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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(Excerpts from my recent report to the board of directors)

As I approach my 6th anniversary of service with The Society (June 15th), I am thrilled to report to you that all our old debt has been officially and finally retired. This will be the first budget (2006-2007) which I have proposed that does not include a payment for “old debt.” REJOICE!

As we move forward to strengthen our Society, not only financially but as a leader in the sexual science field, membership continues to be job # 1. We realistically need 1,000 members in order to sustain basic member services and benefits. We, in the SSSS office, work on membership de-

velopment each and every day. We need members to help us recruit other members. If you give us the name and contact information of a prospective member, we can take it from there. Help us grow this Society – recruit a member today! We welcome the 51 new members approved at the recent board meeting in Redondo Beach, CA.

Lawrence Erlbaum Associates will begin publishing JSR effective with the first issue (February) in 2007. They will begin marketing JSR immediately by developing a new brochure and taking it to several international conferences in the next few weeks. LEA is very optimistic that SSSS and LEA will both benefit financially as

well as succeed with the promotion of The Society around the globe. I am looking forward to this new relationship and while this transition year may be a bit challenging, nevertheless, I predict a brighter and more visible future for JSR and by extension SSSS.

John DeLamater, editor of JSR, was approached in February by JSTOR, an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and increasing access to scholarly journal literature. JSTOR was established in 1995 by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in order to help the scholarly community take advantage of advances in information technologies. Working in (contd. on page 2)

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello and Happy Spring!

Welcome to the second issue of Sexual Science! I appreciated the feedback I received from many members about issue one. Thanks for sharing! Sexual Science will continue to grow and evolve based on the needs of SSSS membership, so keep that feedback coming!

One new feature of this issue is

the “Members Book Corner” where we will be listing books authored by SSSS members. If you have recently published something that you would like to share, please email me.

On a personal note, since the last issue, much has changed in my life. We welcomed the addition of Leo Rutherford Jett to our family on April 10th. This

newsletter was created between naps and feedings and never ending laundry! Any errors are the result of sleep deprivation!

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CONTD.

collaboration with foundations, publishers, and libraries, they have created an electronic archive of the complete back runs of 591 journals in 50 disciplines. More than 2,600 academic institutions and 365 scholarly publishing organizations around the world participate in this endeavor.

JSTOR's approach in building the archive has been to select journals to participate, based largely on the assessment of faculty and librarian advisors. They digitize the complete run of a journal, back to the first issue published, at no cost to the publisher. They work from print copies of the journals to create image files that are exact

replicas of the original journal pages and text files that enable searching. Upon completion, users are able to browse and conduct full-text searches within, and across, publications and are able to view and print images of the pages, retaining all of the original published content. This project is paid for by a grant from the Ford Foundation. We consulted with LEA and agreed to accept this gracious offer to have all of our volumes of JSR digitized.

The first issue of Volume 42 of JSR which includes a special section featuring the scientific abstracts from the World Congress—Montreal 2005 has been mailed and future issues are on sched-

ule. ARSR has been mailed.

On the public policy front, SSSS has signed on to a letter to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration commenting on the proposed changes to the labeling of condoms and also signed on to a letter to Members of Congress calling on HHS to end their censorship on the SAMSHA website regarding the health needs of LGBTQ people. We also urged our leadership to personally sign on to a letter to FDA urging support of Plan B (emergency contraception). We continue to monitor and interact with U.S. public policy matters vis a vis our colleagues at SIECUS, PPFA, COSSA, and APA.

It was my sad duty to represent SSSS at the memorial service for our Past President Drew Mattison in San Diego on February 18th. I was joined by Past Presidents Beverly Whipple, Michael Ross, and Eli Coleman and by Society members Olga Perez-Stable Cox, Douglas Braun-Harvey, Charles Moser, Mary Bontorin, and Bill Balliet. It was a beautiful service and a very fitting tribute to the professional and personal life of our dear friend.

The Program Committee is busily reviewing the over 150 submissions we received for the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Save the dates November 9-11, 2006. The Preliminary Program will be posted on our web site in early July.

