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EDITORIAL

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Is it just me or does this month already seem as if it is flying by at a quick speed? I can't for the life of me comprehend this, but the difficulty I am having with day awareness could be influenced by the amount of time I have been spending in the sun. It may also be the bathtub sangria. Probably the latter.

Also, the College of New Caledonia parking lot is not as empty as I figured it would be, and the halls appear to have sprung back to life. It isn't the same as it was in September or January, but it beats having a ghost college.

In other Prince George news, there is a huge local debate regarding the issue of renaming "Fort George Park" to "Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park." As you can already guess, the majority of those against the name change have made comments that are ignorant and racist in nature. Many encourage us to looks at "the real history textbooks", which apparently state how the "HBC saved the Lheidli T'enneh peoples during harsh winters." Some of the better ones try to remind us how the Aboriginal population should just "get over it" because "history is history."

Aside from government financing boondoggles, a general lack of respect from government and law officials, racism from the general public, the Highway of Tears murders, 6(1) 6(2) status systems, and about a million other oppressive things, Aboriginals should just get over it, right? I mean, it is not like we kicked them off their land and planted a park atop a burial ground, right?

If you want to fight against this ignorant mindset, I would recommend you read some unbiased material on the subject, get in touch with our Aboriginal Students' Rep, Ken Solanis, about these issues, and/or volunteer for Aboriginal Day June 21st at Fort George Park.