

Chapel Hill nurse shares Congo experience

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Anna Freeman returned from the Democratic Republic of Congo just a few months before extreme conflict erupted in the North Kivu province.

This violence was a stark contrast to when she first arrived on Jan. 6. Soon after her arrival, major militia groups signed a peace treaty.

Freeman, 26, a Chapel Hill native, worked six days a week as a nurse for Doctors Without Borders at a hospital in Rutshuru, a town outside the capital of the North Kivu province.

Freeman shared both the highlights and the difficulties of her six months as a nurse to a room filled to capacity at Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education in Carrboro.

"The disparity between the U.S. and Congo was very frustrating to see," Freeman said. "Coming back was harder than going."

During the time of the treaty, Freeman said the hospital saw five

to 10 people come in with gunshot wounds each week. Now she estimates they see at least 70.

On Sundays, her day off, Freeman said she slept all day because her work was so exhausting.

"Now that I know more about Congo, I really think that something needs to be done," said Jenna Price, a junior biology major. "I would like to be more active in trying to get in touch with our government about helping out in Congo."

When she returned to the U.S., Freeman went into an expensive clothing store with her sister. The experience made her realize everything she took for granted, she said.

"I walked in the store and just started crying," Freeman said, adding that she couldn't believe people would pay so much for one item.

Though she'd always wanted to do it, Freeman said she also found the program frustrating.

"One of the more frustrating things I saw were preventable inju-

ries and preventable diseases."

When a child would become sick they would receive cuts to the leg to bleed out the sickness — a ritual belief in Congo, Freeman said.

The Congo also faces diseases that are nonexistent in the U.S. today because of vaccines.

Freeman said she wasn't trained to treat measles because it would never be seen in the U.S.

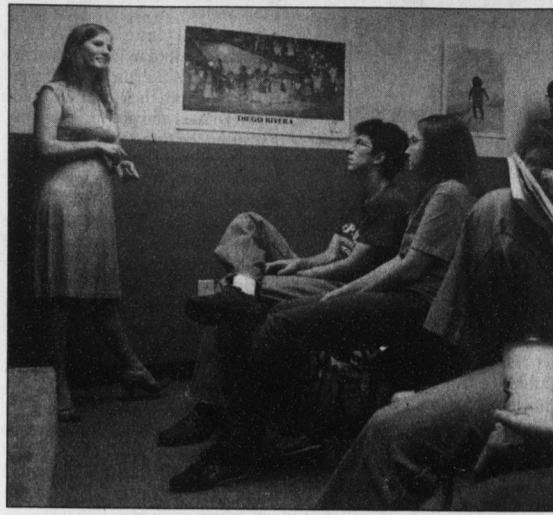
"The first time I saw a kid die in the measles tent I started yelling," Freeman said. "I was so frustrated that they died from something that was so easily prevented in the United States."

Since the outbreak of fighting, the hospital where Freeman worked has been evacuated of all doctors and many of the staff have fled.

"I would love to go back to the Congo now and help," she said.

"I really wish I could."

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Anna Freeman, who worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with Doctors Without Borders, talks Sunday about her experience.

ELECTRIC BUS

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more than worth the steep price. The new buses also reduce harmful emissions and have lower maintenance costs than diesel-powered buses.

They come equipped with brakes that have a lifespan more than twice as long as those of a diesel-powered bus, which contributes to lower maintenance costs.

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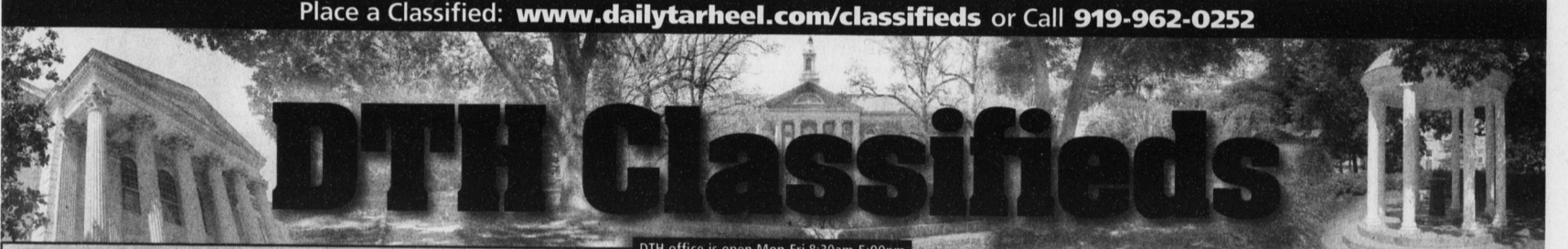
All of the hybrid buses will be replacing old buses. After their addition, 12 of the 98 buses in Chapel Hill's fleet will be run on hybrid engines. Litchfield said there will be more to come.

"We are giving priority to the hybrid buses over the regular diesel buses," he said.

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