

Emergency Staff Peddle Services

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Emergency services personnel flocked to a local park Wednesday, but it was hardly a state of emergency.

As part of National Fire Prevention Week, the Chapel Hill Fire Department hosted Life Safety Day at the Chapel Hill Community Center.

Assistant Fire Marshal Rodney Watson organized the event, the first ever in Chapel Hill.

He said he hopes to host Life Safety Day annually.

"We want to make the public aware of the emergency services out there," said Watson.

"It goes way beyond the fire department."

People representing various careers in emergency services, including fire-fighting, came out to educate the public

about their jobs and have a little fun in the process.

Stormy, the Carolina Hurricanes' mascot, walked around the park giving hugs and waved from high in the air on the fire truck ladder.

Parents watched as their children aimed a fire hose at a mock window, pretending to put out a fire.

"Look at the water go through the window!" said 5-year-old Stacy Williams of Carrboro. "This is fun!"

Emergency medical technicians and paramedics were on hand to take children into the ambulance and answer questions about emergency medical situations.

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SCOTT WILDER
Paramedic

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Staff Sgt. Steve Byrnes drove up from Fort Bragg to represent the U.S. Army, bringing an assortment of weapons ranging from a homemade bomb to guided and projectile missiles.

"The Army is fairly hidden from the public eye, especially during times of peace," Byrnes said. "But we work hard every day, responding to bomb threat

calls, finding explosives and doing training exercises."

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Chapel Hill Assistant Fire Marshal Rodney Watson helps Arthur Shane practice fire escapes at Life Safety Day on Wednesday.

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No experience is needed.

5 p.m. - The UNC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold a general body meeting in Union 213. Come out and join the world's oldest, largest and strongest civil rights organization.

7:30 p.m. - The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies present the annual **Kemp Plummer Battle Lecture**. Harry Watson, director of the Center for the Study of the American South will speak about "The University in the 19th Century" in the Dialectic Society chambers on third floor of New West. A reception will follow in the Toy Lounge of Dey Hall.

Guests are welcome and invited!

Friday

7 p.m. - The curriculum in medieval studies presents "The 13th Warrior," directed by John McTiernan, as the second feature of the 2000-2001 Medieval Studies Film Festival.

The film will be shown in the Commons Room of the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

Admission is free.

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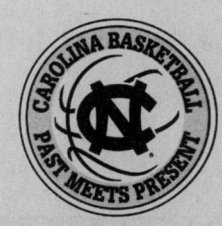
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Dr. Virgil Balthrop, Professor & Chair, Communication Studies
Ms. Minh-Thu Pham, Community Representative

Faculty, students, and community representatives from the Democratic, Republican, and Independent parties will take part in debating issues affecting college students in this year's presidential election. Interest in the political process is critical to increasing the power and influence of the student constituency both at the state and national levels. It is up to all students to become as informed as possible on the issues that affect them directly.

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