Sixth time’s a charm!
Missouri elects woman U.S. Senator

Women made significant gains at the national level and in St. Louis County in the Nov. 7 election, but in the Missouri House, the number of women representatives is at a low not seen since 1992.

Claire McCaskill was the first woman elected in Missouri to her own six-year term in the U.S. Senate. Including McCaskill, women picked up two seats in the U.S. Senate for an all-time high of 16. In addition, women picked up a governorship in Alaska for a record high of nine women governors.

“We have a record number of women in Congress, a record number of women governors,” noted Sue Shear Institute Director Vivian Eveloff. “But in some states like Missouri we have fewer women in the entry point of the pipeline, which is the state legislature.”

“It’s beginning to look like women are going to follow in men’s footsteps in that they’ll find a variety of entry points and they won’t necessarily work their way up through the traditional political hierarchy,” Eveloff said.

McCaskill became the second woman to represent the state in the U.S. Senate, following Jean Carnahan who was appointed to a two-year term in 2000 after the posthumous election of her husband. McCaskill started her political career as an intern for the late State Rep. Sue Shear and has been a regular faculty member at the Institute’s 21st Century Leadership Academy. She is the fifth Missouri woman to run for the U.S. Senate in 22 years.

With two women running, it was assured the Missouri state auditor would be a woman. Buchanan County Auditor Susan Montee overcame Platte County Auditor Sandra Thomas, to succeed McCaskill in the post.

Women made gains in the U.S. House as well, winning an all-time high of at least 71 seats. (One race was still contested at press time.) The gender balance did not change in Missouri, though, with Rep. JoAnn Emerson continuing as the only woman in the state’s nine-member House delegation.

It was a record-setting night for women on the St. Louis County Council, with women now the majority on the seven-member board, holding four seats. State Rep. Barbara Fraser beat incumbent Kurt Odenwald while Town and Country Councilwoman Colleen Wasinger won an open seat previously held by Skip Mange. Fraser and Wasinger join Hazel Erby who won reelection and Kathleen Kelly Burkett on the council. Previously, the highest number of women to serve at the same time was two.

A win by Kansas City-area attorney Jolie Justus in the 10th district helped women gain one seat in the Missouri Senate, bringing the total back to the previous high of seven. The Missouri House was the low point of the evening for women. Following the defeat of two incumbents, women now hold 31 of the 163 seats in the state House, or 19 percent, well below the national average of 23 percent.

Those numbers are the lowest since 1992, when women held 29 seats or 18 percent.

Pelosi Presides as Madam Speaker

U.S. Rep. and Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi was elected by her party to become the first women Speaker when Congress reconvenes in January.

(Continued on page 5)
NAMES IN THE NEWS

Women Named to top Transportation Post

Mary Peters has been tapped by President Bush to serve as Secretary of Transportation. Peters led the federal highway administration from 2001 to 2005 after a 16-year career with the Arizona Department of Transportation, where she was director for three years.

Davis Honored for Community Service

In July, the Missouri Community Service Commission recognized St. Louisan Gretchen Davis with the 2005 Carnahan Community Service and Volunteer Award. The award is given annually to one exceptional volunteer leader from Missouri. Davis was appointed to the Commission by Governor Carnahan in 2000 and served as Vice Chair, Program Committee Chair and as a member of the Executive and Public Relations Committees. A past president of the Junior League of St. Louis, Davis is active in many community organizations.

Woman Positioned for French Presidency

The French Socialist Party has selected lawmaker Segolene Royal as its candidate for the April 2007 presidential election. Royal held minor cabinet positions in the government of former President Francois Mitterand, and is currently a national parliamentarian and governor of a French region. If she is elected, she will be France’s first woman president.

Drummond Named Director of DHSS

Jane Drummond has been appointed director of the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), replacing Julie Eckstein, who resigned.

The following is a list of women who will serve in the Missouri General Assembly in 2007.

