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Project Update

The second quarter project is due at the beginning of class on Friday, 14 January 2000. I explained the project in the previous edition of *The Rat*, but in case you don't have it handy, here's a brief reminder. The project is to find and document written or spoken examples of the fallacies (formal and informal) that we are studying in class. Each student's grade will be based on the total number of fallacies and the number of different fallacy types he or she finds.

I gave the students the option of turning in fallacies they've found each week, or of waiting until the project due date and turning them in all at once. **FIELD**(child) **FIELD**(text)

There is still plenty of time left for every student to find enough fallacies to receive an A. *Time* magazine's "Person of the Century" issue alone is loaded with fallacious reasoning.

Scheduling a Meeting

As we are now almost one-half way through the school year, I'd like to meet with at least one of you to discuss how **FIELD**(child) is doing in the class. I anticipate that about 10-15 minutes is all that will be necessary. I can meet at your home or at the school, whichever is more convenient for you. In general, early evenings on Tuesday or Wednesday are the best times for me, but other times and days are also possible if necessary.

Please look at your schedules and let me know some dates and times that would be convenient for you. You can do this by sending a note to school with your child, or by sending email to me at either of the following addresses: <holloway@clearlight.com>, or <logic@teacher.com>.

Verses/Quotes

Just in case **FIELD**(child) hasn't kept you up to date with the verses and quotes we've been memorizing in class, here's a list:

- G. K. Chesterton: "People generally quarrel because they cannot argue."
- Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.
- Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, But the mouth of fools spouts folly.
- Proverbs 25:28 Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls. [NKJV]
- Proverbs 13:10 Through presumption comes nothing but strife, But with those who receive counsel is wisdom.
- Jonathan Edwards: "Truth ... [is] the consistency and agreement of our ideas with the ideas of God. ... God is truth itself."
- Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, But with the humble is wisdom.
- Winston Churchill (the *real* Person of the Century): "It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations."

Until next time,