

## Patterson Appointed Heinlein Scholar at UC Santa Cruz



Bill Patterson, recruiting at Heinlein Society fan table, at NorWesCon in Seattle, Easter weekend, 2002.

The University of California, Santa Cruz, University Library's Special Collections & Archives, is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of a grant from the Robert A. and Virginia Heinlein Prize Trust, for the purpose of establishing a position of a Heinlein Scholar. The Scholar will work with Special Collections to organize, document, and promote use of the Robert Heinlein Archive housed in UCSC's University Library.

Special Collections has chosen William H. Patterson, Jr., as the Heinlein Scholar in 2003-2004. Mr. Patterson is the editor/publisher of *The Heinlein Journal* and Chairman (Pro Tem) of the Heinlein Society. He is also co-author with Andrew Thornton of *The Martian Named Smith* (Nitrosyncretic Press, 2001), a full-length critical study of *Stranger In a Strange Land*. In January 2000, Mr. Patterson was chosen by the late Virginia Heinlein to write a formal biography of her husband, Robert A. Heinlein, and his work with Special Collections over the last three years has resulted in an unique familiarity with the Archive. It is expected that a Finding Aid describing the contents of the Robert Heinlein Archive will be accessible via the University of California's Online Archive of California web site for future scholarly perusal and access.

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The editor of this Newsletter extends the heartfelt best wishes of all The Heinlein Society to Bill for his receipt of this wonderful appointment.

## Heinlein Society at BayCon Photographs



Geo Rule listens to question in "Heinlein's Woman" Panel



Right to Left: Bill Patterson, Tian Harter, and Dave Jennings after dinner on Saturday evening

"Now if I can just figure out how to make this thing work, we might even have some video of a good Heinlein panel to show The Society!"

