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Subject Stars of Stony Brook Gala

To: All Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

On Wednesday, April 28, 2004, Stony Brook will host its fifth annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. The gala is our major fundraising event for the year; we expect to raise well over a million dollars for student scholarships and other University initiatives. Our honorees this year are Henry and Marsha Laufer, both former members of our faculty and longstanding friends of Stony Brook. Over the years, they have given generously to scholarship funds, the Music Department, the Staller Center for the Arts, and numerous other campus concerns and activities. We welcome this opportunity to recognize them. Cocktails are served at 6.30; dinner and dancing begin at 7.30

With the recent tuition rise and other increasing expenses faced by our students, I need not convince you how important it is that we provide as much financial assistance and support as possible. In the last 5 years, we have used private fund-raising to increase scholarship awards from \$1.6 million to \$3.2 million. The gala attracts an impressive number of Stony Brook alumni and friends, and your tax deductible contribution will directly benefit our most deserving students.

Many faculty have asked for a reduced ticket price, and to accommodate this request we will offer a faculty/staff rate of \$350.00 per ticket. I hope this will encourage you to attend. Please confirm that you will be joining us by returning the response form at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sbstarsform> or calling the Benefit Office directly at (212) 786-6051. If you are unable to attend, I hope you will consider contributing to our scholarship campaign so that we can provide additional support for Stony Brook students.

I look forward to seeing you on April 28.

Sincerely,

Shirley Strum Kenny  
President