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Event:	Faculty Colloquium: Assistant Professor of French Scott Sheridan presents "Beyond Oo la la: The Evolution of the French Mystique in American Films"
Date:	March 5 (Friday)
Time:	4 p.m.
Location:	Center for Natural Science, room C101, 201 Beecher St., Bloomington
Admission:	Free and open to the public
Background:	During his talk, Sheridan will use clips of American films set in Paris to explore the changes in the representation of the French, especially in films made after World War II up through the present. Sheridan will also address the recent anti-French American attitudes that stem from France's opposition to the Iraqi war. In addition, common French stereotypes will be examined in films including <i>An American in Paris, Rugrats in Paris,</i> <i>Funny Face, Addicted to Love, The French Connection, French Kiss,</i> <i>Moulin Rouge,</i> and <i>Forget Paris.</i> The colloquium will also feature special guest Dal Estes, a World War II D-day veteran, who will share his opinion of the recent negative attitudes toward France in light of his experience there during the war.
Contact:	For additional information, contact Sheridan at (309) 556-3238.