Les A. Murray, who hails from a dairy farm at Bunyah, near Wallis Lake, has been called by the critic T.H. Naisby "arguably the leading Australian poet of his generation". During a period as the University's Writer-In-Residence lasting for all of this term, Les will be giving public readings of his poetry, talking to students and members of staff and meeting local artists. He says that he is happy to look also at the work of budding poets and to advise them.

Soon after he arrived on the campus, his Selected Poems, The Vernacular Republic was republished, with about 100 new poems added, by Angus and Robertson in Australia and Canongate in the United Kingdom. Persea, of New York, will shortly release his latest book.

Les Murray was born in 1938 in Nabiac and grew up on his father's farm in the forest and foothills country between Forster and Gloucester. He gained a schooling by correspondence until he was nine and learned to read from "Messie" Encyclopedia. Les received his further education at Nabiac Central School, Taree High School and The University of Sydney.

He says that he first had an inkling that he might be a poet in December, 1956 when he was almost 18 years old. "It was one mosquito-ridden evening beside the river at the Old Mill at Coolongolook, looking out over the water and thinking, yes, that might be the thing to do. I'd only just discovered poetry. I'd always dodged poetry but was 'turned on' by Mr. McLaughlin, the English Master at Taree High School."

He has held several jobs, notably as a translator at the Australian National University, Canberra, and as an officer of the Prime Minister's Department.

With his friend Geoffrey Lehmann, he brought out his first book of verse, The Illness, which won the Grace Leven Prize. Les A. Murray's poetic output also includes The Weathervane Cathedral, Poems About Economics, The Boys Who Stole The Funeral and Lunch and Counter Lunch.

It is interesting to note that Les is not only physically a big poet but he is also the biggest seller of poetry in Australia. As a Sydney Morning Herald reviewer said recently: "For the 20,000 readers who have bought Murray's 1976 Selected Poems it should be quite a joy to trade it in on the new model, distinctly superior ...."

He has gone to Europe several times, the reason for the last visit in 1981 being to stay at Stirling University in Scotland as Writer-In-Residence.

Since 1971 he has been a full-time freelance writer specialising in poetry. The Murrays and their five children live at Chatswood.

The Writer-In-Residence is attached to the Department of English. He has a niche in the Department (Room 122) where he will greet visitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

He is well-known for his long poem-cycle, The Bulahdelah-Taree Holiday-Song-Cycle, from This Place: Poetry of the Hunter Valley. The poem won first prize in the Melbourne Herald C.J. Dennis Memorial Poetry Competition of 1976.
Letters to Editor

Dear Sir,

Professor Keats takes me to task for suggesting a separate Faculty for Computer Science and allied studies. Here is self as a Faculty for computing enrol for the Diploma in Computer Science. A sub-committee of the Board was set up comprising the then Dean (Professor Campbell), Dr. Bean and yours truly. We devised appropriate modifications to the Diploma regulations which were approved by the Board. They were then rejected outright by the Faculty of Mathematics and the proposal died. Upon such evidence I rest my case.

Since my initial letter appeared in print many colleagues have expressed support but have suggested that there is no hope whatever of creating a separate Faculty in the present climate. I still believe a separate Faculty is warranted because the broad field of Computing and Information Science is one of the most distinctive new disciplines to emerge in the twentieth century. But I must be practical. If a new Faculty is out of the question then let us have a Department of Computing with cross Faculty links. As a precedent, the Department of Psychology has advantageous ties with both the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science. In the meantime, the University endures its winter of fiscal frostbite, why not create a Department of Computing in like fashion, with links to the Faculty of Commerce and the Faculty of Science? The Faculty of Mathematics could continue to offer its courses in Computer Mathematics (for that is what they are) and the Faculty of Engineering should continue to produce Computer Engineers, with both Faculties offering appropriate Service courses for students studying the broader aspects of Computing.

