

Perlmans' gift will allow Allen Hall renovation

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A gift from Alfred University Trustee Robert Perlman and his wife, Lynn, will allow the University to renovate Allen Hall, beginning this summer. "This generous gift from Bob and Lynn Perlman will allow Alfred University to update an 80-year-old building for the 21st century," said Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, AU president, in announcing the gift. Perlman, a member of the Class of 1964, and Lynn Karlin Perlman have agreed to match gifts, on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to \$1 million, to be used for the updating of a venerable classroom building on the AU campus. While alterations to the building have been made over the decades as its use has changed, the Perlman gift and any matching funds it raises will permit a top-to-bottom renovation of the facility. Built in 1922, and originally called Allen Memorial Laboratory or Allen Lab, the two-story brick building on the east side of "Academic Alley" housed the biology department until the Science Center opened in 1968. It was also home to the College of Nursing until that program was transferred to St. John Fisher College in Rochester in the early 1990s. Allen Hall is now home to the Modern Languages Division, the language labs and classrooms. Prior to his retirement in 2002, Perlman was vice president of tax, licensing and customs for Intel Corporation. During his more than 20 years at Intel, Perlman was involved in its development as the world's leading manufacturer of the chips that power many of today's computers. After graduation from Alfred University, Perlman earned a MBA degree in 1967 and JD degree in 1968, both from Cornell University, and an LLM degree from New York University in 1976. He served as captain in the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1969-70. Following his military service, he was a tax accountant with Touche Ross and Co. and then a tax manager with Norton Simon, Inc., and Memorex Corp. He joined Intel in 1978. A Certified Public Accountant and a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Perlman was involved in numerous professional organizations. He has served as the international president of the Tax Executives Institute; former chairman of the tax committee and a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Manufacturers; a director of the California Chamber of Commerce; a director of the American Electronics Association; a member of the program committee of the Tax Foundation; and a director of the Tax Council, as well as a member of the Semiconductor Industry Association, the Financial Executives Institute, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He was appointed by former California Gov. Pete Wilson to serve on the executive committee of the California-Israel Exchange, and has also served on an advisory group to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Perlman was an Admissions volunteer and a career volunteer for Alfred University prior to his election to the Board of Trustees in 2001. For his work on behalf of the University and his professional achievements, the University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1999, when he delivered the December commencement address. Lynn Karlin Perlman is a 1968 graduate of Cortland State University with a B.S. degree in elementary education, and earned an M.S. degree from Long Island University in 1970. She taught for several years in schools in Huntington, NY, and Lansing, KS. Bob and Lynn Perlman are the parents of a son, Barry. Since their retirement, the Perlmans have lived in Las Vegas, NV.