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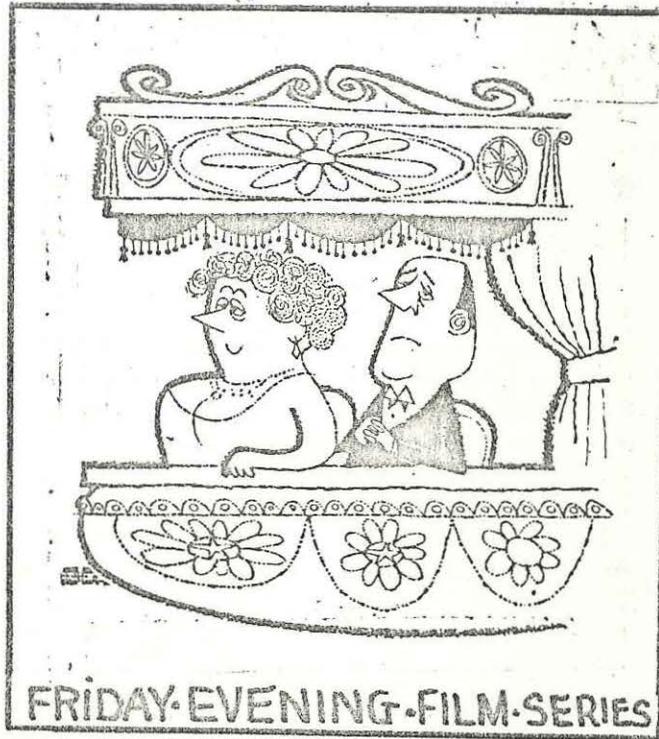
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SPECIAL NOTICE

PRESIDENT MACKAY ON CAMPUS

Dr. Mackay will be on campus next Tuesday, October 24, for an hour or so for a general "rap" session with students and faculty.

He plans to arrive at 12:00 noon, and Wayne Hoffmann will accompany him to the Student Lounge in the "B" Building (snack bar side).

If at all possible, try to be there! He is also expected to visit some classes and will welcome any comments, suggestions, questions, etc., that the students might have.

SEE YOU TUESDAY!

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Mackey

FROM ORACLE, Oct. 17, 1972

Getting to know your president

By Andre Harris Oracle Feature Editor



Cecil Mackey

Many freshmen, maybe even some seniors, and just possibly a faculty member or two may have wondered if Dr. Cecil Mackey is a non-existent myth or if there really is a human being in the office marked "President."

How would one know for sure?

The average student's contact with the President probably begins and ends with quotes of "Mackey said" or "Mackey failed to say" in news stories and with letters to the editor depicting him as an unfeeling, neurotic, incompetent and menacing bureaucrat.

If one walks into the Presidential office (although it may take a couple of weeks of negotiations with secretaries to get there) expecting to encounter some sort of self-important Adolph Hitler-Alfred Hitchcock political ogre, one is apt to be completely disarmed by the tall figure standing inside who looks about as lethal as Clark Kent.

"I guess perplexed is probably the best word," said Mackey, describing his feelings on his first day of registration as a freshman. "I guess also surprised that so few people seemed to know what they were doing," he added.

He added that this was his "reaction to both registration and counseling for

my entire college career." This may account for his strong feelings that there is need for efficient registration procedures and "need to improve and strengthen the counseling and advising functions."

Mackey observed that the atmosphere was different when he was a college student. "I started college just before the end of the second world war, and it seemed that people really were trying to get as much education as they could before being drafted."

Although being drafted was one of his worries, "the war ended before I was old enough." (He took extra courses in

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Mackey

Continued from page 1 high school, graduated a year early, and entered college at age 16.)

"No, no, I can't say that I always wanted to be president of a university," said Mackey, the deep-set laugh lines at the corners of his eyes crinkling as he smiles. "When the opportunity came it was an attractive chance to do something that seemed to be important."

He sat with one long leg

tucked up under him as he explained in speech so slow, almost a drawl, what drew him to this university.

"I just think that there are a lot of things that can be done and need to be done in the field of higher education, and I think this university has every opportunity to be a leader."

He described this part of the country as "dynamic," the students as "willing to learn," and the whole atmosphere as

"one of condusiveness to change."

Mackey said that what he enjoys most about his work is the students. "I seek out the contact with students as much as I can," he said. This includes eating in the student cafeterias and visiting the dorms "to talk."

"Some of both," he said.

Some aspects of the job are far from pleasant, however. "The job is one of public

service," he said, and he has to live with constant criticism from the media and the public.

"There's a constant and I think a very natural urge to respond," said Mackey, speaking of one-sided media criticism, "but the tendency to strike back is not a productive one."

Another problem is the hardships the job creates for his family. They receive the inevitable obscene and

harassing phone calls, and "whoever answers the phone bears the brunt of it. It's one of the problems anybody faces when you live under the public spotlight."

Mackey doesn't know what the next step is ("society hasn't really figured out what it does with people who have been university presidents"), but he doesn't waste time worrying about it. "There's too much to be doing here, right now."

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