By the way, the Board of Studies in Computer Science is NOT the forum in which to pursue this debate, for the reason apparent in the first paragraph of this letter.

C.S.L. KEAY
Assoc. Professor of Physics.

Improvisation

Music lovers are invited to find out what a "free jazz" group sounds like. The German group, the Alexander von Schlippenbach Trio, is to play for the Department of Community Programs and the Goethe Institut Sydney at 8 pm on Friday, July 2, at the Conservatorium Auditorium Mackie Building.
The trio comprises Evan Parker (tenor and soprano saxophones), Alexander von Schlippenbach (piano) and PaulLovens (percussion). The group is now in its thirteenth year of existence.

Coda Magazine reported that the trio received the most ecstatic reaction of the Pisa Jazz Festival last year: "... the applause was frenetic!" Evan Parker has been described as the most startling individual saxophonist to have appeared since John Coltrane.

Blue Stocking Day

Ever wondered how "blue stockings" got their name? Find out by attending the SRC's Blue Stocking Day in the Union on July 27.

Senator Susan Ryan (ALP, ACT) will be the guest speaker. Blue Stocking Day has been organised to highlight discrimination against women in higher education in Australia.

According to Margaret Kavanagh, President of the Students' Association, women were derogatorily referred to as "blue stockings" when they first entered universities. It is hoped, she said, that women students will wear blue stockings on July 27 in remembrance of the first women who went to university.

Senator Ryan will address students at 1 pm in the Union Courtyard.

Exchange Students

Mr. Satoru Kuwahara, Miss Kazako Fuchigami and Miss Kiyomi Sakai are student visitors from Kumamoto, our Sister University in Japan. At their home University they specialise in Primary Education and English.
Currently they are studying English, Education and History. As well, they help in the Japanese Section by participating in Japanese tutorials, such as conversation and calligraphy.

This is the fourth year that the University has received students from Kumamoto University. This year one of our own students, Hilary Robson-Norris, is attached to Kumamoto for one year's study under the Japanese Government Scholarship. She is studying Japanese language and history. A recent letter from her indicates that she is enjoying her stay and working very well. She has published an article in Japanese for the local newspaper on the Japanese Education System and maintains very high standards not only in the content but also in the Japanese language.

Last year, 15 students and Dr. Ono went to Kumamoto for a three-week seminar conducted in Japanese under the sponsorship of the International Educational Association of Japan.

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Australian interest in maritime history and archaeology has shown a quite spectacular development over the last five years, not only in academic circles but also in certain government departments.

Maritime archaeology, the newer of the two disciplines, was established in Australia with the decision of the Western Australian Museum in the early 1960's to extend its protection to the remains of the four Dutch East Indiamen wrecked off the West Coast between 1629 and 1727. In the field of maritime history, encouraging developments have occurred, including the formation of an Australian Association for Maritime History.

Professor John Bach, Associate Professor in History, is a historian specialising in Australian maritime affairs. He is a member of most of the committees, and at times acts as chairman of several, created to direct work on our maritime heritage.

Professor Bach's book, 'A Maritime History of Australia', first published by Nelson, has just been put out as a paperback.

He says the Western Australian Government has produced one of the world's first legislative acts specifically designed to protect historic shipwrecks from vandals and treasure seekers. The Act was superseded by the Commonwealth's 1976 Historic Shipwreck Act, proclaimed for the waters off Western Australia in 1977 and accepted, since, by all the States.

"Eighty-one wrecks have so far been declared Australia's under the Act", Professor Bach says, "including that of the paddle-wheeler Ballina lying at the port of Newcastle in a quagmire. Perhaps the most interesting wreck (apart from the Dutchmen) is that of HMS Pandora, which sank after striking a reef to the east of Timor Strait while taking captured Bounty mutineers home for trial. Interest is also being taken in the remains of the Sirius, at Norfolk Island."

