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Farewell and welcome Annual Alumni Phonathon underway

Amy Grabner
Staff Writer

The expansions of academic programs here at Clinch Valley are rapidly underway.

While CVC will be losing five of their current professors due to retirement, there will hopefully be nine new additions.

Bill Lee, Professor of Accounting; Augusto Portuando, Professor of Spanish; Rex Baird, Professor of Biology; and Betty Johnson, Chair of the Nursing Department will be retiring at the conclusion of the 1998 spring semester.

Also, Zoug Chowdery, Professor of Mathematics, will be retiring after the fall semester of the

1998-1999 school year.

Currently there are nine tenure track searches in progress. The departments that are searching and offering positions are Computer Science, Biology, Spanish, Physics, Finance, Accounting, Nursing, Art, and Sociology. While the art position is simply a temporary mentor position, the others are potentially permanent positions.

According to Dr. Glenn Blackburn, Dean of Faculty, these searches are tied directly to the expansion of academics at Clinch Valley, particularly for the new administration of justice major.

Hopefully this expansion will make the fall semester promising and anticipatory.

Maggie L. Ulrich
Editor

The collaborative efforts of Valerie Lawson, Director of Alumni Relations, several student organizations, and student volunteers have jumped this year's Alumni Phonathon off to a great start.

The Annual Alumni Phonathon, this year running February 15-19 and February 22-26, raises money that will be used for the college's greatest need. The money is placed in an unrestricted account and is then distributed to funds which benefit scholarships, campus beautification, the library, and student organizations. Some alumni do choose for their donations to be placed in certain funds to benefit a specific organization.

This year Lawson recruited organizations such as Alpha Delta Chi, Zeta Alpha, Phi Sigma Sigma, Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Kappa Phi, Resi-

their time. Other students not belonging to a specific organization also volunteered. According to Lawson, there were anywhere from 14-25 student volunteers each night.



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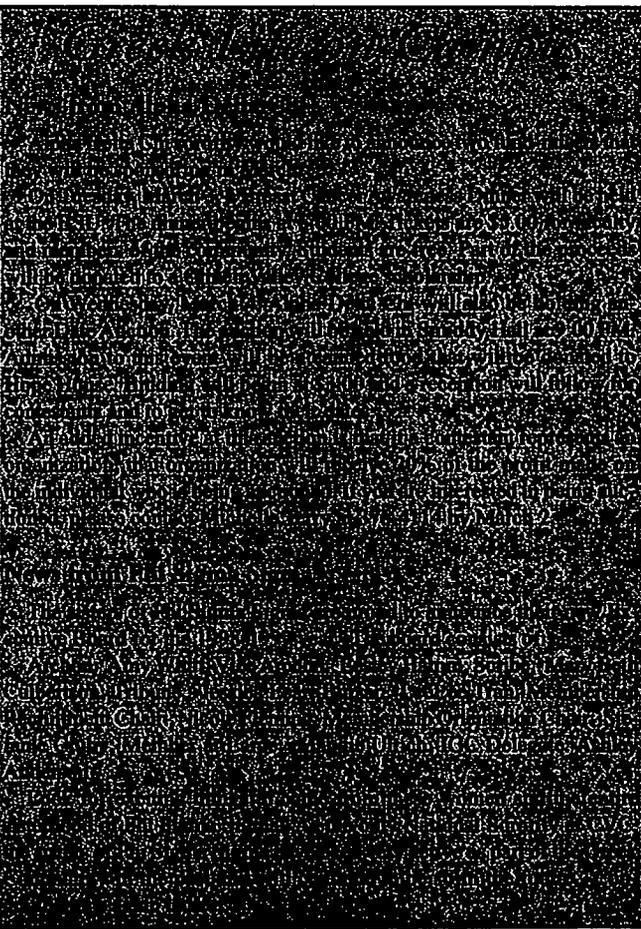
Students volunteered their time this semester to help the Alumni Phonathon raise \$13,200 so far.

Last year's Phonathon raised \$17,500 from donations. Lawson had hopes to reach or exceed that amount this year. However, with only \$13,200 to date, it does not look like it is going to happen. Lawson said that alumni have been very generous in their donations this year, and that one alumnus has even donated \$3000.

Even though the Phonathon will not raise as much money as hoped,

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Dr. Betty Johnson bids her farewell

Christy Morgan
Staff Writer

Dr. Betty M. Johnson has announced her retirement as Professor and Chair of the Nursing Department at CVC.

