Street) and get into the right hand lanes. (Dartmouth Street is two-way in the next block.) Go three blocks - 1 block beyond the library - to Newbury Street. Turn left; go one block to Exeter Street. Turn left; get to the right side of the street, go one block, and cross Boylston Street. The hotel entrance is on your right.

Lafayette: Take Stuart Street (6-10 blocks depending on how you count) to Washington Street. (Tremont Street is the preceding cross street.) Turn left onto Washington Street and go two blocks to the divided Avenue de Lafayette on your right. Go one block on the Avenue de Lafayette and turn left down a ramp into the hotel's garage. At the foot of the ramp, turn right into the garage reception area.

Quality Inn: Take Stuart Street (5-9 blocks depending on how you count) to Tremont Street. (There is a parking lot to the right just before Tremont Street.) Turn right onto Tremont Street. The Quality Inn is on the right just over the rise in the street. Park in front of the hotel and inquire about valet parking.

Sheraton: Follow the Ring Road and make a (half) right turn onto Dalton Street / Belvidere Street. The Sheraton loading dock entrance is 50 feet (15 m) beyond the intersection on the right. The Sheraton guest entrance is at the corner to the right (still on Dalton Street).

Hynes (except main loading dock): Follow the Ring Road and make a (half) right turn onto Dalton Street / Belvidere Street. Follow Dalton Street to the right past the Sheraton entrance. The first Hynes garage entrance is just beyond the Sheraton. For the main entrance to the Hynes, continue up Dalton Street and turn right onto Boylston Street at the traffic light. The entrance is on your right. Additional parking is beyond the entrance (400 feet, 120 m) on the right.

Hilton: Follow the Ring Road and make a (half) right turn onto Dalton Street / Belvidere Street. Go straight up Belvidere Street about 30 feet (10 m), to the left of the Hilton, when Dalton Street turns right. The Hilton motor entrance is on the right and leads to their garage.

Colonnade: After entering Huntington Avenue, get in the left lane and make a U-turn at the traffic light (Belvidere and West Newton Streets). The Colonnade is on the right with its parking garage at the far end of the building.

Midtown: After entering Huntington Avenue, stay in the right hand lane to avoid the underpass. Make a U-turn in the U-turn lane just before the Massachusetts Avenue traffic light. The Midtown is now on the right with the motor entrance under the building just beyond the street entrance.

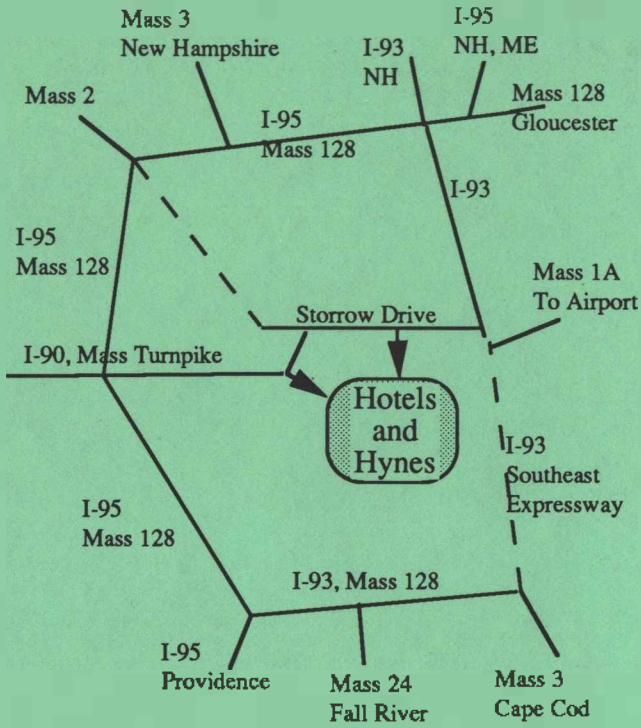
FROM THE SOUTH

From Mass-24, Mass-3, and I-93 south of Boston you should either already know what you're doing or expect delays. Follow Mass-3, the Southeast Expressway, to the Storrow Drive exit and then see the directions "from the North."

From I-95 south of Boston, stay on I-95 north to the Mass Pike. (I-90) east. See the directions "From the West" I-90" above.

