

## **SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER UPON HIRING A TUTOR**

- (1) The tutor's main function is to help the student understand concepts and apply this understanding to geologic problems. Problem-solving logic and methodology will probably be emphasized.
- (2) Because you have to pay a tutor, you should prepare to make the most efficient use of his/her time. You should already have a familiarity with the course material, even if you do not understand it all. You should work, or at least attempt, the assigned problems before a tutorial session.
- (3) You should formulate a list of questions to ask your tutor, questions about problems you have worked on, but do not understand. If you are prepared, the tutor can probably help you overcome your difficulty quickly and easily. If not, you will probably waste both your money and your time.
- (4) A tutor does not know what will be on an exam.
- (5) A tutor will not guarantee a passing grade nor take responsibility for your performance in a course - and will probably not feel obligated to help you if you have not opened a book in weeks.
- (6) Finally, you should realize that tutors are most often students themselves and may have priorities in their own work which limit the amount of time they can spend helping you.