Senate
Maida Coleman, D-5, St. Louis
Yvonne Wilson, D-9, Kansas City
Jolie Justus, D-10, Kansas City
Rita Days, D-14, St. Louis
Luann Ridgeway, R-17, Smithville
Joan Bray, D-24, St. Louis
Norma Champion, R-30, Springfield

House
Rebecca McClanahan, D-2, Kirkville
Rachel Bringer, D-6, Palmyra
Sally Faith, R-15, St. Charles
Vicki Schneider, R-17, O’Fallon
Cynthia L. Davis, R-19, O’Fallon
Danielle (Danie) Moore, R-20, Fulton
Theresa Sander, R-22, Moberly
Judy Baker, D-25, Columbia
Beth Low, D-39, Kansas City
Sharon Curls, D-41, Kansas City
Jenee Lowe, D-44, Kansas City
Kate Meiners, R-46, Kansas City
Terry Young, D-49, Raytown
Jeannette Mott Oxford, D-59, St. Louis
Jamiah Nasheed, D-60, St. Louis
Katie Johnson, D-61, St. Louis

Women Elected to Leadership Posts in the Missouri General Assembly

When members of the House and Senate caucused to elect leadership positions, the following women were tapped for leadership posts: Sen. Maida Coleman (D-St. Louis), minority leader; Sen. Yvonne Wilson (D-Kansas City), minority caucus secretary; Rep. Marilyn Ruestman (R-Joplin), majority caucus secretary; Rep. Connie Johnson (D-St. Louis), minority whip; Rep. Gina Walsh (D-St. Louis), minority caucus vice chair; and Rep. Sara Lampe (D-Springfield), minority caucus secretary. All are subject to formal approval when the legislature convenes in January.

Valenciano and Williams Assist Transition in Jackson County

Rita Valenciano, president of the Coalition of Hispanic Organizations and Bridgette Williams, president of the Greater Kansas City AFL-CIO, have been enlisted to serve on the transition team for newly-elected Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders. Valenciano and Williams will also serve on the nominating committee for Sanders’ successor as prosecutor, along with Cass County Proctor Teresa Hensley.

Sebelius Selected to Lead Governor’s Group

Following her re-election in November, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has been named chair of the Democratic Governors Association. She is the first woman to hold the post.
Warm, Beckmann to lead Sue Shear Institute at UMKC

With the support of UMKC Chancellor Guy Bailey, the Sue Shear Institute’s Kansas City office has relocated and now enjoys full-time staffing with ambitious plans for an increased presence in the Kansas City community.

Julie Warm and Cynthia Beckmann assumed leadership at the Kansas City office in November. Both are located in the Institute for Human Development (IHD) directed by Carl Calkins.

“We’re excited about the experience and enthusiasm that Julie and Cindy bring to the Institute in Kansas City,” said Institute Director Vivian Eveloff.

Warm and Beckmann are already busy planning the annual Statehouse Sisters program, a panel discussion featuring women leaders in local and state government in March.

The pair has also started reaching out to women who are interested in serving on public boards and commissions and have plans to re-convene the women mayors’ lunch group early in the new year.

In addition, they are available to speak to organizations about the opportunities for women to get involved in the public policy arena.

“The credibility and track record of the Institute provide a wonderful platform for showcasing the current generation of women leaders, who have never been more accomplished and effective,” Warm said.

She has been an associate at the IHD since 2005. For the past 20 years, she has worked as a community liaison, administrator and researcher. Warm has extensive experience in local government, and served as city manager of Reno, Nev., before going to graduate school, earning a master’s degree at KU and a Ph.D. at UMKC.

An advocate for people with disabilities, Warm currently serves on the Jackson County Board of Services for the Developmentally Disabled, a county-level funding agency.

Beckmann is new to the IHD staff and serves as the assistant to the director. She has experience in non-profit religious, arts and higher-education settings. Beckmann holds a master’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has completed the coursework and exams for a doctorate degree in education, also from Illinois.