David L. Fleming, Executive Director

STUDENT NEWS

Happy spring, SSSS student members! I'm writing this as I've just returned from a fun and successful SSSS Western Region meeting, where I was able to sit in on the SSSS Board Meeting and meet many of the talented students who comprise SSSS. I'm happy to report several developments relevant to student members. First, we have reached an agreement with the SSSS board to reduce the student membership fees by offering a tiered system of membership—one with the journal subscriptions (Journal of Sex Research and

The Annual Review of Sex Research) and a reduced rate membership without the journal subscriptions. Beginning next year, we hope this system will make SSSS membership more accessible to students, thus increasing student involvement in the organization. Secondly, I'm happy to announce the board's decision to increase the monetary award of this year's annual student paper award, which will be in memory of Drew Mattison, former President of SSSS. Finally, at the student meeting, we discussed plans for Vegas to

facilitate more student involvement in the meeting and interaction with professionals in the field. Among other activities, students can attend a luncheon where they can meet Past SSSS Presidents, attend an informal panel session with newer and seasoned professionals, and attend a student meet-n-greet, a great opportunity for social and professional connections. Students at the meeting had fantastic suggestions for activities in Vegas and ways to increase student involvement. As the program is still being planned

for Vegas, please let me know if you have any suggestions for student activities. Additionally, if you haven't already become a member, I urge students to consider SSSS membership, which comes with many benefits, including eligibility for student paper awards, networking and mentoring opportunities, and various funding opportunities. I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the spring weather! I look forward to seeing many of you in Vegas!

*Brooke Wells,
Student Involvement Chair*
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THE FOUNDATION AND YOU

Did you know that since 1989, the **Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality** has contributed more than \$15,000 to SSSS to support the major plenary addresses at the SSSS Annual Meeting? Each year, the **FSSS Julius H and Naomi Winer Fund for Sexual Science and Public Policy** underwrites the cost of this event by providing travel funds and an honorarium so that a distinguished scholar can be chosen to make these

outstanding contributions at the Annual Meeting.

Did you know that **FSSS** has created the **Ira and Harriet Reiss Theory Fund**? The purpose of this fund is to highlight and to support theoretical advances in the field of sexual science. The first award from this fund will be given in 2006 to the author (s) of the best social science article, chapter, or book published in 2005 in which theoretical explanations of human

sexual attitudes and behaviors are developed. The author(s) of the winning contribution will receive a plaque and a \$500 cash award and present a plenary address based on the work at the next 2006 Annual Meeting of The Society.

Did you know **FSSS** has created the **Dennis W. Werner Research Fund**? The purpose of the fund is to support research that uses quantitative techniques to evaluate

propositions and theories designed to explain variations in sexuality. A preference will be given to researchers conducting research outside of the United States and Western Europe, but grants from the fund can be made to any qualified applicant.

For more information, contact the FSSS office: 317 Scott Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224, or send e-mail to Clive M. Davis at

SSSS ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE: VIVA LAS VEGAS!

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality's (SSSS) Annual Meeting will be held in Las Vegas, November 9-12, 2006 at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel. The theme is: "**Sexual Fantasies versus Realities: Implications for Sexual Research and Practice.**" So far, the following plenary speakers and topics on board:

Jon Grant: *Sexuality & Gambling Compulsivity*

Eusebio Rubio Auriolles: *Is Global Sexual Health Possible?*

Stella Resnick & William

Jankowiak: *Monogamy and Plural Relationships.*

Beverly Whipple, Marta Meena: *Women's Sexuality.*
Barbara Brents, Kate Hausbeck and others: *The Sexualization of Culture and Sex Work in the 21st Century.*

Diane diMauro: *Global Transformations and Intimate Relations in the 21st Century.*

As well, Sol Gordon, the SSSS 2005 Public Service Award winner, will speak on *Working with Disadvantaged Youth.*

A special early evening event will be *Sexuality & the Arts* with: Wendy Maltz—reading

from her books including *Passionate Hearts*; Betty Dodson—the artist's way (visual arts—paintings and drawings) and Janice Eppmusic, the sultry songs of sexual fantasies. The Foundation is also planning a special event and we will have a 2006 awards' luncheon—more information to follow.

