

## CLASS EXPERIENCES

*"Think Globally, Act Locally"***Travel back in time to Africa**

*When you get back from summer break, St. Andrews history professor, David Herr, wants to take you back in time, and on a journey to Africa!*

If you are looking for an opportunity to add a three credit course I would like to call your attention to a special offering next semester: Africa and the African Diaspora. This history course is open to anyone and will be an exciting opportunity to learn about African history from our visiting faculty Nana Amponsah. Mrs. Amponsah is a native of Ghana, so she brings a personal perspective to understanding Africa. She will include a rich diversity of materials presented through different media and will offer great discussions where Africa's past connects to our present.

**HIS 290 Africa and the African Diaspora**

*Open to non-majors, no history experience necessary.*

This course explores the rich historical and cultural narratives of Africa and its connections with the Atlantic world. Africa is a diverse and large continent, with different regions (North Africa, the Sahel, the Horn of Africa, Central Africa, West Africa, East Africa, and Southern Africa), societies, histories, and cultures. We will focus on such themes as, the idea of Africa; major characteristic institutions; key features and events of the pre-colonial era, including the Slave Trade; women's roles; and cultural constructions of identity as it relates to music, art, food, and dress cultures. Brought to the New World as part of the largest forced migration in history, Africans and their descendants have drawn upon their experiences to create enduring cultural forms that seem simultaneously to be thoroughly diasporic and distinctly African. We will explore how best we can understand the diverse cultural practices of African peoples in the Americas; the African origins of some of those practices; and how they are related to one another and still connected with Africa.

**Cheer**

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culty of routines] are about a twenty," Best said. "Performing a routine is the easy part. Learning it and perfecting it is a whole different story."

On the plus side, Best says that a typical routine isn't long, and that it is mostly just a matter of discipline

"It usually takes us about a week to learn a routine after that we simply perfect it," Best said.

With a support structure already in

place, plans are underway to start the next academic year strong.

"St. Andrews get ready for an amazing 2011-2012 school year," Best said. "The SAPC Knights cheerleaders are here and we aren't going anywhere!"



*Politics Professors Howard Reichner, Neal Bushoven and Larry Schulz hold a forum to share insights into the world and the impact of global events on Americans.*

## **Regions in Chaos: Why Should We Care about What Goes on in the Middle East and North Africa?**

*By Alice Harrison  
Editor*

Turn on the news any time and you will see confirmation of chaos in many areas of the world. While many of us here worry about what our next grade will be, many other people worry whether they'll live even another day. The recent turmoil in Syria proves that even when things look promising, the world is full of surprises – some bloody and horrible.

But what does this have to do with us? Quite a lot. We are the future. And we must learn. Here

in the United States, we are a diverse community, but not even we are immune to a certain degree of homogeneous thinking. Asking ourselves, "Why should we worry about what happens in someone else's backyard?"

Admittedly, we here at St. Andrews are lucky, lucky to be able to feel the wind on our faces without having to worry about what's behind our backs, to be able to walk across the causewalk without dodging bullets. But there are places in the world where these opportunities do not

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