

BOMAR JOINS UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO FACULTY

Cora Paul Bomar, former Director of the Division of Educational Media, North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, has accepted appointment to a faculty position at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to be effective September 1, 1969. In her new position Miss Bomar will teach library education and will be involved with the development and implementation of a program for the professional education of school media personnel.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Miss Bomar, received the B. S. in Library Science from George Peabody College for Teachers and the M. A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition she has done advanced study in her professional field. She has had experience as a classroom teacher, school librarian, college reference librarian, instructional supervisor, and has been a visiting faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at the University of South Carolina.

In 1951 she joined the Department of Public Instruction as State School Library Supervisor. At that time funds were limited and qualified personnel nonexistent in many areas of the State. The concept of school libraries had already been well established by Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas and the climate was right for expanded programs and services. Miss Bomar worked tirelessly for increased State and local appropriations for School libraries, and for passage for Federal legislation which gave a tremendous boost to library and media services. On several occasions she testified in support of Federal legislation before House and Senate committees of the U. S. Congress.

Under Miss Bomar's leadership a phenomenal growth of school libraries has taken place. Today, all secondary schools and over ninety-eight percent of the elementary schools in North Carolina have a central library. During her term of service, the number of school librarians have increased from 318 to more than 1700, library supervisors from 18 to 102, volumes per pupil from less than five to more than 10, and library expenditures per pupil rose from \$1.37 to \$6.32. Total expenditures for school library materials and supplies increased from \$1,250,000 to over \$7,630,000, including State, local, and Federal funds.

With the expansion of State media services in 1966 Miss Bomar was appointed Director of the newly created Division of Educational Media in which capacity she has directed a comprehensive educational media program including five major areas: school libraries, audiovisual education, Federal programs for instructional materials including administration of Title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, learning resources and textbooks, and instructional television.

Cora Paul Bomar is active in many professional associations at the State, national, and international levels. She has been elected to three honor societies: Delta Kappa Gamma, Pi Gamma Mu, and Beta Phi Mu, the international library honor fraternity, in which she served as president 1965-1966. Miss Bomar also served as president of the American Association of School Librarians, national chairman of the State School

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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SCIENCE APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

The Department of Library Science at Appalachian State University reflects some interesting changes and trends. The freshmen advisees have increased in number since last fall and a number of transfers from other colleges have increased the size of the junior class when professional courses are first taken.

Although service courses for education majors were offered in the summer session, the requests for class admission to these courses was greater this fall than last fall.

At the graduate level, the Department has a group of twenty students from various places in the U. S. studying the Learning Resource Center in the Two Year College Institute, under a HEA Title II B grant. Mrs. Mayrelee Newman, formerly director of El Centro College District Libraries, Dallas, Texas, has joined the faculty to work with this group. Miss Jennie Adams is a student assistant for the institute.

In addition to the institute participants, two students in the school librarianship program are holding fellowships under other HEA Title II grant awards. The two fellows are Miss Mary Settle and Miss Connie Underwood. Mrs. Miriam Cason and Miss Vivian Carter were selected as graduate assistants for this term.

Miss Eunice Query was installed as NCLA president at the recent conference in Charlotte. Mrs. Mayrelee Newman and Mell Busbin also participated in that program. Mrs. Ila Justice and Dr. Doris Cox also attended this meeting.

The faculty is now engaged in: joint planning with faculty in Audio-Visual Education for a more effective media specialist training for school personnel who will be staffing educational media centers; refinement of the two year college librarianship program; developing plans for the transition of the professional library into a learning resource center; and preparing proposals for HEA Training Institutes for fiscal '70.

The Library Science Club has sponsored a number of events with good attendance and participation.

A total of 32 students received their master's degrees after completing the programs in library science in June and August. Several of these had outstanding academic records.

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Library Supervisors, president of the Southeastern Library Association, and is currently president of the Library Education Division of the American Library Association. She has been a member of numerous advisory boards and commissions and is currently serving as a member of the National Catholic Educational Association Advisory Council on Educational Technology.

Miss Bomar looks forward to becoming actively involved in the preservice and inservice education of school librarians, school library supervisors, and audiovisual education personnel who will serve as instructional media specialists.