

Old Persean News

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A message from the President

Our Annual Dinner was held at the school this year. It was a great success – the school hall lent itself very well to the occasion, and I think we may be returning in the future! My congratulations go to the caterers for an excellent meal and a great new feature this year was our own two accompanying jazz musicians, Tim Beeson-Jones and Tom Goddin (OPs themselves) who were extremely talented and added much enjoyment to our evening. The Head was also pleased to catch a couple of OPs who still owed him homework from a few years ago ... a great time was had by all!

Ashley Edgar

OP cricket match

This was held on Speech Day this year; Perse - 174 all out, Old Perseans - 147 all out. The school won by 27 runs in a close match.



Old Persean directs West End play

Former Perse pupil, Colin McFarlane, better known for his acting roles in films like *Batman: The Dark Knight*, in which he played Commissioner Gillian B. Loeb, has been directing a production of *Marilyn & Ella*, Bonnie Greer's bold new play about the friendship between Marilyn Monroe and Ella Fitzgerald, at the Apollo Theatre, London. This opened in November to excellent reviews.

Events

Thursday 10 December 2009:

Lehman Brothers Varsity Match, 2pm kick-off Twickenham.

Tuesday 15 December 2009:

7.30pm Carol Service, St John's College Chapel (Please contact Amanda Augstein on events@perse.co.uk or 01223 403838 if you would like to attend).

Wednesday 28 April 2010:

Norwich OP Reunion, Blackfriars Hall, Norwich.

Thursday 6 May 2010:

OP Annual AGM and Open Day – Exciting New Event – read more on page 2.

Friday 21 May 2010:

Bristol OP Reunion, Clifton Pavilions, Bristol Zoo Gardens.

Saturday 26 June 2010:

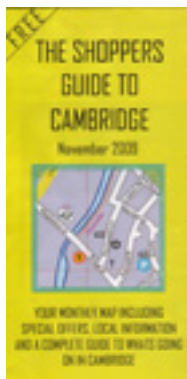
OP Cricket Match. We intend to hold the 2010 OP cricket game on the afternoon of Speech Day. We hope that a number of current pupils will stay on to watch the match and enjoy the post Speech Day refreshments.

OP Dinner

The Old Perseans' Annual Dinner 2009 came home to The Upper School this year. Over a hundred OPs and their guests enjoyed an evening of musical entertainment, tours around the school and photographic displays of their time at The Perse from 1944 to 2004. We had a tremendous range of ages with over half the guests 28-years and under. Dinner and conversation followed with a 'Headmaster' Sudoku quiz and a smattering of teachers to keep the wine flowing throughout the evening. Ed Elliott, Head, gave an update on the changes and developments at the school.



The Perse is organising future OP events in Bristol and Norwich (see front page). For more information on these or to book a place please complete the enclosed form or contact The Development Office on 01223 403838



Old Perseans launch 'The Shoppers Guide to Cambridge'

Two Old Perseans, Omar Soubra (2004) and Rob Hughes (2004) have designed The Shoppers Guide to Cambridge leaflets, giving information on forthcoming events and shows, museums and clubs in Cambridge. On the reverse side is a map with points of interest and a full range of shopping facilities. For a free leaflet please contact Amanda Augstein on alumni@perse.co.uk

Old Persean Open Day 2010 – A stroll down Memory Lane with Dr Rowse

Come along to the OP Open Day on 6th May 2010 and be treated to a tour of Histon Manor, the former home of Dr Rowse (Headmaster 1902-1928), by kind permission of Mr Peter Biggs (1947) who has offered to give OPs a tour around his estate. There are many things to see pertaining to Dr Rowse, from an original sundial he was given as a retirement present from the school, to the library where afternoon teas and classroom sessions took place. This is an occasion not to be missed! Please complete the enclosed form if you would like to attend this one-off event.