"Although there has been a steady concern to create Departments of Maritime Archaeology elsewhere in Australia, the Western Australian Museum still has the only fully-developed department. Its work, both on the Dutch and 'colonial' wrecks, has brought international acclaim. Professor Bach says that as a direct consequence of the Museum's work was the First Southern Hemisphere Conference on Maritime Archaeology, held in Perth in 1977. A Second International Conference has since been held in Adelaide in March of this year".

Professor Bach says the work on the Dutch wrecks has also led to the creation (by International Treaty) of the Australian Netherlands Committee on Old Dutch Shipwrecks (ANCOOS). This body has had the responsibility since 1973 of dividing materials recovered from the East Indiamen into three representative sections, held by the Netherlands, Western Australian and Commonwealth Governments. The Committee's status was acknowledged by the 1976 Act.

Several maritime archaeological associations were formed around Australia in the wake of the Perth Conference, while the Adelaide Conference saw the inauguration of a national association. Professor Bach says the Commonwealth's Department of Home Affairs and Environment has been most active in fostering and supporting such organisations.

In the maritime history field, the Australian Association for Maritime History was formed by interests mainly based in Perth and Sydney, but including members from all states. The Association, Professor Bach says, represents in Australia the International Commission of Maritime History and publishes a prestigious journal, The Great Circle, as well as a most useful and appreciated newsletter.

Both maritime history and maritime archaeology have been closely associated with those concerned with the preservation of Australia's heritage. Both, too, are represented, through Professor Bach, in the New South Wales Council of Heritage Organisations. Moreover, activities within the areas have contributed to the current interest in the formation of a National Maritime Museum (originally recommended by the Pigott Committee in 1975) and the associated concept of a Maritime Heritage Council.

The most recent acknowledgment of the significance of both disciplines was the inclusion of Professor Bach and the Curator of the Newcastle Maritime Museum, Mr. George Lomashev, in the newly formed Maritime Transport Committee of the 1988 Bi-Centenary Authority.

Professor Bach says he hoped that his brief summary of developments in the disciplines will not only be of interest to academic colleagues but will also give encouragement to the many private individuals and groups who have long been concerned with one aspect, or another, of our maritime heritage. He points out that the area around the historic Port of Newcastle is particularly rich in such material.

Professor Bach is most willing to offer further information concerning their activities to interested persons.

Falkland Islands

The Institute of International Affairs is offering an opportunity to find out more about the problem of Falkland Islands sovereignty. Professor David Johnson, formerly Professor of International Law at the University of London and now attached to the University of Sydney, will speak on The Falkland Island War and the Law in the Staff House on July 9 at 8 pm.
ACADEMIC ACCEPTS CHAIR

Dr. Tony Hassall, Senior Lecturer in the Department of English, has accepted appointment to the Chair of English at James Cook University, Townsville. He plans to take up his new appointment in January, 1983.

Dr. Hassall, 43, was awarded a B.A. with Honours by the University's predecessor, Newcastle University College, and taught for four years at Monash University, which awarded him a Ph.D. in 1970 for a thesis on the eighteenth-century novelist Henry Fielding.

He has taught in the Department of English at Newcastle since 1968 and has spent periods of study leave at Oxford and in the United States. Currently he is completing a book on the West Australian novelist and poet, Randolph Stow.

Dr. Hassall's research interests include Eighteenth-Century English Literature and English Australian Fiction. He is the author of the book, Henry Fielding's Tom Jones, and some 30 articles and reviews for scholarly journals.

SPORT

STUDENTS v STAFF GOLF MATCH will be played on the Steelworks Golf Club course on July 2. Tee-off time is mid-day. Enquiries should be directed to John Serhan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Cricket Club; or to Jock Armstrong on Extension 469.

The University Cricket Club's annual general meeting will be conducted in the Pavilion, Jeffries' Bar on Wednesday, July 14 at 7.30 pm. All club members are requested to attend. The Bar will be open after the formal proceedings have been completed.

