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An English scholar, Harvard graduate, and OSS officer in World War II was named Dean of the Division of Humanities of New College today.

Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Arthur Ross Borden, Jr., was made by Provost and Dean of the College, Dr. John W. Gustad.

Dr. Borden, a professor of English at Washington and Lee University, presently is on leave of absence from there on special assignment with the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Dr. Gustad said that the appointment fills the second of the three divisional deanships which will be created at New College. Dr. Aaron Sayvetz, a theoretical physicist, was earlier named as Dean of the Division of Natural Sciences.

Dr. Borden, a native of Boston and graduate of The Roxbury Latin School, was awarded the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees from Harvard University. He later became assistant dean at Harvard College, shortly after World War II.

Dr. Borden began teaching at Washington and Lee University in 1952, and was made a full professor in 1959.

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He previously had taught at Harvard, Lafayette College, and New York University. His fields of special interest are the Renaissance, particularly Shakespeare, and contemporary criticism.

Other posts held by Dr. Borden include his current College Board work and interim committee memberships in reviewing and reading English examinations as well as membership on the Board's Writing Sample Committee.

While an assistant dean at Harvard College, he was awarded the Dexter Traveling Fellowship. He also has been awarded grants to study at various university libraries, including the Houghton Library at Harvard, the Huntington Library in California and the Folger Library in Washington, D.C. Another grant permitted him to make two special trips for Shakespearian research at Stratford-on-Avon in England.

Dr. Gustad said that Dr. Borden's broad education and experience will uniquely fit him for the educational plan of New College.

"We are looking to a young, eager-to-teach group to head our faculty roster with the thought that they will respond best to the students we will attract," said the dean. "At the same time, our students will learn much from the daily contact with scholars such as Dr. Borden and the other members of the faculty."

During World War II, Dr. Borden served for several years in staff and command positions with the U.S. Army Field Artillery before joining units of the Office of Strategic Services, first with the French Army and later in Italy and Germany. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his service.