The Kansas City region has led the state in women’s leadership by electing a woman mayor and two female Jackson County executives.

Eveloff looks forward to tapping into the power of suggestion and engaging even more Kansas City women in public policy-making roles.

“Women in the Kansas City area have outstanding public servant role models,” Eveloff said “With our new full-time staffing, we’re in a better position to support women in the community as they pursue roles in shaping public policy.”

The Institute’s Kansas City office opened in 1999, and has been staffed by graduate interns and part-time employees since then.

Most recently, the Institute was located in the offices of the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership at 4747 Troost.

Warm and Beckmann have offices on the Hospital Hill campus of the University, but will work closely with the entire campus community.

Collaboration with IHD represents a new vision for the Institute’s Kansas City office, one with limitless possibilities.

“This is a wonderful moment to add to the momentum,” Warm said. “The potential of the Sue Shear Institute in Kansas City is truly unlimited.”

To reach Julie Warm or Cindy Beckmann in the Kansas City Office, call 816.235.1409. 
APPOTMENT

Serving on a public board or commission is an excellent way to put your talents to use in public service without running for office.

If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, contact the Institute at (314) 516-4727 in St. Louis or (816) 235-1409 in Kansas City and visit our website at www.umsl.edu/~iwpl to complete a “Public Service Personal Profile” on-line.

For a list of boards and commissions in Missouri, visit the Governor’s website at www.gov.mo.gov/boards/boards.htm.

For a list of boards and commissions in Missouri, visit the Governor’s website at www.gov.mo.gov/boards/boards.htm.

St. Louis City

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position/Commission</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Christina Bennet</td>
<td>Westminster/Lake Special Business District</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Judith Doss</td>
<td>Enhanced Enterprise Board</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sally Nikolajevich</td>
<td>Westminster/Lake Special Business District</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

St. Louis County

No women appointees were named by the St. Louis County Executive during this time period.

Kansas City

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position/Commission</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Marsha Campbell</td>
<td>Municipal Officials Ethics Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joanne Collins</td>
<td>Climate Protection Plan Steering Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jenny Erdman</td>
<td>Environmental Management Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dee Murray</td>
<td>Climate Protection Plan Steering Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joyce Murray</td>
<td>Landmarks Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lamin Bumi Nyang</td>
<td>Ethnic Enrichment Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Alie Scholes</td>
<td>Emergency Physician Advisory Board</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Treanor</td>
<td>Environmental Management Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bridgette Williams</td>
<td>Climate Protection Plan Steering Committee</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Esther Wolf</td>
<td>Health Commission</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

State of Missouri

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Position/Commission</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Katharine Barondeau</td>
<td>Director, Division of Employment Security</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Karen A. Bartz</td>
<td>Coordinating Board for Early Childhood</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virginia A. Beatty</td>
<td>Organ Donation Advisory</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lloyalea (Lolle) W. Boettcher</td>
<td>Holocaust Educ. and Awareness Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jean M. Cavender</td>
<td>Holocaust Educ. and Awareness Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christine L. Chinn</td>
<td>Citizens’ Advisory Commission for Marketing MO Agricultural Products</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Deborah Cook</td>
<td>Suicide Prevention Advisory Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Janis A. Deimeke</td>
<td>Citizen’s Advisory Commission for Marketing MO Agricultural Products</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jane Drummond</td>
<td>Director, Dept. of Health and Senior Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Janice C. Enfield</td>
<td>MO Planning Council on Dev. Disabilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donna J. English</td>
<td>Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iris Ferguson</td>
<td>Lincoln University Board of Curators</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rita C. Flame</td>
<td>Missouri Citizen’s Commission on Compensation for Elected Officials</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sharon Garrett</td>
<td>Missouri Tourism Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Claudia Onate Greim</td>
<td>Missouri Housing Development Commission</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Judith Haggard
Life Sciences Research Committee
Rosanne Hays
Missouri Agriculture and Small Business Development Authority
Maureen Hennessey
Suicide Prevention Advisory Commission
Dana K. Humphrey
Holocaust Educ. and Awareness Commission
Lorene James
Missouri Women’s Council
Erin L. Lear
Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group
Raquel R. Martinez
Board of Occupational Therapy
Kimberly Mathis
St. Louis City Election Board
Sherrill L McCormack
Citizen’s Advisory Commission for Marketing MO Agricultural Products
Mary K. Meek
MO Development Finance Board Committee
Laura M. Neal
State Committee for Social Workers
Stacey D. Owsley
Coordinating Board for Early Childhood
Donna M. Scott
Suicide Prevention Advisory Commission
Lindsay A. Ponce
Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group
Angela N. Stiffler
Missouri Community Service Commission
Gabrielle L. Stokke
Missouri Juvenile Justice Advisory Group
Donayle E. Whitmore-Smith
State Board of Education