Degree news

Congratulations to the following OPs who have been awarded degrees:

Gabrielle Barrett (2005)

English Literature

Matthew Barfield (2007)

MML

Kathryn Birch (2005)

Psychology

Sarah Bugg (2006)

English Literature

Edward Cassels (2004)

History

Tim Cook (2004)

History-International Relations

Arthur Gant (2005)

Economics

Jonathan Gaunt (2004)

Natural Sciences

David Green (2005)

Economics

Andrew Hills (2003)

MBBS Medicine & Surgery

Yaoyao Liu (2005)

Chemical Engineering

Kate Muir-Jones (2005)

History

Mark Summers (2005)

Ancient History

Nathan Wade-Gledhill (2003)

MBBS Medicine (Clinical)

James Quelch (2006)

English Literature

Your stories and news



Simon Akam 2003

Peter Smith and I both left The Perse in 2003. Peter went on to University College, Oxford to read mathematics, while

I spent in a year in the Army on a Gap Year Commission. I then followed him to Oxford, where I read English at Worcester College. We both graduated in 2007. Peter toyed with a Masters at Cambridge, and then joined the Army, as he had intended since adolescence. By contrast I went to the Middle East to learn Arabic and freelance, and then won a Fulbright scholarship to Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in New York.

While at Columbia I gained a place on a fellowship at the New York Times - to work there between graduating from Columbia and the end of my visa. I began working there in June.

Peter commissioned from Sandhurst in August, and deployed to Afghanistan shortly afterwards. While staying at my godfather's house in Mexico I had the idea of sending him the ultimate care package from New York, a city he had never visited. I thought the package could make a good story too.

I pitched the idea to an editor, who agreed. I then spent several weeks scouring New York for items to include, trying to fit as much of the city as possible within the 2 kg limit prescribed by the British Forces Post Office. In the end the package was a real mix of items: from delicatessen salami to a caricature

of Peter drawn by a Times Square artist to a fragment of glass from the World Trade Center and a copy of the New Yorker magazine.

The story ran in the paper's Sunday Metropolitan section, and online there was a slideshow detailing the contents. It garnered a very positive response.

I had sworn Peter's friends and family not to tell him that the package was on its way, but suspected that after the article ran, news would filter through to him. However, it did not, and when the shoebox size parcel arrived around three weeks later it came as a complete surprise. I spoke to him on the phone later that week and I think it boosted his morale.

To see full article and slideshow visit www.nytimes.com/2009/10/11/nyregion/11care.ready.html



Alistair Corden 1964

'They' predicted I would fail all three A-Level exams in 1964, and 'they' were right, so after I left The Perse I

joined the Air Force and learned to fly. There followed eleven years of travel around the world, including two years in Cyprus and enough stories to keep me going for the next twenty years. By 1975 due to government cutbacks, there was a surplus of pilots, so they offered to let some of us go (the original 'cash for clunkers' programme). I left, and became a Hydrographic Surveyor working for Decca Survey in the North Sea, spending the next three years on a collection of

construction barges and survey boats in an extremely hostile work environment. The North Sea in winter easily rivals anything you see on The Discovery Channels' "Deadliest Catch". The Oil and Gas business finally took me to Houston, TX, Alaska, and the Gulf of Mexico where, with incredibly good timing, I arrived about the same time as the bottom fell out of the oil market, and 50% of us joined the ranks of the unemployed.

After a difficult year, I went to work for Flight Safety International as a flight instructor in their Hawker Business Jet programme, I think they felt a British aeroplane should be taught by an instructor with an English accent, which was fine by me. I went on to join a Regional Airline and finally became Director of Pilot Training at Piedmont

Airlines before taking a similar position with a start-up airline in Philadelphia, PA, USA3000. Three years later I took early retirement, my wife is a Captain for SouthWest Airlines, and any pilot will tell you there can't be two Captains in one household. One of us had to quit.

