

PIONEERS

This issue of the Journal is dedicated to the following pioneers who have been a constant source of inspiration.

High quality micro computer programs with good interactive graphics are an urgent need for the advancement of Rock Mechanics teaching, research and for applications in Rock Engineering. The focus has now shifted from measurement to computation.

- Charles Fairhurst, 1973.

Theory is useless without application.

- Thomas Alva Edison

The foundation of all concepts is simple unsophisticated experience Personal experience is every thing And logical consistency is not final.

*-D.T. Suzuki, Professor of Philosophy,
Otani University, Japan*

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

-Lloyd Jones

It is easier to develop a zero-defect product than one with an acceptable level of defects..... It is cheaper to do things right the first time.

- Phil Crosby, 1996

Liberty is the only condition for growth.

-Swami Vivekanand

Nature has so made us that we do not see our backs; It is reserved for others to see them. Hence it is wise to profit by what they see.

-Mahatma Gandhi