Need to update your talent bank form?

If you have moved in the last couple of years, changed jobs or completed a significant accomplishment, it’s time to update your Public Service Personal Profile.

The Sue Shear Institute uses the Talent Bank to help public officials select candidates for appointments to boards and commissions. Often, the positions may require that the candidate live in a certain area or possess other qualifications, so it’s important that we have up-to-date information.

Go to www.umsl.edu/~iwpl and look for “Complete Form Online” in the Talent Bank section or contact us at (314) 516-4727 to receive a form by mail.
Losses by incumbents Jane Boggetto in the 94th District and Kathy Chinn in the 8th District, coupled with a lower overall number of women candidates fueled the downward trend. Two new faces will take over seats previously held by men; Rebecca McClanahan of Kirksville and Ellen Brand of Sikeston.

Across the state line in Kansas, the picture was much the same as in Missouri.

Kansas picked up its first woman representative in the U.S. House since 1997 with the election of Nancy Boyda. In addition, all three statewide officeholders won re-election including Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

In the Kansas state legislature, women suffered even bigger losses than in Missouri, losing five seats. However, with 48 women state legislators out of a total of 165, Kansas continues to outpace Missouri’s percentage of women in state government, 29 percent to 19 percent.

In Illinois, state Treasurer Judy Baar Topkina lost her bid for the state’s top job. Attorney General Lisa Madigan won re-election and remains the state’s only female statewide office holder while the state’s three congresswomen also won re-election.

Pelosi has been steeped in politics from a young age. Her father served five terms in Congress and later became the mayor of Baltimore. A 66-year-old grandmother, Pelosi was active in California politics for many years before she was elected to represent the San Francisco area in Congress - her first public office - in 1987 when she was 45. She was elected in a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the death of U.S. Representative Sala Burton.

In the fall of 2002, she was overwhelmingly elected by her colleagues as Democratic Leader of the House of Representatives, making her the first woman to lead a major party in the U.S. Congress. Before being elected Leader, she served as House Democratic Whip for one year and was responsible for the party’s legislative strategy in the House.

Pelosi is a graduate of Trinity College in Washington, D.C., a distinction she shares with another powerful woman in politics, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius.

Pelosi’s achievement is just one more opportunity to provide women with a role model, said historian Robin Gerber. She discussed the “power of the mirror” on NPR’s “Morning Edition” program shortly after the election.

“What we see, we believe we can become,” Gerber said.

The Institute’s next campaign workshop will be Pipeline to Local Office for those interested in running for municipal or school boards or other local positions, as well as those who wish to volunteer or just learn more about the campaign process. See page 6 for details.

**Number of Women serving in Missouri General Assembly and Congress**

The graph to the left illustrates that the number of women being elected to Congress is increasing, while the number elected to the Missouri Legislature is declining. In addition, the graph shows that despite modest gains, the overall number of women in both bodies is still a fraction of the total.

