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Kazee appointed VP and dean; Libby heads to Stephens College

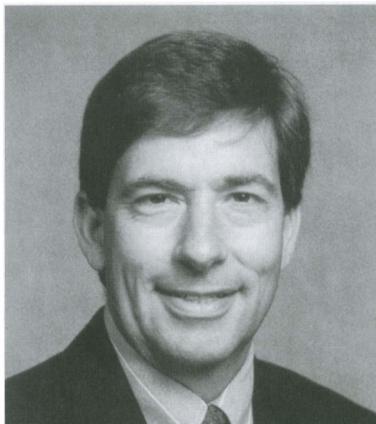
Furman gains one vice president and loses another this summer.

Thomas Kazee, most recently dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn., will become Furman's vice president for academic affairs and dean July 1. He will succeed A.V. Huff, Jr., who retired at the close of the academic year.

On the same day, Wendy Libby, vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer at Furman since 1995, will assume duties as the 23rd president of Stephens College, a women's liberal arts institution in Columbia, Mo.

Kazee had been dean at the University of the South since 1999, managing the college's 130-member faculty and directing the academic program. Before going to Sewanee, he taught in the political science department at Davidson College for 18 years, serving as chair of the department his last 10 years there. He received the Hunter-Hamilton Love of Teaching Award in 1996. He also spent three years on the faculty at Tulane University.

A specialist in American politics, American institutions, Congress, the presidency, public opinion, media and Southern politics, he received a Congressional Fellowship from the American Political Science Association for 1987-88 to serve in Washington as a policy analyst for the U.S. House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance. In addition, he worked as a legislative aide in the office



Thomas Kazee

of South Dakota Senator Tom Daschle. The author of numerous journal articles and reviews, Kazee is editor of *Who Runs for Congress: Ambition, Context and Candidate Emergence* (Congressional Quarterly Books). He earned his undergraduate degree in 1974 from Baldwin-Wallace College and received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Stephens College trustee George Ann Harding describes Wendy Libby as "a visionary leader who has had experience in a small school environment and who colleagues, students and faculty at Furman laud as a collaborative manager who is inclusive, decisive and action-oriented."

At Furman, Libby has been responsible for the management and planning of the



Wendy Libby

university's financial and facilities resources. She has overseen a wide variety of construction projects and directed the development of a new campus master plan.

Before coming to Furman, she was the chief finance and business officer at Westbrook College, a private liberal arts institution in Portland, Maine. She also held administrative positions at the University of Hartford, the University of Connecticut Health Center, Ohio State University and Cornell University. She has been active in the Association of College and University Business Officers and in the Society for College and University Planning.

Libby holds undergraduate and M.B.A. degrees from Cornell and a Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

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Alumni who performed in a play during the last 35 years at Furman can enjoy an on-line "revival" of their production(s), thanks to the theatre arts department.

Last summer, as a Furman Advantage project, theatre arts major Will Lowry '03 teamed with professor Rhett Bryson to develop a searchable image database of plays presented at the Furman Theatre since the late 1960s. Slides from the plays were digitized and placed on-line in the database, which was programmed by Lowry. Playbills for the shows were included as well.

To view scenes from the shows, visit the department's Web site at <http://alpha.furman.edu/%7Ebryson/dramadept/dramadept.html> and click on the link to the database. From there, perform a search, using the specially designed search engine, to find the year or show(s) you're interested in viewing, or click on the "random image generator" to see photos from assorted productions. Shows may have anywhere from 15 to 70 photos.



A scene from this fall's production of *Picasso* at the Lapin Agile.