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Nine colleges actually oper-ated on the American scene dur-ing its Colonial period. Among them being Harvard (1636), Yale (1701), Dartmouth (1769). Princeton (1746), and Columbia (1787).

Hundreds of institutions sim-flar to these Colonial colleges sprouted up after the American Revolution Revolution. They were sprinkled throughout the East, South, and Middle West. Most of them did not survive long: of 514 such colleges operating in the period be-fore the Civil War only 104 still existed in 1932.

BY CURRENT standards. BY CURRENT standards, these old American colleges were strange and unfamiliar places. Few of them offered ready-at-hand recreational op-portunities of any kind. Students were left to shift for themselves. These early colleges had one outstanding purpose, namely, to supply society with Christian scholars and gentiemen. They ignored practical education — education for life — and devoted education for life — and devoted themselves exclusively to schooling their young men in the "gentile tradition."

Faculty members of the old colleges gave their primary at tention to teaching and student discipline. These stiff-necked teachers imposed long lists of required and prohibited activi-ties on their unwilling students.

FOR EXAMPLE, weekdays customarily began with chapel at 6:30 in the winter and an hour earlier during the rest of the year. Sunday included at least two long church services, and during all hours of every day and evening faculty members snooped for miscreants.

"A law got him out of bed and put him back again," an histo-rian at the University of Georgia has written. "He ate by them, he studied by them, he recited by them — they were with him always."

Students could usually throw and kick balls, but the heavy penalties assessed for breaking windows or otherwise damaging property discouraged such ex-ercise. Walking, yes; but only in pairs, never on Sunday, and al-ways within limited boundaries that skirted places housing "any tavern, store, tippling shop or any other place where spiritous liquors are retailed."

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INDOOR games like back-gammon, cards, and of course dice presumably incited to gam-bing and incurred large fines. Dramatic performances also al-legedly induced sinful conduct, and all colleges forbade them. The spelling out in the rule books of so many ways to mis-behave inevitably encouraged adventurous spirits to taste for-bidden pleasures. Student lead-ers also fomented noisy and so m et i m es violent protests against the food served, the tu-

Normandie **To Revert To County**

A portion of Normandie ave-nue between Carson street and 660 feet north of 233rd street in the City of Los Angeles has been declared to be a part of the County System of Highways, Su-pervisor Kenneth Hahn stated. This jurisdiction is required

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