

AFTERNOONS AT THE MOVIES

October 2, 2005



AFT Part-Time Faculty United, Local 6286, is sponsoring *Afternoons at the Movies* at Victor Valley College. The first movie in this series will feature the classic *Inherit the Wind*, starring Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, Gene Kelly, and Dick York.

After the showing of the movie, a panel discussion will take place. Panelists will include Heinrich Kaiser (in photo left), professor of biology at VVC, Jim Dallas (in photo right), retired United Methodist Minister, Andrew Sanders, Herbarium Curator at the University of California Riverside, Joe Berry, Ph.D. candidate at Claremont Graduate University, Dr. Thomas O'Neil, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at VVC, and Dr. Z. Richard Sawan, local physician and author.

The movie is based on the actual events surrounding the Scopes Trial, which took place in 1925 in Dayton, Tennessee. In the trial, Clarence Darrow (Tracy) and William Jennings Byran (March) argue the case for and against a science teacher accused of teaching evolution in his classroom, which was then forbidden by Tennessee state law. The movie is thought provoking for both proponents of evolution and defenders of biblical creationism.

After the movie, a short intermission is scheduled, at which time barbeque, hot dogs, and ice cream will be available at affordable prices. The attendees will then reconvene in the Performing Arts Center for a short panel discussion. The panelists will represent a broad range of perspectives, including science, religion, and culture. After the panel presentations, audience members will be given an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists and voice their personal opinions.

***Afternoons at the Movies* will conclude with a drawing for some great door prizes, including gift certificates from the Red Lobster and Barnes & Noble.**

***Afternoons at the Movies* is open to the public and admission is FREE.** Individuals in the local community who enjoy classic movies and a good debate on contemporary issues will not want to

miss this special event. The movie will provide a great springboard for discussing academic freedom and the role of religion and science in contemporary society and the classroom.

The movie will be shown in the **Performing Arts Center** at Victor Valley College on **October 11 at 2:30 PM**. For further information, contact AFT Part-Time Faculty United at (760) 245-4271 x2125 or email info@vvcpters.org.