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ter has received full accredita-
tion by the University and Col-
lege Counseling Centers Board of Accreditation. The announce-
ment was recently made by the Inter-
ationa1 Association of Counseling Services.

The center undertook a lengthy and thorough review process beginning last spring that involved both written re-
ports and an on-site visit from a team of evaluators.

In memory

Emma Mahoney, 78, died Aug. 19 in Toledo.

She was a secretary for the CGSU Faculty Senate, retiring in 1986.