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towards private health care," said Dickinson. "They need to be sent a signal, there are a lot of ways that can be focused."

Professor Joe Ruggeri, who assisted in co-chairing the event, also discussed how the commitment towards health care can be increased.

"There is seven billion less in health care from the federal government than there was in 1977," said Ruggeri. "The feds have enough funds, there is no need for a new tax."

He continued by stating if the government projects the spending and

looked at project revenue, there would still be a surplus.

Andy Scott is in support of "buying change," meaning paying to attach strings to the CHST to see where it's going, even increasing the money for CHST itself.

Scott also showed his interest in creating a Canadian Post Secondary Education Act similar to that of the Health Care Act.

Many also discussed the possibility of putting less money put towards the debt and more money into funding social programs, which Scott also believed could be lobbied and said, "I

would be more inclined to the social aspect."

Upon discussing the ideas on early childhood development, Scott was quick to remark the government was not doing its job.

"We're not doing enough," said Scott. "We need to invest more money into [early childhood development]."

On the environmental side of things, Scott reaffirmed the fact he will be voting in support of Kyoto this Christmas, and is in support of more money for Biodiversity.

"Now that knowledge is taking over, New Brunswick has 100 years to catch

up with," said Scott. "Economy is structural. We need to enforce the ideas here that we have invested in the rest of Canada."

"I remember Paul Martin saying we are going to deal with it hell or high water, and if that argument can apply to the deficit, then it can be applied to the environment," quipped Scott.

Furthermore, in research and development, NB only receives four percent of the funding, most of that is here in Fredericton.

"My principle function is making sure that we're in on the knowledge agenda," said Scott.

During his final speech, one community member asked a simple question with a big answer: "So it's all your fault?"

This gentleman followed his question by asking if Scott is our representative in Ottawa and he is the closest thing he has to Ottawa then why is he not doing anything about it.

Scott responded by stating he is not satisfied either, but he puts the most time into the research and development issues.

"I try and outline the problems when I see them," said Scott. "If I don't say the national government is letting us down... who will?"

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market.

"Nothing frustrates me more than seeing people I graduated with have to leave the province in search of more employment opportunities," said Graham.

According to the liberal leader, the Lord Government still has its "head in the sand" when it comes to the faculty

shortage in the province.

He feels the report brought forward by the government last year was erroneous because they sent a message that there is not going to be enough jobs for teachers.

Moreover, Graham also supports the idea of earmarking the Canadian Health and Social Transfer (CHST) funding in order to hold the governments more accountable.

CHST is tax money given to the provincial governments by the federal government in order to pay for social programs. Right now, this money has no strings attached and some believe it should.

"I wanted them to open up the doors on accountability but the premier has restricted that from happening - that's unfortunate."

"No blood for oil"

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Montreal alone.

According to the *Globe and Mail*, Scott Weinstein of the Alliance Against the Occupation (a Jewish-Palestinian unity group) urged the Canadian government to not send the Canadian forces overseas.

"We want the government of Canada to listen to the people, not to the United States... We know that the United States is gunning for a war. They're using every excuse possible to launch a war against

Iraq and we don't want Canada to play poodle to the U.S.," said Weinstein.

A poll published for Time-CNN found 63 percent of Americans consider a conflict to be "inevitable."

The weather at Fredericton's protest mirrored the conditions at the other protest and seemed to parallel the emotions of the cause of the activists.

Next week, the fight continues for another group in the community, as there will be another protest on Sunday, November 24 at 1pm in front of city hall.

For more information on this cause, email the Fredericton Residents for Education on the Economically-motivated Deployment of the Military, F.R.E.E.D.O.M at frederictonfreedom@yahoo.com.

Attacks on five Asian women denounced: Vancouver

by Stephen Hui

VANCOUVER — Activists are condemning a series of attacks on Asian women in Vancouver as race-motivated sexist violence.

At least five attacks on Asian women in public places in Greater Vancouver have occurred in the past six months. International student Ji-Won Park was beaten and strangled in Stanley Park in May and most recently, student Amanda Wei Zhou was kidnapped in Burnaby and murdered. Speakers responded to the violence at a press conference at Simon Fraser University's Harbour Centre campus.

"Regardless of race all women can relate to these attacks. We all live with the fear or threat of rape," said Suzanne Jay, a worker at the Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter.