My years at The Perse were not distinguished by academic excellence, but I have to say what I learned in those years stood me in great stead for the patchwork quilt of my life, and a large measure of thanks go to Beryl and Keith Barry for the two years I spent in the Junior Boarding House, a difficult environment for a nine year old boy to adapt to, and it is only many years later I came to appreciate their kindness.



Askari Townshend 1996

After qualifying as a doctor in 2002, Askari Townshend went on to train as a surgeon. During this time, Askari

began to build up a loyal base of private clients for his Botox and aesthetic

treatments. By 2007 it was time to make an important choice: stay in the NHS or concentrate on his own business full-time. Not being one for taking the safe option, Askari opened the Townshend Skin Clinic in April 2008. Set in a beautiful Grade II listed building in the heart of Northampton, the clinic is registered as an Independent Hospital and offers a wide range of medical

beauty treatments from laser hair removal to non-surgical breast enhancement and laser liposuction.

Despite the "credit crunch" the business has grown steadily and the future looks bright. Future plans include expanding services offered to include high end beauty, complimentary therapies and physiotherapy.

Your stories and news



Brian Lux
1948

I qualified as a dental surgeon at Guy's Hospital Dental School in 1956, joining the hospital Boxing

Team. I became the London Hospital's Light Welter Champion, to the delight of my father who had been a Boxing Champion of the Sherwood Foresters in WW1. That boxing interest has continued, becoming a qualified ABA coach, and being the co-founder of Sale West ABA with Paul Dunne. Our most notable boxer is Ricky Hatton, who won every amateur title with us before turning professional.

My professional life was in General Practice, and my interest in writing continues with a monthly column in 'Dental Practice.' I was an elected member of the General Dental Council for 25 years, and served on the Fitness to Practice committee many times. However,

with my interest in treatment of addicted colleagues well known, I am proud to have been instrumental in the setting up of a Health Committee to help, rather than punish, colleagues. A very proud moment for me was to be inducted as a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, an international Honour institution, in Chicago in 2000, nominated by my USA colleagues for my work with addiction.

I have been a member of the Dental Practitioners Association since qualifying, and was President twice. Another honour was, unexpectedly, presented to me at the AGM in May 2008, when I was the first recipient of the Fellowship of the DPA.

Major surgery 14 years ago hastened my retirement in 1998, and I undertook two Legs of the Clipper 98 Round the World Yacht Race, before settling in North Wales with my second wife, Gale, and our two rescue dogs. I still sail, with my small yacht based in Caernarfon, and am a member of the Royal Welsh Yacht Club, with a five year stint as secretary.

I have saved the best till last, with a new career as a children's author, having been the Wales region winner of a national novel writing competition. Court of Foxes was launched in 2008 at the Cardiff Millenium Centre, and my days are full, with book signings and visiting schools. Retire? What does that mean.

We have been very fortunate over the years to have received books donated by OP authors. We are always interested in publications written by OPs – if you have recently written a book and would like to donate a copy to the school library or advertise it in the newsletter, please contact Amanda Augstein at alumni@perse.co.uk. In the last 12 months we have received publications from Donald Kenrick (1947), Philip Graham (1949), Michael Loewe (1941) and Rana Dasgupta (1990).



Peter L. Rothholz,
1945

At about the same time as I received my B.A. with Honours in History, the Korean War broke out. I was

just 21, classified 1-A by my Draft Board and was not qualified for any occupation deemed to be essential. I was consequently inducted into the army a few months later and for the next two years my body belonged to Uncle Sam.

As I began infantry basic training in Indiana, I recalled my service with what was then called the Junior Training Corps and I asked The Perse Contingent Commanding Officer, Mr. Percival, for a recommendation, naively believing that this might prove helpful. While Mr. Percival's note was of no consequence to anyone in the U.S. Army, my cadet experience did prepare me both physically and mentally for military

service. That was the first tangible benefit of my Perse education.

