

Famed Scientist Museum Head

Dr. J. Louis Giddings Jr., University of Pennsylvania anthropologist and archaeologist, has been named director of Brown University's new Haffenreffer Museum of the American Indian at Mount Hope in Bristol.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney, university president, said today that Dr. Giddings will develop the facility given to Brown last December by the Haffenreffer Family Foundation as a teaching and research center and as a museum open to the public.

The appointment of Dr. Giddings, who will have the rank of associate professor of sociology, introduces the study of anthropology as a new field at Brown.

The new appointee is now assistant curator of the American

section of the University of Pennsylvania museum and an assistant professor of anthropology at that university. A veteran of numerous Arctic expeditions and a noted authority on the origins of man in the northernmost areas of this continent, he will teach courses on the American Indian, cultural, anthropology and human origins at Brown.

Dr. Giddings' appointment becomes effective July 1. He is planning to spend six weeks in Alaska this summer doing research on grants from the Office of Naval Research and the Canadian government. He and his wife and three children will occupy a house on the Mount Hope property.

A graduate of the University of

Alaska, Dr. Giddings holds an M.A. degree from the University of Arizona and Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

He has been an associate professor and director of archaeological research at the University of Alaska and curator of its museum. He also has done research in Alaska on mosquito control, silt de-

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posits and tree-ring dating for a mining firm.

In the course of many field trips to the Arctic regions, he has discovered previously unknown sites of early man in the Bering Sea and Hudson Bay shore areas. He has assembled materials on the lives and habits of early Eskimo groups. His discovery of the Denhigh flints in Alaska has altered knowledge of the patterns of North American settlement.

Dr. Giddings has made pioneering contributions to the dating of archaeological sites through the tree-ring dating method and is an associate editor of the "Tree-Ring Bulletin." He is chairman of one of the committees of the National Research Council and the author of two books and many scientific articles and a member of a number of professional organizations.