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## Volunteer grant

A new compact between Penn State Harrisburg (PSH) and Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) will help fund volunteer projects by clubs at both schools, according to the \$7,000 grant proposal.

Priority for the grants should be given to projects designed jointly by clubs at both schools, said Dr. Ruth Leventhal, PSH provost and dean. The grants will range between \$250 and \$500.

Clubs will compete for the grants which will be allocated by a steering committee made up of Janet Widoff, coordinator of student activities at PSH, Linton Saurman, Widoff's counterpart at HACC, two student leaders from each college, and a person representing the volunteer community.

The program is geared primarily toward projects in the public schools.

The Council on Public Education will identify projects needing volunteers in area public schools. Then the Council will present the ideas to the steering committee and student groups for possible adoption.

The grant will also support two

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## Artist donates painting to PSH

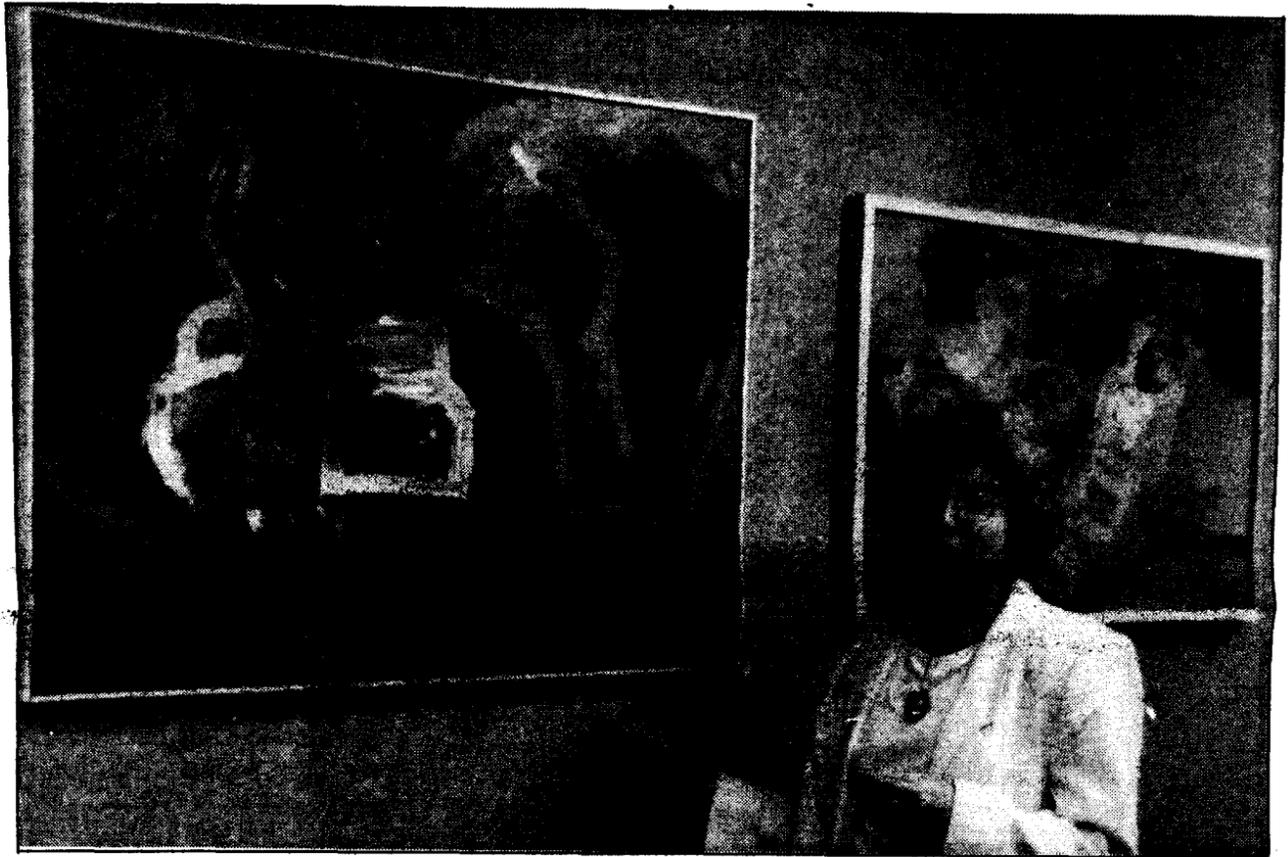


photo by Denina C. Benson

Virginia Cohn Parkum discusses her painting, "Liberation from the Golden Calf," which she donated to Penn State Harrisburg. She presented the painting Sept. 6 in the Gallery Lounge where her exhibit is on display until Sept. 29.

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'Say it ain't so, Joe, say it ain't so!'

## Pollster eyes president's 'kinder, gentler nation'

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National Pollster Louis Harris Sept. 7 discussed "Trends for the 90s and Beyond" to open the 1989-90 Lecture Series, "Alternative Visions: 2001," last week.

Harris, one of America's leading analysts of public opinion, began his lecture discussing the major trends of the 1980s before looking ahead to the 1990s.

He noted a considerable shift away from conservatism in the late 1980s. More people than ever before view themselves as moderates, Harris said. He attributes some of this to President Bush who is viewed as being much less conservative than President Reagan.

Harris also pointed out a major change in the people's priorities and concerns as a nation. He cited an

increasing economic fear of Japan instead of the military threat of the Soviet Union which has been a major public concern since the 1950s.

"Increasingly, over the past decade, we have felt challenged economically by the Japanese," he said.

Even though economic concerns still remain reasonably high, social concerns heavily outweigh economic self-interest, he said.

Harris sees President Bush's vision of "a kinder, gentler nation" coming true in the next decade.

The American public increasingly worries about the homeless, environmental problems, AIDS, increasing crime, and especially illegal use of drugs and the health care system, Harris said.

"The American people are more caring and compassionate for those who have the least," he said.

According to Harris, 87 percent of the people view the drug problem as a serious situation. He said that when the public was asked about how to fund President Bush's drug crusade, a 2-1 margin would cut defense, but a 4-1 margin say social programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Veteran's programs should be off limits.

The people would also like to see more funding for drug rehabilitation rather than assisting drug countries like Colombia and Peru, Harris said.

On drugs, Harris noted that as concern has risen, drug usage has declined. Since 1982, marijuana use has dropped from thirty-four percent to twenty percent, cocaine from 15 percent to 11 percent, and heroine from 13 percent to four percent, he said.

Another interesting fact is that

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