Some ten years later, after having held executive positions with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and one of America's largest tour operators, I opened my own public relations agency. My previous work experience led me into the realm of tourism marketing and economic development. Once again, my Perse education gave me a significant advantage.

Less than a year after opening my own company, we were invited to compete for the Barbados Tourism account. While at school, my favourite subjects were History and Geography and I was especially interested in studying the British Empire. This knowledge gave me a competitive advantage when making my "pitch" in Barbados. While that alone might have been enough to land the account, the "icing on the cake" was the lucky coincidence that the wife of one of the key Board members had attended The Perse Girls School. We retained

Barbados as a client from 1964 until my retirement in 2001!

Our work for Barbados helped us to build a reputation and in 1973 we were invited to "pitch" another Commonwealth account: New Zealand Tourism. Again, my Perse education gave me an edge in terms of knowledge, but it wasn't that which clinched the deal. Rather it was the fact that I played Rugby for The Perse 2nd XV – and in New Zealand, where Rugby is virtually a "religion" that was significant. New Zealand became a client for the next 15 years.

It was not only in business, however, where my Perse education paid off. It was while at The Perse from 1943-45 (when for family reasons I emigrated to the USA) that I gained a deep appreciation for literature, the theatre and the importance of sound written and oral communication. For that, I shall be eternally grateful to my Perse masters, most especially Mr. Richardson (History) and Mr. Ramsbottom (Geography).

Dipping into the school archives ...



Extracts from Pelican Magazine – Summer 1950

Fives

The outstanding feature of Fives this term has been the defeat of the Old Perseans by 105 points to 102. It was a very close match and the score shows how narrow the margin was at the finish. The first pair, Gadsby and Moore, won both their matches, but the second pair, Harris and Tyack, became unsteady when they were in a winning position and just failed against both the opposing pairs. Colours were awarded to Gadsby and Tyack. As Fives is so popular in the School, it seems a pity that one of the courts is still a furniture repository and that condition of the other is so poor. A board is still needed for the singles court and the floor and walls of the doubles court are badly in need of repair. The only solution would be complete reconstruction of the courts replacing them by covered courts of an authorized pattern, so that matches could be played against colleges and other schools.



Combined Cadet Force

The Annual Inspection, the climax of the CCF year, took place on Thursday 22 June on the school field. Two years ago an Old Persean inspected the JTC. This year, Air Commodore TN McEvoy CBE, the son of an Old Persean, inspected the contingent and took the Salute at the march past. For the first time, not only the army, but also the naval and air force sections paraded under arms and, drawn up in the extended line, they formed an impressive array. The extremely smart turn-out and the

steadiness maintained during the general salute and the inspection, gained high commendation from the inspecting officer and his staff. Their satisfaction adequately rewarded the effort and skill shown and required on this ceremonial occasion. On June 14th, the Headmaster kindly permitted a party of 45 cadets from all sections to visit the Royal Tournament at Earls Court, London. This display of precision, pageantry and coordinated teamwork set a standard which the contingent must consistently strive to achieve.

Extracts from Pelican Magazine - 1999

Overheard sayings

It's all about wild, decadent, drunken, hedonistic orgies – and that's what I want you to get into.

Why are you late boy? Because the bell rang before I got here.

How many people have you lost sir? I haven't lost any, they lost themselves.

I can imagine Mr Jones wearing frog's legs earrings.

Is there a red-light district in Bruges?

My granddad was an African tribal chief and my dad escaped from Alcatraz.

Roman tombs were so magnificent that people were dying to get into them.



