



COLLEGE REPORT

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During the Colonial period of this nation, higher education was a narrow business. Only one kind of institution existed — the four-year college. It concentrated on a kind of general education that had been transplanted to American shores from an older and more tradition-bound English system.

Nine colleges actually operated on the American scene during its Colonial period. Among them being Harvard (1636), Yale (1701), Dartmouth (1769), Princeton (1746), and Columbia (1787). Hundreds of institutions similar to these Colonial colleges sprouted up after the American 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 before the Civil War only 104 still existed in 1932.

BY CURRENT standards, these old American colleges were strange and unfamiliar places. Few of them offered ready-at-hand recreational opportunities 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 gentlemen. They ignored practical education — education for life — and devoted themselves exclusively to schooling their young men in the "gentle tradition."

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

FOR EXAMPLE, weekdays customarily began with chapel at 6:30 in the winter and an hour earlier through the rest of the year. Sunday included at least two long church services, and all hours of every day and evening faculty members snooped for miscreants. "A law got him out of bed and put him back in again," a historian of 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 exercise. Walking, yes; but only in pairs, never on Sunday, and always within limited boundaries that skirted places housing "any public tavern, store, tipping shop or any other place where spirituous liquors are retailed." Indoor games like backgammon, cards, and of course dice presumably incited to gambling and incurred large fines. Dramatic performances also allegedly induced sinful conduct, and all colleges forbade them.

THE SPELLING out in the rule books of so many ways to misbehave inevitably encouraged adventurous spirits to taste forbidden pleasures. Student leaders also formed noisy and sometimes violent protests against the food served, the tutors and professors they disliked, the punishments meter out to fellow students, and the attempts to curb their traditional custom of hazing freshmen and doing battle with "townies."

A BIG MEAL
A dairy cow producing 14,000 pounds of milk a year requires more than 51 tons of grass, hay, grain and water. She eats three tons of grain, two-and-one-half tons of hay, six tons of silage, and drinks 80,000 pounds of water!

Errors in Math Delay Refunds

Southern California taxpayers are making more mistakes in arithmetic on federal income tax returns than any other kind of error, according to F. S. Schmidt, IRS district director.

Already, Schmidt said, 15,317 returns have been held up at the IRS Service Center in Ogden, Utah, with errors in addition and subtraction. He advised taxpayers that these mistakes can result in

Refunds for 3,741 taxpayers had been delayed as of last week, Schmidt reported, because of incorrect or missing Social Security numbers. Other refunds, he added, are being held up because of a variety of other errors or failures to comply with instructions mailed to each taxpayer with his tax forms.

UP TO LAST week, 4,830 tax returns had been filed

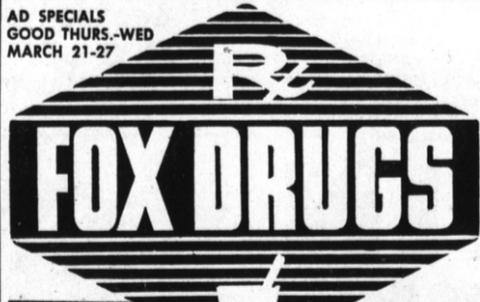
Torrance Nurse to Speak During Refresher Course

Mrs. Patricia Hoyle, R.N., intensive care nurse at Torrance Memorial Hospital, will be guest speaker at an adult education refresher class for registered nurses at Torrance High School tomorrow evening. She will speak at 7 p.m. in room 213.

Mrs. Hoyle will discuss the historical development of intensive care and coronary care units. She will demonstrate equipment used for monitoring the heart, meth-

ods of cardiac resuscitation, and unique aspects of the developing specialty of cardiac and intensive care nursing. A graduate of St. Vincents Hospital College of Nursing, Mrs. Hoyle has had 20 years of nursing experience. She attended seminars on the intensive care unit at Daniel Freeman Hospital in 1967, and on nursing care of the cardiovascular patient at Hollywood Presbyterian Hospital in 1968.

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