

# THS visits RAH archives



By Geo Rule

A delegation from The Heinlein Society, joined by Javier Ruiz of L. Ron Hubbard's Author Services, visited the Robert A. Heinlein archives during Worldcon.

The Heinlein archives are located in the special collections section of the McHenry Library on the beautiful tree-lined campus at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

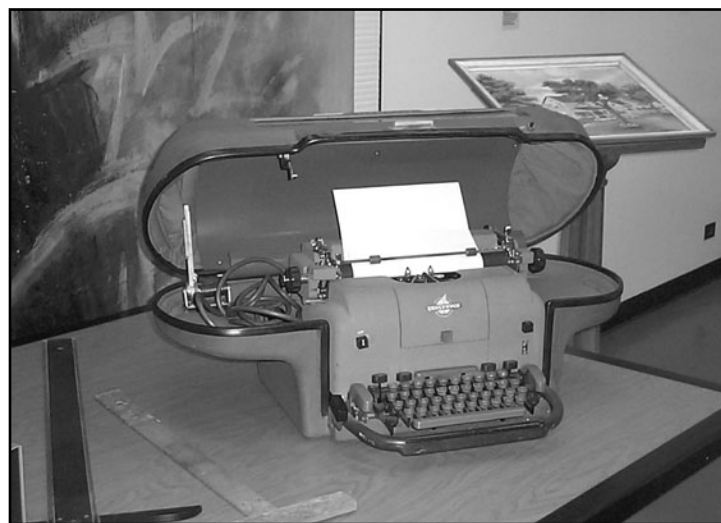
The special collections web site can be found at <http://library.ucsc.edu/speccoll/index.html>.

Along for the jaunt were President Bill Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer David Silver and his wife Andrea, chairman of the Heinlein Centennial committee Peter Scott, Geo Rule, and Deb Houdek Rule.

We were greeted by Special Collections Unit Head Paul Stubbs and his helpful staff. The UCSC crew had thoughtfully displayed several Heinlein artifacts in preparation for our visit. We all got to sit in the same chair that RAH sat in to write, and rest our hands on his typewriter from the '50s -- the same one used to produce such classics as "Citizen of the Galaxy" and "Starship Troopers."

Also on display was his word processing unit, used for later works. It is a primitive personal computer by current standards, but top-of-the-line for its day. It will still turn on, but refused to boot to the command line despite the best efforts of David Silver and Geo Rule to coax it

Continued on page 10



**On display:** Geo Rule, (top photo) seated before Robert Heinlein's computer. David Silver, tried to figure out if the message displayed actually means anything. The group turned it on to see if it actually still worked. The electric typewriter dubbed the "coffin" owned Heinlein is also on exhibit at the special collections library University of California at Santa Cruz, which houses Heinlein's archives.

*Photos by Deb Houdek Rule*