Former chancellor Dykes
gives $100,000 gift to help
fight maintenance backlog

A gift for deferred
maintenance at KU creates a
win-win situation. It supports
needed campus upgrades, and
it provides a tax credit for
donors.

Former Chancellor Archie
Dykes and his wife, Nancy,
recently provided a $100,000
gift to KU Endowment for
defered maintenance. Dykes,
KU’s 13th chancellor, served
the university from 1973 to
1980.

“Having been chancellor, I
know firsthand the difficulty
the university experiences in
securing sufficient funds for
maintenance projects.”
Dykes said. “There is always
a critical need, sometimes
very critical, for maintenance
initiatives that mean much to
the university’s academic and
research pursuits.”

Dykes said much of the
campus’ current beauty
reflects work done by former
chancellors, including Deane
Malott and his wife, Eleanor,
who led a campus planting
and beautification project in
the 1940s.

“I also have a special interest,
as every chancellor has had,
in maintaining the beauty of
the campus and the
attractiveness of the campus’
physical plant,” Dykes said.
“That’s one of the great
assets of the university —
that almost everyone who
visits KU comes away saying
what a beautiful place it is.”

Chancellor Bernadette Gray-
Little expressed appreciation
to the Dykes for their gift for
defered maintenance.

“We are the beneficiaries not
only of Archie and Nancy
Dykes’ generosity and
loyalty to KU but also their
insight that maintaining our
beautiful campus takes
significant effort and
support,” said Gray-Little.

The state of Kansas allows
donors who make a gift
toward deferred maintenance
needs of the university to
qualify for a 45 percent tax
credit. This is in addition to
any standard charitable
deduction that may be
available. Tax credits provide
a dollar-for-dollar reduction
in taxes owed. Numerous
buildings on the Lawrence
campus and at the KU
Medical Center in Kansas
City, Kan., have significant
defered maintenance needs.
Examples of areas of need
include ventilation systems,
electrical, plumbing, window
and doors, and work to
achieve ADA compliance.

In the past year, several
defered maintenance
projects have been
completed, including work at
Dyche, Havorth, Malott,
Wescoe and Murphy halls
and in the campus utility
tunnel system.

Buildings still in need of
defered work include
Watson Library, Bailey,
Learned, Lippincott and
Lindley halls, and the Art and
Design Building. A complete
list of remaining projects can
be viewed at
kuendowment.org/deferredm
aintenance.