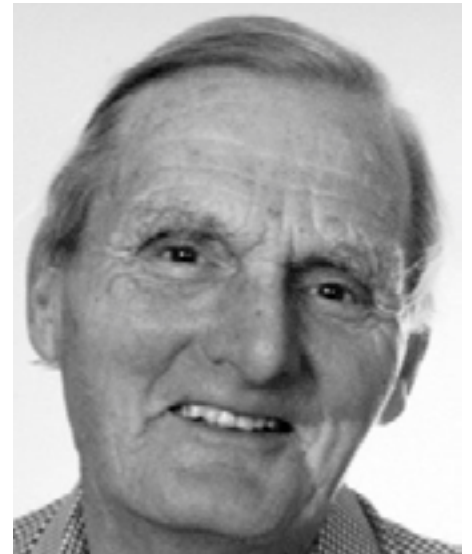
Obituaries



George Hazon Field 1933

Grateful thanks to Else Field for the following:

George left The Perse School in 1933 and fought in the Second World War, becoming badly injured at Dunkirk in 1940. He survived his injuries and married Else in 1948. They bought a farm together at Calthwaite, Penrith in Cumbria in 1951 and spent 61 happy years together. He was a wonderful husband and father of three sons, grandfather of seven and great-grandfather of four.



Robin Kipping 1949

Grateful thanks to Frances Kipping for the photo and following:

Frederic Robin Kipping (known as Robin) was born in Cambridge, the second son of Professor Stanley and Margaret Kipping. He was educated at The Perse from 1944 to 1949. He attended Pembroke College 1950-1953 and successfully obtained a chemistry degree whilst representing Cambridge at tennis, and becoming a Full Blue. He continued to play county tennis, represented England and captaining the team against Scotland. He played at Wimbledon for three years and succeeded in getting through several rounds.

In 1953 Robin married Gyllian Newman, daughter of a Dudley, tailor (George Penderleith), based on Kings Parade Cambridge. They had 3 children; Nigel (Chicago), Frances (Watford) and Charles (Poole), and 3 grandchildren, one of whom plays tennis for Dorset. Robin joined ICI Plastics Division after university, based in Welwyn Garden City, with spells in New York and Manchester during his career. After leaving ICI, he formed his own consultancy company with ex colleagues for a couple of years. Upon his final retirement Robin lived in Harpenden with Sheila, playing golf in favour of tennis and enjoyed travelling.

Donald Kidman c1933

Grateful thanks to Colin Kidman for the following:

Born on 9th February 1916, Donald gained a scholarship to The Perse School where he was a scholar when Dr Rouse was headmaster. Having achieved a good result in the Oxford & Cambridge School Certificate examination, he left to go to the London Polytechnic to study a three year course in Quantity Surveying at the end of which he was awarded a professional associate-ship in the Chartered Surveyors' Institution (now the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors). He applied for, and gained an appointment with the Air Ministry as a quantity surveyor and was posted to Norfolk to work at West Rainham Aerodrome then under construction. With the threat of war he volunteered to join the RAF Volunteer Reserve. After he was commissioned, his squadron went to France to build advance runways. At the time of Dunkirk, he was evacuated via the west coast port of St Nazaire and returned to England.

After a short spell in the West Country supervising repairs to bombed runways, Donald was dispatched to Iceland to organise improvements to the runway at Reykjavik, then being used as a refuelling stop. The trip was aborted when he

found the Air Ministry's specification was totally unsuitable for Icelandic conditions! Appointed to command a squadron, he was sent to Egypt to support the 8th Arm with advance runways. He went from there to Malta, to Sicily and then back to Normandy and through to the Netherlands after D Day. During his wartime service he was mentioned in Despatches three times. Once the war was over, he returned to Cambridge and joined the family building firm but never really settled. Offered a permanent commission in the Royal Engineers, he accepted and his restless spirit was rewarded with various postings including Cyprus during the 'troubles', and eventually to Kenya to supervise the construction of a Two Battalion Headquarters near Nairobi. Shortly after the contract was completed, Kenya gained independence. Offered an appointment in the War Office in Whitehall, he declined and decided to retire and return to England where he had homes in Devon, Scotland, Cornwall and Somerset. He died on 31st October 2008, aged 92 and his restless energy finally expired. Donald married twice, first in 1946 to Enid Vandepier who sadly died while they were living in Kenya. He later married Penelope nee Rattray who survives him and now lives with her family in Scotland.



