

LETTERS

Sens tix should go to Sens fans

Re: "Freebie tix defended" June 12

Here is what I think! The councillors should have not accepted those free tickets to go and see the Senators; those tickets should have went to the ones who can't afford them. They make more than enough to buy their own. The councillors should be treated like the firemen, paramedics and policemen (who do not accept gifts).

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NEW SCENERY Nadine Carroll, left, and Jeff Douglas, notice the large new NCC banner that was added yesterday above their Rideau Canal jogging route. The banners installed yesterday on McKenzie King Bridge commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Rideau Canal and the 150th anniversary of Ottawa being named Canada's capital.

U of O student to tackle HIV in India



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A University of Ottawa student hopes the offer of arts and sports programs will attract youth in numbers to hear his larger message of HIV and AIDS prevention when he travels to India this month.

Shamin Mohamed Jr., creator of the Children's AIDS Health Program, and four others will travel through India in hopes of distributing condoms and nutritional tablets to 500 at-risk youth participants, in five different communities.

Mohamed Jr. said the India mission would build off the success of an earlier, similar trip to South Africa in 2006.

"We impacted the lives of over 350 youth through arts, sports, HIV and AIDS prevention and leadership (in South Africa)," he said. "We distributed more than

19,000 herbal nutritional tablets (and) more than 500 condoms in areas that it wasn't provided."

While the group makes an impact on the ground in the field, the impact back at home is just as important, as over 2,000 youth across Canada are presented with the mission's findings, in hopes of recruiting more people to fight the AIDS epidemic.

"Our last long-term goal is to inspire (people) to take action," Mohamed Jr. said.

Asia has one of the highest growing rates of AIDS in the world and India has the highest number of unreported cases of HIV. The group sees first hand the devastation it brings.

"You see children who are infected or affected by HIV and AIDS, really through no fault of their own," said Jesse Janssen, University of Ottawa International Youth Delegate for the mission

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