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AGI/NSTA Earth Science Examination

Plans are now underway to develop a second edition of the AGI/NSTA Earth Science Examination scheduled for release during the 1991-92 academic year. The developers of the test are asking that persons in the earth science education community provide feedback concerning the first edition of the exam (published in 1988) and submit new items for inclusion in the second edition.

The exam was originally developed by a joint task force of the American Geological Institute (AGI) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) with the cooperation of the National Association of Geology Teachers and the National Earth Science Teachers Association. Over 400 professionals contributed to its development.

Designed to provide teachers with a tool for evaluating student achievement and program design in the earth sciences, the multiple-choice, high-school-level examination targets several areas including problem solving, interaction of earth science, technology and society, nature of science and earth science concepts. Forty-five percent of the questions were designed to utilize maps, diagrams, data tables, graphs and reference tables.

Persons interested in contributing to the second edition of this examination should contact AGI/NSTA Earth Science Examination, National Center for Earth Science Education, American Geological Institute, 4220 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. The deadline for new question submissions is February 15, 1990, and all questions must be submitted on special forms available from the AGI/NSTA examination program.

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Brochure on "Careers in Animal Behavior" Offered

The Education Committee of the Animal Behavior Society has produced a brochure titled "Careers in Animal Behavior." The brochure, available free-of-charge for single copies, includes sections such as "What is animal behavior?", "What education and/or training is needed for a career in animal behavior?" and "What career opportunities are available in animal behavior?" In the career opportunities section, students and teachers will find descriptions of jobs ranging from animal trainers to positions in government and private institutions.

To receive a copy of "Careers in Animal Behavior," contact Dr. L.E. Williams, Department of Cooperative Medicine, University of South Alabama Medical College, 1040 Medical Sciences Building, Mobile, AL 36688.

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