Derek Bishop 1947

Grateful thanks to June Bishop for the following:

Derek joined The Perse Preparatory School in 1936 and after leaving the Upper School in 1947, trained to be a teacher. He taught history at Dunstable and then Maidenhead Grammar Schools. He went on to Educational Administration at Chelmsford, Swindon and Norwich and retired as Deputy Education Officer for Norfolk. He was then instrumental in helping to set-up a study centre at Norwich Cathedral. He enjoyed this part-time for several years. He leaves a wife, June, two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.

David Long 1951

After leaving The Perse, David Long performed his National Service as a translator for MI5. His skills with language subsequently led him to travel to Hong Kong where he spent a few years in the police force. Returning to England in the late 1950s, he married a local Cambridge girl, Patricia Males, migrated to Australia and worked in the Insurance industry. In 1964 they returned to England and his only son, Gregory, was born. David and Patricia separated in 1969 and his wife and son

relocated to Sydney, Australia. For the next five years he owned and managed Astar Real Estate until 1974. In 1978 David married Dianne Fisher. He and Dianne enjoyed a happy married life in Redditch with David raising Dianne's son, Scott as his own. In 1998 David's estranged son, Gregory located him from Australia and they were able to meet a few times and renew their relationship over the next decade. Cancer claimed David's life on 31 March 2009. He will be greatly missed.



Leonard Salter 1945

Grateful thanks to Philip Salter for photo and the following:

Leonard Harold Salter, was born in Glasgow on 8th February, 1930, to Philip and Gladys Salter whose surname at that time was Seltser, and which was later altered in order to sound more English.

Philip Salter, who had started his own lampshade company in 1938, died in 1941 aged thirty-five from a kidney disease, leaving behind his wife to bring up our father, who was then aged only eleven, and his five year old sister. The loss of his father at such a young age obviously left a

profound effect on our father for the remainder of his life (it should be added that at the time of my grandfather's death, many other young men were losing their lives fighting in WW II), and because his mother was now running the family business it proved impossible to bring up the children, necessitating that both our father and his sister Corinne be sent away to school. Our father entered The Perse school in 1942 at the age of twelve and enjoyed his time there as a boarder in Hillel House, East House until 1945. He was a keen sportsman, participating in cricket, tennis, fives, football and rugby, gaining house colours. He was interviewed in 2006 about his reminiscences of the period and appeared to have many fond recollections of staff and the happy times he enjoyed there. Happily, this interview is preserved on disc and is available if anyone would like a copy.

Our father and mother were married in 1956 in Leeds, from where our mother originated, and they lived in Manchester for the remainder of their lives. During that time, our father ran the lampshade business, counting many of the famous high street stores amongst his valued customers. He would often travel to meetings with clients around the country or go on buying expeditions to Italy, America or even Norway. He ran a tight ship but was respected by workers and customers alike. There is no question that he was a born salesman, a trait he had inherited from his father.

Our father was a keen mason and, had he lived another three months, he would have

reached his fiftieth year as a member of his Lodge in Manchester. He was also a keen golfer, and at one stage in his career had even achieved a seven handicap. For a number of years he sang bass in his synagogue's choir. He gave a wonderful performance as Alfred Doolittle in *My Fair Lady* in 1977 in a local amateur production and later on played Lazar Woolf in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He also acted in the capacity of chairman of the society in its early years.

It will be recalled by old boys of The Perse that our father was instrumental in arranging a reunion within the last few years. He even met up with Ronnie Sivan, an Old Persean in Jerusalem, and went to visit him discovering that Ronnie's father had been the musical director of Gilbert & Sullivan operas in British Mandate Palestine in the 1920's. This was especially interesting as Paul, Len's younger son, is now musically directing Gilbert & Sullivan operas in Jerusalem in 2009!