Women in Congress (87/535=16%)

Women in Missouri General Assembly (38/197=19%)
Academy Graduate Runs for the Legislature

Stephanie Bell made a smooth transition from Shear Fellow to candidate this summer as she campaigned for a seat in the Missouri House, marking the first time a Fellow has done so. Unfortunately, she didn’t experience a similar transition from candidate to elected official, losing in the August primary.

Bell, who earned her B.A. in Political Science from UM-St. Louis in 2004, learned a lot from her campaign experience. She was disappointed with the lack of support she received from the Central Committee in St. Charles County.

“I would have focused on getting more support from the party leaders in the area,” Bell said.

The former president of the College Republicans at UM-St. Louis said she believes her moderate views in a conservative area such as St. Charles County cost her votes, but she doesn’t plan on backing down.

“I’m a moderate Republican who can cross the aisles and find compromise,” Bell said. “But I stood up for my beliefs.”

She’s also grateful to have had a support system from many of the women she met at the Sue Shear Institute’s 21st Century Leadership Academy, which she attended in 2003.

“A lot of the girls [from the Leadership Academy] would respond back to my emails. There was that network available. I didn’t win but if I had, I would have liked to have been a strong supporter of the Institute [in the legislature] because of how important it is."

Bell, who also has a M.A. in Communications from Lindenwood University, describes herself as having a good leadership, communication skills and ability to relate well with people. As for future plans, she would like to work in public affairs or in PR.

While Bell said she needs to take time to “reevaluate the political climate,” she said she can definitely see herself running for office again and insisted women interested in running shouldn’t hesitate to follow suit.

“Stay true to who you are and do not back down. Don’t allow people to intimidate you into doing something you don’t believe in or want” Bell said, adding with a laugh, “…and support women."
Researcher Outlines Good News, Bad News Scenario for Women’s Representation

By Badia Ead

Author and Political Science professor Richard L. Fox delivered both good and bad news on Oct. 19. The bad news is he does not think we are “on the road to parity” for women in politics. The good news? Diligently recruiting women to run for public office evens the playing field.

Fox spoke to an audience of about 100 students, faculty and members of the public at the J.C. Penney Conference Center at UM-St. Louis. He is an associate professor of political science at Union College in Schenectady, NY, and author of It Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don’t Run for Office, a book he co-wrote with Jennifer L. Lawless.

A few of the audience members felt that recruitment as early as possible was key. There was a consensus that young girls weren't being taken seriously or receiving encouragement from people they look up to, even in the classroom. One woman recalled telling her 7th grade teachers she wanted to be president of the United States someday.

"The male teachers didn’t really know what to say,” she said. “It was more like, ‘aw, isn’t that cute.’”

Fox noted the irony of American foreign policy encouraging other governments to include quotas for women's participation in government. (U.S. Secretary of State) “Condoleezza Rice was pushing for 25 percent representation in Iraq, something we don't have in the U.S,” he said. “There's something ironic about that.”

Fox also said that much of the political science research prognosticating the future was overly optimistic.

"Men are still idealized as candidates for political office, while family responsibilities are an incredible impediment" to women, said Fox.

He also insisted that a lack of role models was discouraging to future office seekers.

"There’s a need for role models for young girls interested in politics."
It is always exciting to receive “progress reports” from Leadership Academy alums, and we are proud to share their accomplishments with you! (Note: The number in parenthesis represents year of participation in the Leadership Academy.)

♦ Rachel Anderson
University of Missouri—Columbia (‘06)
Rachel was just elected president of the student body—officially the Missouri Students Association (MSA) — at the University of Missouri — Columbia, where she is a junior majoring in Inter-disciplinary Studies. Her term begins in January.

♦ Tracey Cannon
University of Missouri—St. Louis (‘06)
Tracey has been promoted to senior research specialist in the Public Policy Research Center at UMSL. She recently served as the principle evaluation manager on a project for the Office of State Courts Administrator (OSCA), evaluating the use of an automated computer-based system for storing and sharing juvenile case information across the circuits of Missouri. Tracey is a doctoral student in political science at UMSL.

