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## B Activists attack Kinsey's research

■ Conservative women ask Congress to launch inquiry into sexual data and vow to close down controversial institute.

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WASHINGTON — A conservative women's group called on Congress on Thursday to launch an inquiry into Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey's sexual research on children.

It vowed to close the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University.

Peg Bishop, a nurse from Indianapolis who leads the Indiana chapter of Concerned Women for America, announced at the same time that hundreds of Hoosier women will rally on the Monroe County Courthouse steps Oct. 25.

"We are determined to expose and close the Kinsey Institute," Bishop told about 250 supporters on the west front of the Capitol.

The institute is so far unmoved by the latest outcries about an institution that has been controversial for decades.

Allegations by the women's group that Kinsey did research with children are old news and untrue, said Christopher Simpson, vice president for public affairs and government relations at Indiana University.

Simpson said a group led by Judith A. Reisman raised the same charges about two years ago.

"Is this news if they do this every 18 months?" he asked.

Speakers Thursday accused Kinsey, who died in 1956, of abus-

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Simpson thinks that's an unreasonable leap.

"It's ridiculous for anybody to suggest all of society's ills today can be traced back to one person, Alfred Kinsey, or whomever," Simpson said.

Despite the challenge it issued Thursday, Pate said the group hasn't yet found a member of Congress to lead the drive for a congressional investigation.

Rep. Steve Stockman, a Republican from Texas who introduced similar legislation in 1995, was defeated for re-election in 1996.

Hoosier Rep. Mark Souder, a Fort Wayne conservative who represents the 4th District, co-sponsored the Stockman bill. He couldn't be reached for comment.

A spokesman for Indiana Rep. John Hostettler, a conservative who represents Bloomington in the 8th District, said his boss generally supports the Concerned Women for America but isn't likely to take the lead in such an effort.

"This is a state institution, and the place for this battle to be fought may be at the state level," spokesman Michael Jahr said.

Rally speakers focused on Kinsey's research on pre-puberty orgasm and his alleged misrepresentation of adult research subjects.

In Kinsey's landmark 1948 book, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, one statistical chart labeled Table 34 listed 317 children by age and the number of orgasms they experienced during timed tests, the women's group said.

The ages of the children ranged from 6 months to 14 years. The number of orgasms they experienced ranged from three to 26.

Beverly LaHaye, founder and chairwoman of Concerned Women for America, said the data are sickening.

"These are criminal acts," LaHaye said.

Said Reisman, who wrote *Kinsey, Sex and Fraud* and spoke at the rally, "No one can molest children for science."

John Bancroft, director of the Kinsey Institute, was not available to respond.

But when Reisman made the same allegations earlier, Bancroft said all of the data in Table 34

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