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Sweet Briar News. Vol 1-41.

(1927 - 1968). Microfilm - 1964.

Both actual newspapers and microfilm found in room 2 of Sweet Briar Archives, right side, second shelf.

The basic purpose of the Sweet Briar News is to record campus news. It is written by and for the students. Through the paper, they can publicize news as well as express their views.

Topics mainly deal with the campus, ongoing such as elections, scores, sporting news, and gossip. An interesting pattern occurs when the focus of the paper shifts towards more world news. This happens during the 1940's and again in the late 1960's. There could be a correlation between war and the students' interest in more world news issues.

## Evaluation

The Sweet Briar News is a very good source of information. Unlike some publications, such as the Yearbook, the newspaper reflects what <sup>student life was</sup> it was really like, not ~~was~~ what it was supposed to be like. It shows the way students have changed through the years by the changes in the subjects of the articles.

One must keep in mind that a pattern of bias can be detected in the newspaper articles. Because the paper is written by and for the students, it expresses strictly the students' point of view. Also, a newspaper often contains articles dealing with something that at the time seems strange or unusual and therefore cannot be used to judge the common attitude of the students.