An outstanding number of quality abstracts have been submitted this year. We look forward to seeing you at this exciting conference in a very exciting location! Stay tuned for the preliminary program and registration materials.

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**Carol Cassell,
Program Co-Chair**

Carol Cassell,
Co-Chair Program Committee
Brian Zamboni
Co-Chair Program Committee
Dave Fleming
Conference Chair

FSSS AND SINCLAIR FUND RESEARCH ON SEXUALLY EXPLICIT SEX ED

As the result of a grant from the Sinclair Intimacy Institute, the **Foundation** is seeking proposals focused on the investigation of pre- and post-

viewing factors related to exposure to sexually explicit educational programs. The **Foundation** will consider funding research proposals

up to \$2,500. The proposals will be reviewed and administered under the **Foundation's Grants-in-Aid** program.

For additional information, contact the Foundation, c/o Clive M. Davis, President, 317 Scott Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224, or cmd@psych.syr.edu.

AN INTERVIEW WITH IRA REISS, PHD, SSSS FELLOW

Probably each of us can pinpoint one idea, or one person's work, which sparked our intellectual curiosity and led us to embark on a career path studying human sexuality. For me, the concept was the heterosexual sexual double standard and the person was Dr. Ira Reiss. As an undergraduate at the University of Guelph, I would sit in the office of my mentor, Dr. Ed Herold, for hours and debate the existence of a sexual double standard, a reverse double standard, or a single sexual standard. Our conversations were grounded in Reiss's first two books, [Premarital Sexual Standards in America, 1960](#) and [The Social Context of Premarital Sexual Permissiveness, 1967](#). In what ways today did men and women each have sexual freedom, we wondered? An undergraduate thesis and a masters thesis later, and I still don't know all the answers. But I was thrilled, at the SSSS meeting in Orlando, Florida, to finally meet the man who inspired my career so early on. Dr. Reiss was warm, friendly, and pleased, I think, to hear that issues he raised in the 1960s provided the foundation for much of my work on sexual attitudes and behaviors. When the chance for me to interview Dr. Reiss presented itself this year, I was once again thrilled to have the opportunity to learn

more about the man who has had such a profound impact on my work and my thinking about gender and sexuality.

The interview was timely, given that Dr. Reiss had also been doing a lot of reflection of late, on the development of sexual science and important future directions for the field. Reiss's reflections form the basis for his new book: [An Insider's View of Sexual Science Since Kinsey](#) (Rowman & Littlefield, 2006). The book is an informal, non-technical account of the fifty-plus years he has spent doing theory and research work in sexual science. He comments on the wide range of controversial situations and people he has encountered over the years. Touching on topics such as premarital sex, the sexual revolution, feminism, biology and sexual science, radical social constructionism, pornography, and international trends in attitudes and behaviors, the book is intended to provide his perspective as to how the field has developed since the death of Kinsey in 1956. Hopefully, it will get readers thinking about the ways in which sexual science can continue to grow and prosper. He especially wants new professionals to know this heritage because many of the problems today in sexuality work are very much like those of the last 50 years.

More than anything Reiss stresses the need today to develop explanations and to test them using carefully designed research. He believes "this is the way we can gain more control over the prevalent sexual problems in our society such as HIV/AIDS, rape, teen pregnancy, and child sexual abuse."

Reiss discussed these ideas when we spoke on the phone several weeks ago. He clearly has a passion for the rigorous empirical research that is theoretically based. He believes, the heart and soul of the scientific approach is theory building—constructing explanations of our sexual world. We need to do more than simply present descriptions of our research data—we need to explain our findings and also further test those explanations. To help support this theoretical emphasis Reiss recently funded, through the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (FSSS), the Ira and Harriet Reiss Theory Fund. His wife, Harriet, has worked with him over the years and co-authored two of his books. There will be a plenary at SSSS presenting the Award each year; the first occurring at the Las Vegas SSSS meeting this November. Reiss also stresses that graduate programs in sexuality at our major American universities are needed in

order to legitimize sexual science with the public and with our granting agencies. One such Ph.D. program in sexual science is being developed at the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University.

