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Money given to Culture Center

■ Leaders uncertain where improvement allocations will go.

By Margaret Behm

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The director of Nebraska Unions may need a crystal ball to help him decide what to do about the Culture Center.

About \$37,000 has been allocated for improvements to the Culture Center, said Daryl Swanson, unions director.

Swanson is trying to decide

what to do with the money.

"I'm not sure on whether or not we should spend that amount or any amount on the Culture Center until we know its future," Swanson said.

"What we're trying to define is the life of this building. Is this building going to be here five more years, 10 more years, 15 more years or 20 more years?"

The current building will need to have work done on its heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The \$37,000 could either be put toward a price of \$60,000 or \$120,000.

The \$60,000 would replace the furnace and air conditioning units.

The \$120,000 would replace the units, all the air ducts and would improve the control system.

The price paid depends on whether the university will need to invest for the long term. The other option is to invest in the center temporarily so that another one can be built, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

There also will be an investigation into what commercial interests there are for the property, Griesen said.

"There has been some talk in the past about commercial use of that block," he said, "in which case we would be interested in selling to

build a new Culture Center."

No matter what decision is made, the current Culture Center isn't going anywhere soon, Swanson said.

"I can predict that the Culture Center will be around for the next three years," Swanson said. "I can say that confidently because it would take that long to plan and build a new Culture Center, if we started today."

The money for improvements will come out of the bond the Culture Center was purchased with, Griesen said. There is money set

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Agriculture dean to retire

By Cara Pesek

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After 11 years as the dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Donald Edwards has decided to retire.

But while he will be relinquishing his duties as dean on June 30, he's not jumping into full-time retirement just yet.

Instead, he will continue full time with the university for six months, and he will split his time between directing the Nebraska Network 21

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Josh Wolfe/DN

FORMER ARCHBISHOP Desmond Tutu speaks at the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues held in the Lied Center on Wednesday afternoon. Tutu talked about the end of apartheid and urged the crowd to take steps that would lead to peace in the rest of the world.

Tutu's message of peace applicable to all

By Kimberly Sweet

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Former South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu held his audience in the palm of his hand at the Lied Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday.

The crowd waited in anticipation for the lecturer of the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues to approach the podium as UNL Chancellor James Moeser bestowed to him an honorary degree.

The Nobel Prize winner, short in stature and brimming with enthusiastic words, received an immediate standing ovation from the thousands in attendance. It would be the first of three throughout his hour-long speech.

Tutu was quick to downplay the recognition and cast it instead upon the people of South Africa, who fought apartheid for more than 40 years.

"When you stand out in a crowd, it is because you have been carried on the shoulders of others," Tutu said after receiving an honorary degree of humane letters from the University of Nebraska.

He described the day when proof came that the oppressive reign of apartheid ended in his homeland - the first open elections in 1994.

"Many of us voted for the first time in the land of our birth," said Tutu, who was 63 at the time. "What an incredible experience it is for one to be in one moment in shackles, the next to be free."

A series of events led to the end of apartheid, Tutu said.

The end of communism and the breakup of the Soviet Union were the first events, he said.

When the spread of communism to South Africa was no longer a threat, leaders of the free world could no longer justify apartheid.

Western leaders thought the apartheid gov-

ernment needed to stay in place to prevent South Africa from being vulnerable to communism, Tutu said.

"The South African apartheid government would no longer be able to make the claim it could previously," Tutu said.

Former South African President F.W. DeKlerk's role in denouncing apartheid and releasing Nelson Mandela, a political prisoner, also led to the free elections in 1994.

President Mandela's role in leading the nation and forgiving the crimes committed against him also led to the peaceful transition of South Africa from apartheid to democracy.

Tutu said when Mandela was elected president, he invited his white jailer and the prosecuting attorney who argued for the death penalty in Mandela's case to a lunch after his election.

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