

## **AU's Global Awareness Roundtable turns to France**

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ALFRED, NY France will be the focus of Alfred University's next Global Awareness Roundtable, to be held at the Knight Club in Powell Campus Center on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. The French film "The Closet" by Francis Veber will be shown the following Sunday, April 11, at 2 p.m. in Powell's Nevins Theatre. The Thursday evening Roundtable participants include Dr. Cecilia Beach, associate professor of French at Alfred University; Sarah Wheatley, a double French and biology major who lived in France for three years; and Celine Perreard, a French teaching assistant. The Sunday film is a comedy that stars Daniel Auteuil as Francois Pignon, a man who is estranged from his wife and son, and about to lose his job. A straight man, Pignon agrees to "expose" himself in order to engender sympathy and put fear into the minds of those who would fire him. Alfred University's Global Awareness Roundtable is a monthly, informal event designed to introduce the Alfred community to a variety of cultures from around the world.