Our father loved his five grandchildren and was a very supportive parent and grandparent. In general he enjoyed people – enjoyed helping them and hearing their histories. He was always friendly and would make acquaintances very easily. Our children joke that he could find a new friend and have swapped e-mail addresses in a mere three floor journey in a lift! He was very energetic until his final brief illness and is sadly missed by family and friends. Leonard Salter passed away on 23rd March 2009. If any readers have recollections of our father we would be glad to hear them.

Obituaries



Aidan Southall 1939

Grateful thanks to Frances Southall for photo and the following:

Warwickshire-born Aidan Southall helped invent urban anthropology, pioneered in the study of African cities and became a fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain – because of a banana boat. The son of an Anglican parson, Southall earned his bachelor's degree at Cambridge University, where, as he put it, "I didn't write Greek poetry well enough to suggest I would have a brilliant career in classics." So his tutor suggested anthropology, and during Southall's gap year in 1939, he hopped aboard a banana boat headed for Jamaica.

The captain dawdled his way to the island because the bananas weren't ready for picking, giving Southall time to watch flying fish and read two classics of early anthropology: "Argonauts of the Western Pacific" by Bronislaw Malinowski and "The Mind of Primitive Man" by Franz

Boas. The books, combined with a stay in Jamaica where he met a teenager named Michael Manley, who later became the country's prime minister, changed his life. "I became more open to the outer world and its intriguing attractions," he said. In 1945 Southall flew on a British Airways flying boat from Southampton to Uganda via Cairo, a trip that, despite using a form of transport theoretically faster than a banana boat, took several weeks. He began teaching at the University of East Africa (now Makerere University) in Kampala, Uganda, where he served on the faculty for 13 years.

He also did doctoral fieldwork (Ph.D., University of London) for two years among the Alur people in northwestern Uganda, becoming one of the first post-World War II fieldworkers who established anthropology as a systematic discipline in Africa. The Alur didn't know what to make of Southall: "There were three categories of white people for the Alur – government officials, traders and missionaries – and I didn't belong to any of them", he said. His 1956 book, "Alur Society," was a path-breaking approach to historical ethnography when that was rare in anthropology.

During the 1950s, when most anthropologists were studying rural and village cultures, he turned his attention to towns and cities as urbanization gathered speed in Africa. Ranging broadly on the continent, he gained fluency not only in the Nilotic languages spoken by the Alur, but also in Luganda, Swahili and French.

In 1961-62 Southall served as a visiting professor at the University of Chicago. He also taught at the University of California, Los Angeles (1962); Syracuse University (1964-69); and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1964-90).

(One of his Syracuse students, Donna Shalala, became chancellor of UW-Madison, then secretary of health and human services under President Bill Clinton, and now is president of the University of Miami.)

Southall was an active international leader in urban anthropology up to and beyond his retirement in 1990. In 1989 he co-chaired the First International Urban Anthropology Conference, held in Beijing, China. In 1998 his sixth book on urban anthropology, "The City in Time and Space: From Birth to Apocalypse," was published by Cambridge University Press, which is still in print. A University of Chicago reviewer called the book "a tour de force" and said that Southall "is probably the only scholar who could have written this book, which distils a lifetime's reflection on the most complex artifact ever devised by man into a narrative intelligible to all with a serious concern for the human environment." In addition to the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain, Southall was a fellow of the International African Institute, the African Studies Association of the U.S.A. and the American Anthropological Association.

Sad losses



Colin Wakefield Franklin (1950)

Peter Hudson (1970)

Brian Lawson (1944)

Thomas Farrington Morris (1937)

Richard Naylor (c1936)

Michael Steinberg (1943)

Bob Tilney (1951)

John Stevens (2004)

The Perse was very sad to learn that OP John Stevens died tragically on 2nd August 2009. The school offers its most sincere condolences to all John's family and friends.