GYMNASTICS classes of instruction covering beginners and advanced levels in the six to 14 years bracket are currently being conducted in the Auchmuty Sports Centre, as follows:

TUESDAYS, 4.00 pm to 5.15 pm, beginners
5.15 pm to 7.00 pm, advanced

WEDNESDAYS, 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm, advanced.

Enrollments may be made at the Centre. The fee is $1. For further particulars please telephone Jock Armstrong, Activities Organiser, Extension 469.

ORIENTEERING — Terence R. Farrell, a Science student, has been selected by the Australian Universities Sports Association to represent Australia at the World University Orienteering Championships in Prague, Czechoslovakia, from August 10 to 15. This is a signal honour and Terence is heartily congratulated.

SMIWING — Carolyn Connor, an Arts student, who was recently granted the Sports Union's Sportsman of the Year Award, has added further to her laurels.

Carolyn was recently notified by the Australian Blind Sports Federation that she is the only New South Wales swimmer to be selected in the 30-man swimming and athletics team to represent Australia at the Far East South Pacific Games in Hong Kong later this year. About 20 countries will participate. A wonderful achievement indeed — heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

At the annual general meeting of the Uniiversity Golf Club, the following officers were elected:

- Assoc. Professor Allan Gates, President;
- John Serhan, Club Captain;
- Tony Southward, Sports Union representative and Nell Keats, Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting decided to hold the Club Championships on July 18 and 25 at Belmont and Steelworks, if suitable arrangements can be made.

The Staff v Students match has been set down for July 2. The Intervarsity Golf Championships will be played in Sydney from August 23 until August 27, the common vacation week, and nominations for the team of eight players are called for from qualified students. Nominations and enquiries should be directed to Nell Meats, at Extension 512.

Social golf is being organised at Steelworks each Friday during term, hitting off between noon and 1 pm. Please contact John Serhan, Tony Southward or Nell Keats if you wish to play on Fridays.

From the United States of America and Europe, as well as Australasia and the Pacific region.

Dr. Hassall expressed regret at leaving Newcastle. "The Department of English is an excellent one, and I have enjoyed many close professional and personal friendships here. My wife Loretta, who is also a Newcastle graduate, and I will also be sorry to leave our many friends in the University and the Newcastle community.

Like Newcastle, James Cook is a small regional University, currently undergoing amalgamation with an adjacent CAE. I feel that my experience at Newcastle has given me some insight into the problems and issues facing such Universities, and I look forward to contributing to what I expect will be a difficult phase in the University's development."

He will also become Executive Director of James Cook University's Foundation for Australian Literary Studies.

"I am particularly interested in the Foundation. It offers an exciting opportunity to foster the study of our national literature at the University level."

Dr. Hassall served as Secretary of the Organising Committee of the Australasian Universities Language and Literature Association's 20th Congress, held at Newcastle University in 1980. The congress brought together more than 300 scholars..."
Mazes Solve Problems

Relax and get a bit of mental exercise at the same time by joining in with Architecture I's labyrinth project.

Now that the students have completed their labyrinths, members of the University are invited to inspect them in the Ground Floor Studio in the Architecture Building.

The object of the project was to teach Architecture I students that good architecture was a consequence of a process of planning and solving a maze of problems.

Forty-four students were asked to produce structures which permitted two mobile objects which had been put into motion at particular points and which crossed paths twice to reach a finishing point together.

The students took three weeks to construct a great variety of labyrinths. If you accept the invitation to inspect them, you will see that the materials, the types of machines, the methods of construction and the range of sensory effects employed are diverse.

Mr. R. Donaldson, Lecturer in Architecture, was the supervisor of the project.

Photo: Arthur Johnson.

Mattara Poetry Prize

Dr. Christopher Pollnitiz, Lecturer in English, is the organiser behind this year's Mattara Poetry Prize.