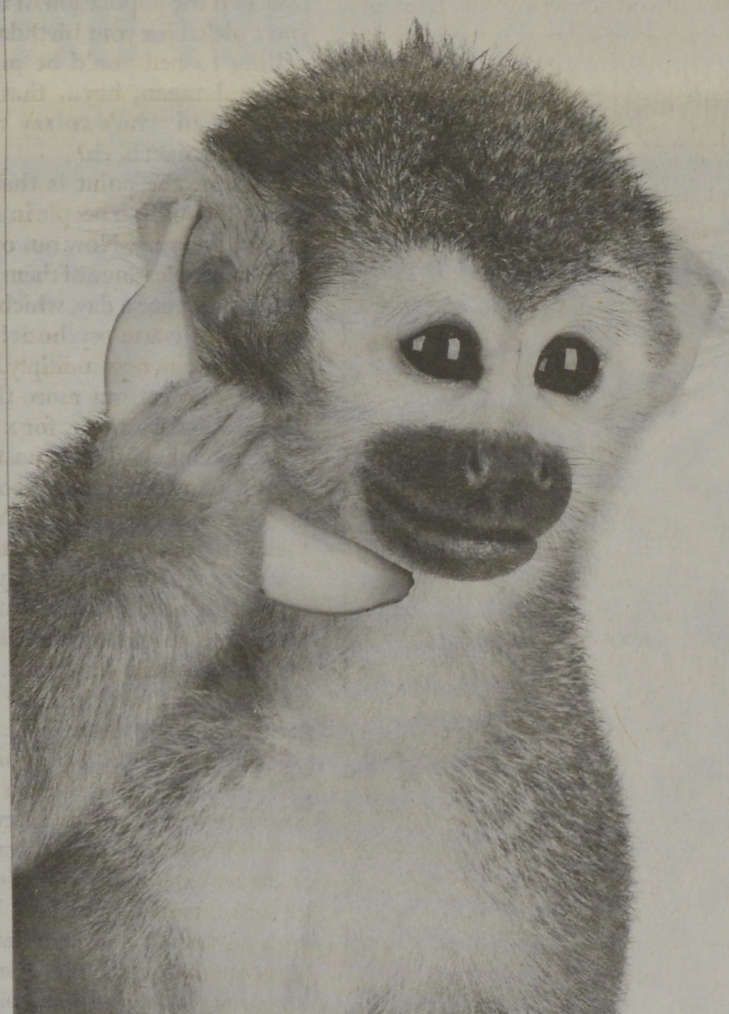
Jay suggested the attacks are part of a racist "backlash" against the growing number and prominence of persons of Asian ethnicities living in the Lower Mainland.

"The double standard of investigation must stop. It is not acceptable for any woman's life to be dismissed or ignored because of her race or her marginalized position in society or what she does to make a living or survive."

Jay agrees and points to Zhou's case as an example.

"We must address the fact that the officer who took the report felt comfortable dismissing the disappearance of an Asian woman in a municipality where another Asian woman had been attack less than 13 hours earlier," the rape crisis worker said.

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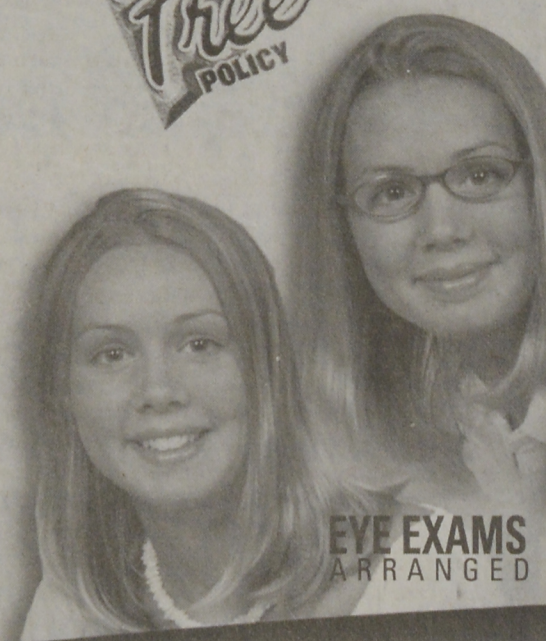
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