Since 1991, Dr. Johnson has shaped and molded the nursing program into what it is now.

As a Professor and Associate Dean at the University of Virginia School of Nursing, school officials asked her to come down to the Southwest Virginia area to observe if there was enough interest to support a nursing program in 1990.

She saw that there was an interest and wrote a proposal to initiate a program here at CVC.

In March of 1993, the state approved and funded the nursing program, and the results of her hard work paid off as the first graduating class passed through in May of

gram has been very successful with twenty-five alumni to date.

Professor Johnson has been very active here at CVC, being an advisor to the Honor Court, Chair of the Finance Committee of the Faculty Senate, and Council of Chairs. She was also on the first women's concerns committee in which they passed out surveys pertaining to how women are treated at CVC.

The main goal that Dr. Johnson had in mind when she started the program was to see it develop into an established and respectable major. Now, she feels as if her goal has been reached and she is ready to retire. "I wanted to stay until I saw it's feet on the ground," says Johnson of the



Photo by Graham Marsteller

Dr. Johnson retires from CVC after a long career of service.

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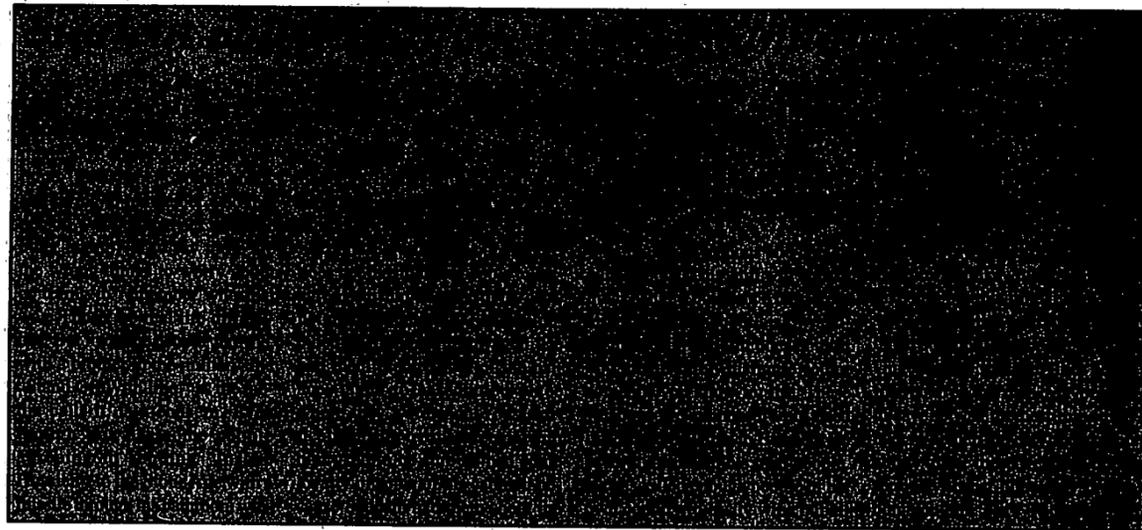
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nursing program.

She is impressed to see how the nurses have responded to the program from this area. Although this brings her a great deal of satisfaction, she says that "the greatest satisfaction is working with and teaching the students."

Dr. Johnson's plans after retirement are to move back to her home in Gaithersburg, MD and serve part-time on the Preliminary Approval Accreditation Panel for The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. She also wants to travel, read, and play golf in her spare time.

Betty Johnson is an integral part of the nursing program and Clinch Valley College, and she will be missed in the years to come.



Highland Players present: The Rainmaker

The Highland Players proudly present their 1998 spring production, *The Rainmaker*, written by N. Richard Nash.

two brothers Noah (David Hall, understudied by Robb Brooks) and Jim (Pat Ryan, understudied by Sammy Belcher). The play comes to a climax when a con man named Starbuck (James Bocock) storms into town and sweeps the family off their feet with the promise of rain.

This play is being directed by guest director Jeannie Gambill. Mrs. Gambill has a degree in theatre, works in the Clinch Valley College Admissions Office, and teaches the new costume design class here at CVC.

Production dates are April 15-18 at 8 PM and April 19th at 2 PM. Admission will be announced closer to the show.

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Advantages may be hidden, but are always there

Over the past two years that I have attended Clinch Valley College, I have seen people come and go. I see a lot more people going, however, than I do staying. Contrary to popular belief, it's not that the majority of the students are leaving because of graduation. It's because they are not happy here.