♦ Traci Daffer
Truman State Univ. (‘01)
Traci is the lead note and comment editor for the law review at UMKC, and recently had a note published on class action suits in China. A third year law student, she is also a law clerk at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. Next fall, Traci will be an associate at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin in KC.

♦ Angie Dobynes
Southeast Missouri State Univ. (‘05)
Angie is a junior at Southeast, majoring in social work. She plans to graduate in December 2007 and pursue a master’s degree in educational administration K-12 or higher education. Ultimately, Angie’s goal is to become an instructional consultant.

♦ Valerie Dwyer
Truman State University (‘03)
Valerie graduated from Truman State in May and works in purchasing at Nestle Purina. She plans to start work on her MBA in the spring.

♦ Lindsay Epstein
University of Missouri—Rolla (‘03)
Lindsay is currently working for an engineering consulting firm in suburban Washington, DC. She hopes to become a project manager, and also reports a renewed interest in public life. An avid athlete, Lindsay has taken up the paddling sport of dragonboating, which involves a 20-person canoe.

♦ Natascha Harried
Univ. of Missouri—St. Louis (‘06)
Natascha completed a summer internship with "The Wake-Up Call with Lizz Brown" a public affairs radio show which is aired on WGNU AM-920 in St. Louis. For her final project, Natascha produced and co-hosted a show entitled, “The Image of African-American Women in Television.” She is graduating in December with a Bachelor’s in Political Science and a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership and Management.

♦ Lauren Huchingson
University of Missouri—Rolla (‘06)
According to her Out of Office AutoReply, Lauren attended the National Conference on Student Leadership (NCSL) in Lake Buena Vista, FL in mid-November (don’t underestimate our sources!). She is the student body president at UMR, and is a senior majoring in Information Science and Technology.

♦ Brianna Lennon
Truman State University (‘06)
Brianna recently started a new job at Preferred Family Healthcare, working with adolescents that have drug or alcohol abuse problems. In the spring, she will present a paper on the economic relationship between the U.S. and Ireland at the National Undergraduate Research Conference in San Rafael, Ca. She will also be sorting through law school acceptance letters to decide where to go after she graduates in May.

♦ Kathie Kearbey
Southeast Missouri State Univ. (‘99)
Under Kathie’s Leadership, the Independent Living Center of Southeast Missouri had a 32 percent increase in voter turnout this year. Kathie is on the Leadership Advisory Committee of the Missouri Disability Vote Project.

♦ Melinda Love
University of Missouri—St. Louis (‘02)
Melinda is the PR & Program Coordinator for St. Louis Healthy Marriage, a po-
Mary Mann
*University of Missouri—Columbia* (’06)
Mary leaves Dec. 28th for Equatorial Guinea where she will track and monitor monkeys in the Caldera Refuge, a protected rainforest, before settling in to classes and field work in the capital of Malabo. She will graduate upon her return to Columbia in April.

Dianna Meyers
*Univ. of Missouri—Rolla* (’05)
Dianna is finishing her co-op experience at Kohler in Wisconsin, where she has lived since early summer. She looks forward to getting back to UMR where she will help transition the John Marshall Pre-Law society into a chapter of Phi Alpha Delta. Dianna is a junior ceramic engineering major and plans to attend law school.

Paula Mihalcik
*University of Missouri—Rolla* (’00)
Please call her Dr. Mihalcik! Paula recently defended her dissertation and now holds a Ph.D. in environmental engineering.

Roan Peters
*University of Missouri—Columbia* (’06)
Next semester, Roan will study abroad in Tuebingen, Germany, which is about 2 hours from where she was born. Before she leaves, she hopes to participate in a “HERStory,” a student-produced and directed musical based on the women of the bible.