Reiss notes that sexual science has been attacked both from the right and the left. He says critics from the left, the "radical social constructionists and post-modernists," insist that "you can't compare sexuality in one culture to that in another" and yet this is



**Ira Reiss, PhD
SSSS Fellow**

precisely what much sexual science research seeks to do. He notes that if this criticism was valid sexual science would not be possible because science is built upon comparisons and generalizations. From the right the conservative critics feel sexual science is promoting "loose" pluralistic sexuality by asking its questions and that sexual scientists favor an "anything goes" approach to sex. If this were the case, it would mean that we accept forced and exploitive sex and that surely is not so. "So we need to be clear about what we are proposing in sexual science

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because the emotion laden nature of sexuality guarantees that such criticism from the left and the right will continue.”

Of course, then, I had to ask Reiss his opinion of the premarital sexual standards today. He suggests that the “permissiveness with affection” standard has grown rapidly since the 1960s and today young people accept premarital sexuality particularly if there is at least a moderate affectionate bond between the two people involved. Both men and women have moved further away from the double standard, but he stresses that it is still clearly present limiting

the sexual behavior of young women more than that of men. He says to get a true measure of the impact of a double standard on women’s lives, you should ask them “Would you act out more sexually than you do now if men’s and women’s sexual behavior was judged equally?”

If we want to achieve equality between men and women in sexuality then we will have to move further in creating such equality in our basic social institutions such as politics, economics, religion, education, and the family. “A society with inequality in these spheres can’t have equality in sexuality because there is

too much in everyday life that “sends out the message that men are in charge of the power sources in society.”

I left my conversation with Reiss as energized as I was when I first discovered his work as an undergraduate. Clearly, the issues raised by Reiss in the 1960’s are as relevant today as they were then. I look forward to debating them in my own office as I sit with my own students in years to come.

**Ira Reiss is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He helped found SSSS in 1957 and was president of the organization from 1980 to 1981. He has

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published about 150 papers of various sorts over the past fifty years. *An Insider’s View of Sexual Science Since Kinsey* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2006) is his fourteenth book.

About the author: Robin Milhausen, PhD, is currently a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow at the University of Windsor. She joins the University of Guelph as Assistant Professor of Sexuality and Family Relations this fall.

BY OUR MEMBERS

We are proud to present a new segment of our Sexual Science newsletter: **“By Our Members”** – a section where we highlight written work by our members. If you would like to see your book included, please email rmilhaus@uwindsor.ca. In the mean time, enjoy these works by our esteemed members!

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** SSSS Members can purchase Ira Reiss’s new book “An Insiders View of Sexual Science Since Kinsey” at a 20% discount from the publishers website

(www.rowmanlittlefield.com) using the promo code 4F6RSSS

IN THE NEWS

Texting Decreases Time to Treatment for Chlamydia

A London (U.K.) STD clinic used text messages to communicate genital Chlamydia Trachomatis infection test results. One-third of all clinic results were given by text message over 6 month period. Median time to treatment was 8.5 days compared to 15 days for the standard of care group. Forty-six hours of patient staff hours were saved using text messages to communicate with patients.

One-third of Sexually Active U.S. Teen Girls get Pregnant

According to a study from the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, almost 1/3 of sexually active girls get pregnant. One in 8 sexually active boys reported impregnating someone. Pregnancy rates are highest among Latinas (52%), compared to African American girls (40%) and white girls (23%). Cultural values are used to partially explain racial and ethnic differences.

Cervical Cancer Vaccine close to FDA Approval

An advisory panel of the FDA recommended approval of Merck & Co.'s "Gardasil" vaccine to prevent against the four types of the STD HPV responsible for the majority of cervical cancer and genital wart cases. HPV infects up to 80% of women before they reach age 50. Gardasil was 100% effective in preventing infection from the two HPV strains that cause 70% of cervical cancer cases.