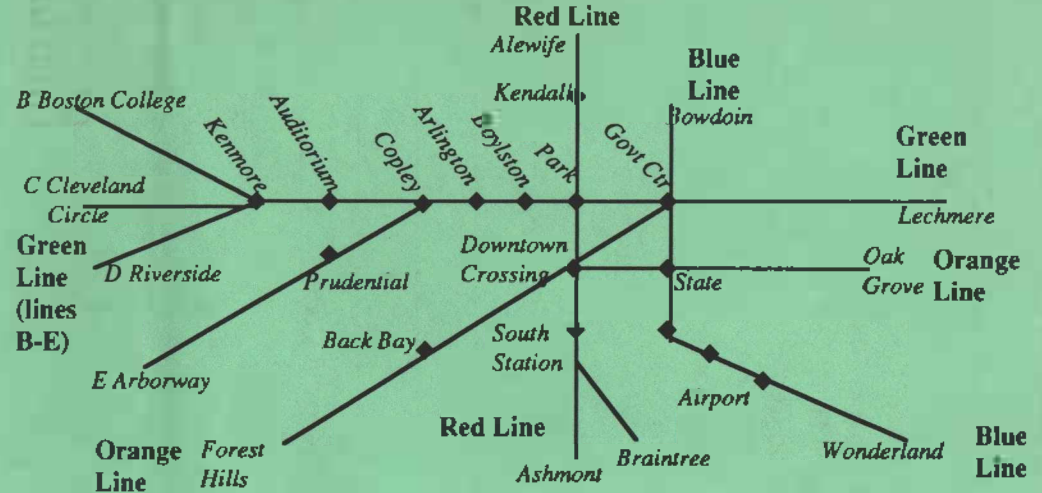
Map C: Boston Area Major Highways

Note: Dashed Routes are Not Recommended for Travel to Noreascon Three

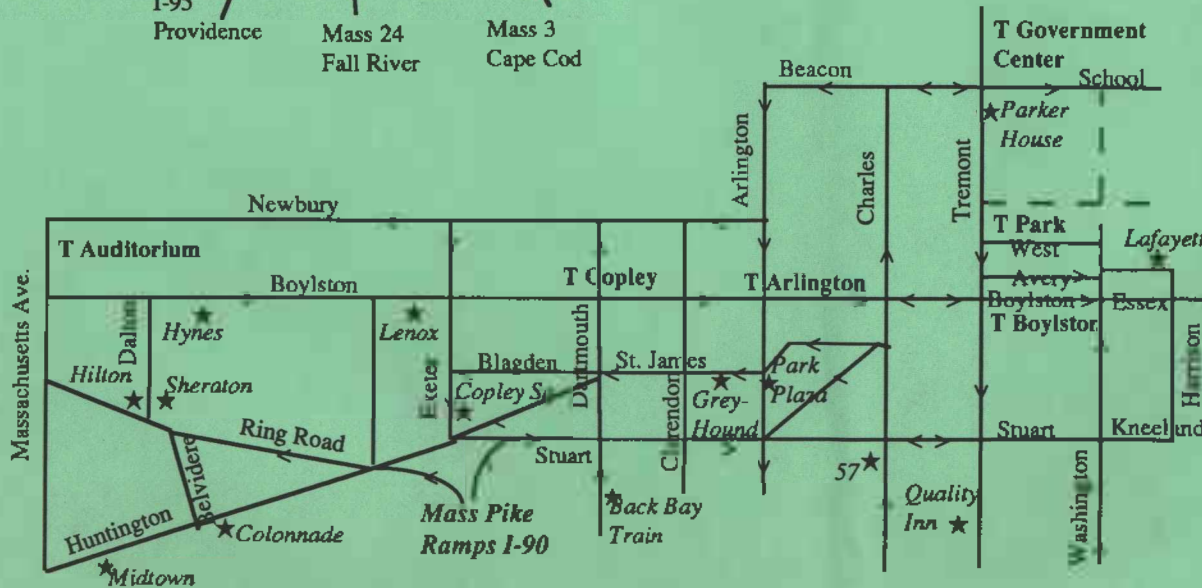


Map D: Boston Area Subway

Note: Only key stops and ends of routes shown. Logan Airport is at *Airport*; Amtrak is at *South Station*; and *Back Bay*. Intercity Buses are at *South Station* and *Arlington*. *Sheraton Hilton & Hyne* are at *Auditorium*; *Colonnade & Midtown* are at *Prudential Park Plaza & 57* are at *Arlington*; *Lenox & Copley Square* are at *Copley*; *CambridgeMarriott* at *Kendall Best Western Homestead* near *Alewife*; and *Inn at Children's* near *Longwood* on *Green Line D*.



Map E Local Streets Near the Hynes and Major Hotels



Notes:
 Street Names are in Plain Text
 T Stations are in **Bold**; entrances near the T Facilities are in *Italic*. The ★ shows the entrance.
 One ways are shown by > and <; when a one way becomes two-way for a block, it is shown by ◊.
 Dashed streets are pedestrian only.
 Streets curve more than shown on this map.
 There are more streets than are shown here.
 Map is not really to scale.

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