Jessica Post
*Truman State University* (’01)
As field director for the MN Democrat-Farmer-Labor Caucus, Jessica helped elect six new female Democratic State Senators in the November election. Now back in St. Louis, she plans to volunteer for the “Kacie Triplett for 6th Ward” campaign.

Wendy Raulie
*University of Central Missouri* (’05)
A first generation college student, Wendy is a new graduate and a new grandma. She graduated in December with a degree in Sociology and a Women’s Studies minor, and will begin a graduate assistantship in January as a master’s student in the College Student Personnel Administration Program at UCM. She also plans to earn a graduate certificate in Gender Studies. Wendy’s first grandchild, Paige, was born in October.

Kimberly Shields
*Missouri State University* (’00)
Kimberly recently left the law firm of Armstrong Teasdale and accepted a position with the Public School and Education Employees Retirement System as a staff attorney.

Lisa Wayne
*Truman State University* (’03)
Lisa and her husband are looking forward to visiting their families and friends in the U.S. before returning to the Army base in Germany where they are stationed, to celebrate the New Year. A substitute teacher, Lisa is being considered for a long-term sub assignment to teach algebra and geometry. She is also learning to speak German.

**Academy relationships result in Judge’s visit to campus in Cape**

By Badia Ead

The 21st Century Leadership Academy has provided countless opportunities over the years, to students and faculty alike. Dr. Mary Moore Johnson saw one at this year’s keynote dinner and invited Supreme Court Judge Mary Rhodes Russell to talk to her students at Southeast Missouri State University.

“I extended the invitation to her when she was sitting next to me at dinner and she graciously accepted,” said Dr. Johnson. “I didn’t want that opportunity to slip by.”

Judge Russell presented three programs in Cape Girardeau on Sept. 15. She was also the guest at a luncheon hosted by the dean of the Harrison College of Business and attended by Southeast President Dr. Kenneth Dobbins, members of the Women in Public Life organization and 2006 Shear Fellows Kris Woolf and Julie Hixson.

After lunch, Woolf used skills learned during the Academy to introduce Judge Russell at two presentations to students. The first was presented to 300 students in 4th to 12th grade from the surrounding area. Judge Russell compared the Supreme Court to the television show *American Idol*, pointing out that the average American can name the last American Idol winner but not a single U.S. Supreme Court judge.

Later, Judge Russell presented “The Missouri Supreme Court 101 or Everything You Wanted to Know about the Supreme Court,” which was attended by 275 faculty and students. She also taught a continuing legal education program entitled “Appellate Practice at the Supreme Court of Missouri”, which was attended by 40 attorneys and judges from the Cape Girardeau Bar Association.

Russell served as Chief Judge in the Eastern District of the Missouri Court of Appeals before being appointed to the Supreme Court in 2004. She is a former Institute Advisory Board member. Judge Russell’s visit gave the students and faculty members who attended her programs the opportunity to catch a glimpse of what a supreme court judge does for a living and can do for the community.

Johnson said that it was a delightful day. “We can thank the Sue Shear Institute for providing all the networks!”

**Save the Date! Leadership Academy Reunion: July 13-15, 2007**

Fellows interested in participating on the planning committee should email Mayra Flesner at ssiwpl@umsl.edu

This issue’s “Abundant Update” trophy goes to Truman State University with 5 updates!
Yes, I want to support the Institute’s mission in helping women participate fully in public policy decision making arenas. Please place me on your mail list for notice of upcoming events and to receive the Woman Watch newsletter.

Name: ________________________________
Title: __________________ Organization: __________________
Address: _______________________________________________________
City: __________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________
Phone: (hm) __________________ (wk) __________________
E-mail: ________________________________

Please make checks payable to the

Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life
University of Missouri–St. Louis
346 Woods Hall
One University Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63121-4400

Contributions are tax-deductible. Thank You.

Donor Designations

$500 Contributor
$250 Advisor
$100 Partner
$50 Supporter
$30 Friend

Visit our website for more details:
www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/