Groups find Consensus Regarding Sexual Health

In 2004, former Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher invited 18 groups who have traditionally been at odds over sexual issues to converse about sexual health. The groups released a consensus statement this month defining sexual health as: "a state of physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and social well-being related to one's sexuality and sexual activities" and listing key topics for sex research.

WESTERN REGION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The WR Conference was held at Redondo Beach, CA from April 6th-9th. The theme for the meeting was "The Joys of Sexuality: Positive Meanings in Diverse Contexts". Not only was attendance high, but



Suzanne Frayser,
WR President

also the spirits of the participants. Accentuating the positive aspects of sexuality and seeking solutions for obstacles to research and personal enrichment were wonderful experiences for those who

attended; feedback on the program and meeting activities has been fabulous so far. Among the highlights of the meeting were plenary speeches by Barnaby Barrett, Carol Cassell, Eli Coleman (with input from Pamela Connolly), Suzanne Frayser, Lawrence Hedges, Janet Lever, Phillip R. Shaver, and Winston Wilde. Photographer David Steinberg displayed some of his photographs throughout the meeting and collaborated with photographers Barbara Nitke and Jim Duvall in a presentation of photographs and commentary on new forms and venues for sexual fine art outside of the porn paradigm. FSSS had a successful fundraiser that included door prizes and auctioning of donated gifts (to enhance many kinds of

pleasures) for the benefit of FSSS. ED, Dave Fleming, demonstrated excellent auctioneering skills. Olga Perez-Stable Cox arranged an interesting and educational evening at a local dungeon, and the director of the movie "eXposed" was present to show and discuss the making of a porn film. Janet Lever, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology at Cal State University, L.A., received the WR Sexual Science Award for her diverse contributions that span 30 years in the field. Her major emphasis has been research on the social consequences of human sexuality as it interfaces with gender issues. During the Awards Banquet, Eli Coleman presented a moving tribute to Drew Mattison, former President of the WR and the Soci-

ety, ending with recognition of the love that Drew and his lifelong partner, Dr. David McWhirter (who was present) had shared for over 30 years. Pat Koch remembered SSSS members Rick Allgeier and Jack Annon, who also had died in the last year. The BOD added flavor to the meeting by being present throughout the conference by holding its Spring meeting all day on April 5th. The WR appreciates the participation of everyone who helped to make this conference so successful and thanks all of you who attended and presented papers celebrating the joys of sexuality.

The WR Council has been working to systematize the regional organization and broaden the base of partici-

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pation in regional leadership and committees. Specific news that applies to the region will be sent out to WR members in an informal news-



Robert Hatfield, PhD at the Western Region Meeting (President-Elect for SSSS (Eli Coleman and David McWhirter look on from behind

letter. The WR is developing a task force to focus on planning the WR's contribution to the Society's 50th anniversary celebration in 2007. And, we



Mandy Peters, Brooke Wells (Student Involvement Chair) and Erica Model at the Western Region Meeting

may include a regional "town meeting" in our next regional conference to discuss issues of relevance to the participants. If anyone in other regions would like to receive the newsletter or has comments/issues that they want the region to consider, please contact WR President Suzanne Frayser (sfrayser@earthlink.net).

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Suzanne Frayser
Western Region
President

FSSS HOSTS SUCCESSFUL WESTERN REGION FUNDRAISING EVENT

The **Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality** is pleased to report that those attending the recent Western Region conference in California pledged and donated over \$3,000 toward the **FSSS 20th** anniversary campaign "*Building on the Foundation.*" These contributions have pushed the total raised thus far during this

fundraising drive to over \$12,000, approaching 25% of the 2006 campaign goal. Approximately 50 people attended the Friday evening reception, and many engaged in a lively bidding session for the major auction items. Thanks go out to all who attended and contributed. The **Foundation's** anni-

versary campaign will continue throughout the year, culminating with a special event at the SSSS Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. The goals of the current drive are to enhance the specialized endowment funds of the **Foundation** and to support several priority projects of The Society. Pledges and

contributions may be made at any time throughout the year. For additional information about the campaign and the projects it will support contact either Clive Davis, president of **FSSS**, at cmd@psych.syr.edu or the Society office thesociety@sexscience.org.

