

Darfur exhibit attracts students

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Cultural Diversity Week got underway this week out on the library lawn with a group of tents called Camp Darfur highlighting the most recent attempts at genocide in the world.

Camp Darfur was picked as the name because of the present struggles over in Sudan with genocide.

Camp Darfur has tents, which tell what happened during this time and how it was stopped, set up for the Holocaust, which happened during World War II and Rwanda which was in 1994.

This was very familiar to Jason Brock who has relatives who were Jewish living in Germany at the time.

"I like what they did with this display out here. It hits home with me because I had relatives that were taken to the German concentration camps," said Brock. "I had heard stories that were passed around through my family but seeing and reading this stuff really helped me understand the impact it had."

Cultural Diversity Week had three days worth of activities set up to help people get to know the events going on around the world.

On Tuesday, "The Lost Boys of Sudan" movie was shown, giving people the opportunity to really understand what's going on in Sudan at this time.

Wednesday the World Meal Diversity Luncheon took place.

Red beans and rice were served to show what people in third-world countries have to eat every day.

On Thursday, Cultural Diversity Week came to a close when the refugee camp



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Samantha Powell, Britney Staples, and Brittani Buchanan visit the Camp Darfur tents.

presentation was shown.

This took a glimpse into what goes on in Sudanese refugee camps.

Art department offers variety of classes

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At Volunteer State Community College there is a fantastic art department.

The art department is full of exciting opportunities to let students' creative sides come out.

They present art galleries in the lobby of the Thigpen Library and also put on displays where students work, such as Beans and Bytes across the street from Vol State.

In fact, the art students will be presenting a display April 17-29 in the Thigpen Library lobby. There will also be an awards reception on Friday, April 27, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

There are many different courses students can take.

There are several levels of drawing courses, two and three-dimensional design, graphic design, two levels of painting, ceramics, and printmaking.

They also have Introduction to Art which is an educational study of art.

"The class has taught me a lot about different kind of culture and the history of art," said Jenay Wilson, a student who is taking Introduction to Art.

Art majors can transfer to an art school or a four year university that has an art department and get their bachelor's in art or a master's in fine art degrees.

If students have any questions, they can feel free to go and ask any of the art professors who are involved in helping students learn about many types of art.

Instructors can teach students how to be an artist, and if students simply cannot draw or paint they might feel more at home studying graphic design.

Graphic design is an art form used on computers, and is what companies use to make signs or logos.

There are also other opportunities that are there for art students.

If students simply want to have fun, they can take art classes to expand their minds.

Any student can take classes to learn how to draw or paint. Also, if students are more interested in the historical aspect of art, they can take Introduction to Art.

"The art department sees it as our mission to encourage all these things," said Claire Hampton, associate

professor of art.

If students are interested in becoming an art major or if they simply want to take an art class for entertainment, they can talk to the art professors who are more than happy to assist students in any questions they

may have.

To speak to a teacher in the art department students should go to the Fine Arts Building located by the modular classrooms and across from the John B. Wallace Health Sciences Building.



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The Vol State Singers give a performance at Friday night's music festival.