

Second Year C.C. Will Be Evaluated

Committee on Instruction to Appraise Three-Year Experimental Courses

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The College Committee on Instruction will soon begin an evaluation of the course offerings in the second-year Contemporary Civilization program.

The study will appraise the three-year experiment begun when the College faculty voted on January 22, 1961 to modify the general-education sequence by adding approved introductory courses in the social sciences and special interdepartmental offerings to the one CC B course which had previously been given.

The study will serve as a basis for recommendations which the Committee on Instruction will present to the faculty.

Dean David B. Truman stated yesterday that the present offerings would be evaluated in terms of the requirements outlined in 1961 by the Presidential committee on CC B which he chaired.

The Truman committee laid down the following specifications for the new CC B offerings:

- They must not simply be introductory courses to their particular disciplines;
- They must deal with the connection between their own disciplines and other disciplines in the social sciences;
- They must deal with their discipline's relation to the material in CC A.

Dean Truman stated that the "fundamental purpose of the experiment is to recapture the segment of the faculty which lost its enthusiasm for the former CC B offering."

The Truman Committee, which had begun its study in the fall of 1958, pointed in its report to "staffing difficulties" and the preva-

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lence of "intellectual reservations" toward the structure of the old CC B curriculum.

Partly due to problems resulting from the "growing technicality of these subjects and the concomitant difficulty in translating technical language into ordinary discourse," the report noted "in none of its several versions has Contemporary Civilizations B been

completely satisfactory to participating departments, students, or the faculty at large."

Dean Truman pointed out yesterday, however, that "It would be inconsistent with the spirit of the Committee report not to offer [the old] CC B [course] as long as there are faculty members qualified and willing to teach it."