OTHER EVENTS

28th Annual Guelph Sexuality Conference

Guelph, Ontario

June 10–13, 2006

www.open.uoguelph.ca/sexconf

The 28th Annual Guelph Sexuality Conference will focus on strategies to improve and promote the sexual health and sexual rights of all Canadians.

The 2006 conference will provide a forum to explore innovative sexual health promotion, harm reduction and sexual and relationship enrichment interventions; examine sexual health research; and to engage in sexual health advocacy with colleagues from coast to coast,

and beyond. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Family Relations & Applied Nutrition, and the Office of Open Learning.

The keynote speakers will be: Su Nottingham and Al Craven discussing Reflections on Sexual Health Education Over the Years; Terry Humphreys,

PhD, Alex McKay, PhD, and Peggy J. Kleinplatz, PhD discussing Sexuality in Canada: What's Going On In Research, Education, and Therapy?; and Reverend Debra Haffner, MPH, M.Div, will explore Claiming Our Moral Values: Sexuality, Faith and Spirit.

We are on the web!

www.sexscience.org

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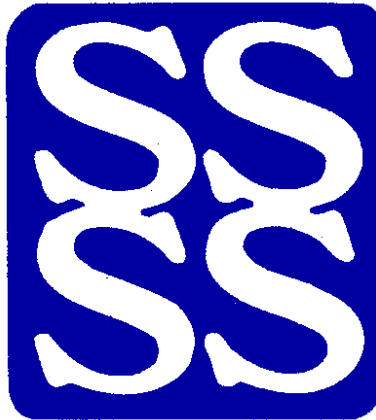
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The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) is the oldest professional society dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about sexuality. SSSS was founded in 1957 to encourage the rigorous systematic study of sexuality. Today, nearly 1,000 individuals hold membership in The Society; members include anthropologists, biologists, educators, historians, nurses, physicians, psychologists, theologians, therapists, and those from many other disciplines.

TURNING SEX RESEARCH INTO NEWS

The Kinsey Institute Partners with School of Journalism

As researchers studying sensitive and complex areas of human behavior, sex researchers face unique challenges in how their research is presented in the media. The Kinsey Institute has joined with the Indiana University School of Journalism to examine this area from both sides with a common theme: "Turning Sex Re-

search into News: Sexual Science for the Public's Interest."

With guidance from an interdisciplinary group of researchers and academic journalists, graduate fellows Kimberly McBride and Johnny Sparks developed surveys for sex researchers and journalists. The surveys address key issues related to sexual science communication.

In June, a small group of newsmakers (the researchers) will meet with journalists to discuss the findings of the surveys and to contribute their perspectives to a development of 'best practices' for both fields.

Whether you are an experienced sex researcher or just starting out, the KI values your input. Add your perspective by completing the survey for sex researchers: <https://>

www.indiana.edu/~kinres/kisres/intro.php



Kinsey Institute Director Julia Heiman and Trevor Brown, Dean Emeritus of IU School of Journalism

KINSEY AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Kinsey Award is given by the Midcontinent Region of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. It acknowledges contributions to the field of sex research, sex therapy, and/or sexology. Award recipients need not be members of the Midcontinent Region. Nominations are now being solicited for the 2007 Kinsey Award.

Please send a current vita and letter of nomination by July 10 to:

Terri D. Fisher
Chair, Kinsey Award Committee
Department of Psychology
The Ohio State University at Mansfield
1680 University Drive
Mansfield, OH 44906
or
fisher.16@osu.edu

CONDOLENCES

We mourn the passing of Beth Brass, honorary lifetime member of SSSS, after a long battle with brain tumors. Beth was interim office manager for SSSS when her husband, Rich Brass, served as interim Executive Director.

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Go to the website below to sign up! Your membership status will be checked and then you will receive a confirmation email.
http://www.sexscience.org/membersonly/index.php?category_id=2032
Please contact the SSSS office if you have any questions.