

# News

## Pastimes history club hits Charleston

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Last Friday, March 27, the Pastimes History Club traveled to Charleston, SC to explore the history and culture of the renowned city. The club left around 9 a.m. Friday and returned to campus around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29.

Their first destination was supposed to be Fort Sumter, but due to misdirection the club members missed the tour. Instead they walked through Historical Charleston and Rainbow Row, a series of pastel-colored houses, while viewing the famous Civil War fort from a distance.

Tommasanne Lambert, the Director of Career Exploration & Development who went with the History Club as their advisor and guide, remarks that "Charleston is a great destination for the Pastimes History Club to experience and relive history, and even though we missed the Fort Sumter Tour, there were still plenty of other historical places to visit."

Another place they visited is Boone Hall Plantation, driving down the road lined with huge live oak trees, and touring both the inside of the house and around the plantation.



*Pastimes History Club, from back: Emily Barrick, Emily Clark, Kristin Ginther, Victoria Thompson, Kelli Tysinger, Erika Packard, Kathryn McKinney, Kat Henry, Karen Love*

Charleston has the South Carolina Aquarium, where the students went on a behind-the-scenes tour of sea turtle rescue. Here, injured sea turtles that have been rescued are provided with care, treatment and medicines to continue their survival as a species.

While the Pastimes History Club explored the city by day, they did Ghost Tours of Charleston by night. One was the Dark Side of Charleston, looking at the history of brothels, corruption, and crime. Their second night tour was The Haunted Jail Tour at

the Old City Jail which housed some of the city's most infamous criminals, 19th century pirates, and Civil War prisoners.

The students camped at James Island County Park, just minutes from downtown Charleston. On the final day of the trip they ventured to the City Market, also known as the Old Slave Market, to buy souvenirs and observe the culture of the city.

When asked if they would go again the members of the Pastimes History Club said, "YES!"

## Alcohol screening sees drop in numbers

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Sixty-seven students attended BC's free alcohol screening on Monday. The number of students who attended this year's alcohol screening dropped from last year's numbers, which was double.

The purpose of this event was to raise students' awareness about alcohol and the dangers that come with it. The counselors who evaluated students gave helpful feedback to help educate them, and the hopeful outcome is that students will be able to make better informed decisions involving alcohol consumption.

Junior Kasey Fagan said that the alcohol screening had a good point, but it wasn't accurate because certain people lied, and only certain people went.

Out of the 67 students who attended, 41 were athletes who received CHAMPS points and 26 received extra credit for a class.

Chelsea Freeman, a freshman, said that she hopes the alcohol screening will have a positive effect on campus drinking habits. But she also said, "No one really took it seriously, a lot of students just wanted extra credit or CHAMPS points."

The students, who attended, filled out a confidential survey asking questions about their personal alcohol use. Afterwards, a counselor evaluated the student's form and placed them into one of the following

categories: low/no risk, moderate risk, or high risk.

Only five students did not fall into the low/no risk category, and they landed in the moderate risk category. Dee Dasburg said that this means "they are drinking a fair amount of alcohol on a regular basis, and should consider cutting back or making some changes to how much or how often they drink."

The hope is that the Alcohol Screening will positively impact the campus in a direction towards safety with consumption because of this alcohol education and awareness.

"We want our students to be safe and empower them to encourage their friends to be safe", said Dee Dasburg.