

P.J.S. Young

James Young, elected a member of the Council of the Siam Society at the Annual General Meeting in March 1970, died tragically at the age of 31 in the early hours of Monday 18 May 1970.

A native of Great Britain, he studied Philosophy at Cambridge, where he was President of the University Buddhist Association. He first came in contact with South East Asia through National Service duties in Malaysia and joined the import-export firm of Jardine Waugh & Co. to come to Thailand seven years ago. He developed a passionate interest in the customs, history and people of the area and acquired considerable fluency in spoken and written Thai, Laos and Khmer. He built up an extensive library of rare books on Siam and collected old prints, particularly maps, of the peninsula. By day he was a business executive furthering sales of commercial commodities and in his spare time he pursued his scholarly and cultural interests. He left a number of unedited research papers, a complete card-index bibliography of books on Siam, as well as a massive collection of records and tapes of 17th and 18th century music.

He joined the Siam Society in 1962 and worked on the Editorial Committee from 1969. He wrote reviews of publications dealing with 16th and 17th century Siam in English in *JSS* and in Thai in *Sangkomsathoritat*. He will be long remembered for his intelligence, charm and good sense.

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