The Hunter District Water Board is again sponsoring the prize — a first prize of $500 and other prizes up to a value of $50 for the best poem or group of poems of between 50 and 500 lines.

The Mattara Poetry Prize was begun in 1981 through the efforts of Dr. Paul Kavanagh.

The Prize is the most open and generous competition of its kind in Australia, and entries are expected, as last year, from many fine poets.

The judges for the Prize are Dr. Bruce Dawe, Professor H.P. Heseltine and Dr. Pollnitiz.

Entries (to the Mattara Poetry Prize, c/o The Department of English, The University of Newcastle, 2308) close on July 31, and an anthology of winning entries will be prepared in time for the Mattara Spring Festival in September.
**APCCE: a new development**

The birth of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Clinical Epidemiology is under way.

The Centre has been established as an adjunct to the Faculty of Medicine, with Professor S.R. Leader as Director, using funds provided by the Rockefeller Foundation.

A two-year's Master's degree programme in clinical epidemiology for clinicians from the Western Pacific, South East Asia and China is being offered. The first signs of the APCCE's operations will be seen in February, 1983, when the students are scheduled to commence the course.

Broadly speaking, clinical epidemiology is defined as the study of determinants of health and disease in populations, with the additional aim of applying the findings in the clinical setting. It seeks to bridge the unfortunate gap which has developed between public health and clinical medicine.

Each year the Centre will offer at least five scholarships to clinicians from the developing countries in the Asian and Pacific Region.

Participants will spend one year in Newcastle, during which time they will undertake coursework in the concepts and applications of clinical epidemiology, biostatistics, behavioural science, demography and health economics.

The educational strategy of the programme is an integrated, problem-solving approach which is characteristic of the University of Newcastle's community-oriented undergraduate medical programme, and frequently students will work together as a group. The amount of didactic teaching will be small because of the need to individualise the training programme to fit the needs of students from widely differing backgrounds.

**New Dialectic**

Newcastle University Philosophy Club has brought out a new volume, Volume 19 (1982), of its journal *Dialectic*, containing five contributions.

Glen Albrecht writes on Environmentalism, David Armstrong (Sydney University) on *Versals*, Bill Doniela on *It's Categories*, Peter Jenkins on Attention and Intention and Bill Warren on Stirner and Marx.

The new issue was edited by Sharon Ryan and is available for $2 per copy from the Philosophy Office.

**Elected**

At the Conference of the Australasian Association for Phenomenology and the Social Sciences at Macquarie University, two Executive positions went to our University.

Professor Bill Doniela (Philosophy) was elected President and Mr. Bill Warren (Education) was elected Treasurer.

**Advertisements**

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**STEEL TRUNKS** in varying sizes, good condition, all less than five years old. $25 each, or near offer. Please telephone Extension 358 or 26 2867 (after hours).

1973 VALIANT GALANT — tour doors, very dependable and economical transportation. $1,400. (Visiting Professor returning to the United States). Please telephone Extension 453.

CHILD'S BIKE — two wheeler (6") with training wheels. $20. Please telephone Extension 453.

HOOVER DISHWASHER, MODEL D7006 — (Mobile) with stainless steel bowl, approximately four years old, not used for the last 18 months, $200. Please telephone 46 7136 or Fay at 43 6777 (business hours).

VW STATION WAGON (1971) — registered until November, '82, cuestive player, $1,650. Please telephone Extension 372 or 58 4975.

1978 DATSUN 200B — GL Model, toybar fitted, registered until June, 1983, has been used, excellent condition, $4,400 or near offer. Please telephone Extension 663 or 71 4271.

**KRIESELS BLACK & WHITE TELEVISION — in good working order, 23" screen in polished timber cabinet. $320. Please telephone Extension 649.**

**BABY SITTING**

Margaret Marjoribanks of 99 McNaughton Avenue, Maryland, would like to look after children in her home between the hours 9am until 5pm (hours other than these can be discussed). Margaret's telephone number is 51 5087.

