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STATE UNIVERSITY ACCREDITITS
GRAND CANYON COLLEGE

PHOENIX, Ariz. --(BP)-- Grand Canyon College, Arizona's Baptist college in Phoenix, is now accredited by the University of Arizona, according to announcement made by Dr. B. O. Herring, president of Grand Canyon.

The accreditation was announced June 5 in a letter to Dr. Herring from C. Zaner Leshar, registrar and director of admissions at the University, and came shortly after the Advisory Council of the University sent an inspection committee to the Phoenix campus recently.

President Herring believes the achievement significant in the short term required to attain it. Grand Canyon College has just completed its third year of operation.

The new standing makes academic credit from the Baptist school acceptable for admission to the University, subject to basic requirements of the University, and thus acceptable to other leading educational institutions and graduate schools.

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BAPTIST ATHLETES PROMISE
PRAYER GROUPS IN DORMS

RIDGECREST, N. C. --(BP)-- Nearly a hundred varsity athletes from thirty or more campuses throughout the South made a covenant among themselves to start prayer groups in their athletic dormitories next year when they got together in a meeting during the Student Week retreat recently at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Dr. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and director of the annual retreat, gave special note to the covenant because it came from an unplanned and unexpected meeting.

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CALIFORNIA THUGS ATTACK PASTOR

FONTANA, Calif. --(BP)-- The pastor of the First Baptist church in Fontana, L. R. Rhoades, was the victim of one blow after another when two thugs walked in on him in his study at the church recently.

First they walked in, announced to the pastor that his wife was dead (not so, of course); then on top of that stun they demanded his money, knocked him out, set the church on fire and left.

Many of the pastor's books and other materials in his library were destroyed by the fire before the church custodian just happened by, saw the smoke and investigated. The pastor is recuperating from his blow but two thugs are still on the loose.

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LOUISIANA COLLEGE RECEIVES
GIFT FOR LIBRARY BUILDING

PINEVILLE, La. --(BP)-- The board of trustees of Louisiana College announced recently the receipt of a \$100,000 gift to the college for the construction of a library building. Donors of the gift are Mrs. R. W. Norton and Mrs. Nellie Norton Smitherman of Shreveport in memory of Rev. Richard William Norton, a pioneer Baptist preacher.

The college will receive the donation with the provision that it raise an additional \$300,000 to make a total of \$400,000 for the library building. College officials hope to begin construction as soon as the student center building, now under construction, is completed.

This is the largest single gift ever presented to Louisiana College.

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ARKANSAS COLLEGE INSTITUTES
NEW RURAL SEMINARY PLAN

WALNUT RIDGE, Ark. --(BP)-- Southern Baptist College in Walnut Ridge is expanding into the theological training field at the beginning of the fall term when it opens a new course of study for rural ministers and associational missionaries called, tentatively, the Rural Theological Institute of the South.

Announcement of the inauguration of the new plan, plus the authorization of a building program for the college, was made by the college's president, Dr. H. E. Williams, following a recent board meeting. As set up at the present, the institute will be housed on the college campus and the program of studies will lead toward the Bachelor of Theology degree.

The plan, according to Dr. Williams, is to provide a means of definite study and training specifically for ministers and missionaries to serve rural and small town areas of the South.

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NORTH CAROLINA PAPER
MOVES TO NEW BUILDING

THOMASVILLE, N.C. --(BP)-- Charity and Children, weekly publication of the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, has moved into a new \$125,000 print shop provided for in the will of the late Robert M. Idol of Winston-Salem. The building, to be named for him, also houses a new \$40,000 rotary press given by Mr. Idol.

The first issue of the paper to be printed in the new plant was dated June 26 and will be distributed to 43,000 subscribers, the most in the paper's 65-year history.

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