**CAR POOL**

If any persons are interested in forming a car pool covering the Kurri Kurri to East Maitland area please telephone John Foster at Extension 475.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED**

A flat or house is required within the city or its environs, with two bedrooms, by two official Chinese visitors from July 12 for approximately two months. If you can assist please telephone Extension 328.

**SOCIAL CLUB FOR BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE**

Anyone interested in forming a social club for business and professional people. If you are interested please telephone Extension 346 between 9 am and 5 pm. The aim of the club is to promote social activities such as theatre, concert, disco, vineyard, restaurant and house parties, for singles and couples in the age group 25 to 50.

In the second year, participants will conduct a research project back in their home countries under the supervision of designated Faculty members who will visit the participants.

The Centre has formalised linkages with the disciplines of clinical pharmacology, immunology/microbiology, reproductive medicine, medicine, surgical science, paediatrics, psychiatry and behavioural science within the Faculty of Medicine. Participants will be apprenticed to these disciplines to provide them with experience in practical research methods.

The Centre expects participants to be mid-career clinicians employed in leading universities and hospitals and who are potentially influential in health services planning in their country. The ultimate goal is to develop a critical mass of personnel in each country who, with their acquired skills, can influence their clinician colleagues, students, health administrators and politicians towards rational, effective and economically efficient use of health care resources.
FRIDAY, JUNE 25


Noon Department of Mathematics Seminar. Guest Speaker: Mr. C. J. Goh, (former honours student from the Department who is now at California Institute of Technology as a graduate student in Applied Mathematics). Topic: CONTROL OF LARGE FLEXIBLE SPACE STRUCTURE. Venue: VI07 (Mathematics Building).

7 pm ENTERTAINMENT IN THE BAR.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8 pm Newcastle Film Society presents: ELECTRA (Cacoyannis, Greece, 1961). Venue: BOI.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

1 pm Union Courtyard — Jazz Ballet and fire eating demonstrations.

6 to 8 pm Commencement of first class for the INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING course. (Course runs for eight weeks on Monday nights). Venue: V202 (Mathematics Building). Course conducted by David Firman.

4 pm ANGLICAN EUCHARIST, Chaplaincy Meeting Room, Union Basement. (St. Peter's Day)

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

1 pm FILM: CAPTIVES OF CARE

6 pm SOM Study Group, final session. Topic: CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS. Venue: Chaplaincy Residence, St. Phillip's Anglican Church, Waratah. Meal provided. Please telephone 66 3378 if you wish to attend.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

8.30 pm Department of Philosophy Seminar. Guest Speaker: David Dockrill. Topic: SEVENTEENTH CENTURY HIGHWAYS and BYWAYS. Venue: 30 Lemon Parade, 'The Hill' (Newcastle) (Unit 10, Lemons Court).

8 pm Presented by the Department of Community Programmes in association with the Goethe Institute, Sydney, THE ALEXANDER VON SCHLIPPENBACH TRIO. Venue: Newcastle Conservatorium Auditorium (Mackie Building). Adults $5 and Students $3.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

8 pm Newcastle Film Society presents: THE STALKER. (Tarkovsky, USSR, 1979).

MONDAY, JULY 5

1 pm Union Courtyard — Drums, Jazz Ballet and Fire eating.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

1 pm FILMS: INTERPLAY and EXIT.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7


1 pm Union Courtyard — Astrology, Clowning and Stage Make-up.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

8 pm University of Newcastle looks ahead.

You can make the University well-known by displaying a sticker.

Produced by Convocation following a suggestion from the Positive Initiatives Committee, the University stickers measure 15 cms by 5 cms. As a result of the financial limitations, Convocation has to sell them. So bring your money with you. A stock is held by the Publicity Office (660) in the McMullin Building. COST: 50 cents each.

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