They all give their own reasons for leaving. Some go because they are homesick, some because Wise County doesn't allow for them to have a healthy social life, some people are having financial difficulty, and some go because their grades won't allow them to come back.

When I hear all these reasons, I can only reply with all the reasons students should fight to stay.

Where else are you going to be

greeted, on your first day back to campus, by the Chancellor and other faculty members helping you move in. The only place I can think of is CVC.

Where else are you going to find a classroom that only has a maximum of 30-35 students in an introductory course. The answer I come up with is only a college similar in size to CVC.

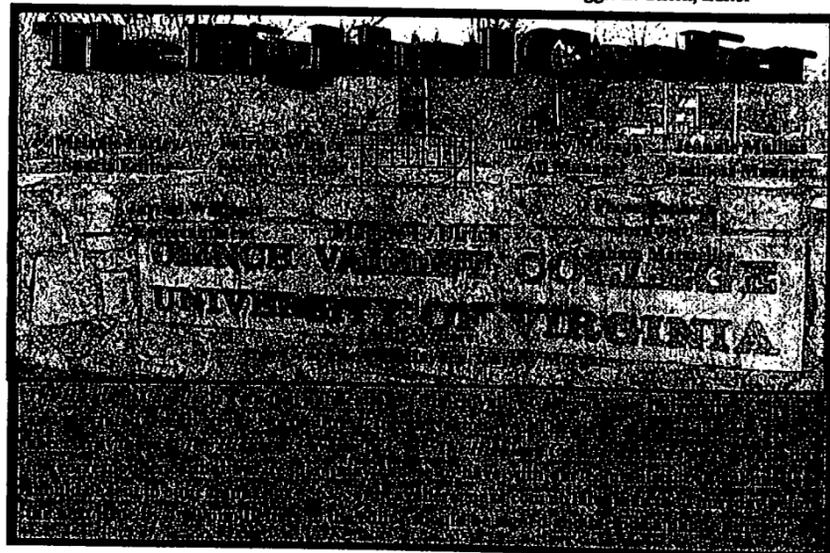
Where else are you going to find the Chancellor, his wife, his children, and over half the faculty and staff at an athletic event. School spirit is alive and well here at Clinch Valley.

My point here is that Clinch Valley College can offer a student so much, if he/she stays here for more than a semester. There are probably some people saying, "But what

about my social life?" Well, my only reply will be a simple question- "Have you been in the residence halls lately?!" There is so much socializing going on in the halls that members of the Residence Hall Association have been getting complaints, along with the Resident Assistants. In addition to the communities of residence hall dwellers, there are so many organizations on campus to get involved in that if students take full advantage of all their opportunities, they wouldn't have time to leave campus.

So, before you consider to leave Clinch Valley College, please consider all the opportunities that CVC has to offer that other colleges or the 'real world' won't.

Maggie L. Ulrich, Editor



Sports

1998 tennis season begins

Melanle Farley
Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's Clinch Valley College tennis teams began their 1998 season on Sunday, February 22nd as they played NCAA teams from Mars Hill.

In the men's matches, Mars Hill defeated CVC 9-0 and in the women's matches, Mars Hill took the win, 5-4.

Head Coach Danny Rowland felt that while both teams were defeated, such tough competition, "was a good way to start the season."

This season's men's team includes seniors, John Jenkins, Shane Phillips, and Michael Pierce, juniors Glenwood Fretwell, Kevin Rubink, and Wil Massey, and fresh-

men Matt Nidiffer, Bradly Hart, and Jonathan Hinchler.

For the women's tennis team, players are senior Misty Puckett, junior Laura Taylor, sophomore Brandi Collins, and freshmen Laura Mullins, Lacy Gilley, Amber Gunter, and Kristi Carter.

Coach Rowland said that this season's men's team is, "very experienced" and since the team finished second last year, "there's no reason they can't do it this time."

Of the women's team, Rowland feels that although they are a, "very young team," he "expects them to challenge for the top spot in the conference."

In Sunday's matches, freshman Jonathan Hinchler shone through, as he finished number two in singles for the men.

Four matches were won by the women, as sophomore Brandi Collins, freshman Amber Gunter and freshman Kristi Carter, all won in their singles matches, and the doubles team made of freshmen Laura Mullins and Amber Gunter also took a victory.

Both the men's and women's tennis teams ran at 7:00 a.m. every morning for their pre-season conditioning. Now that the season has begun, the teams try to practice as much as they can in the evenings when weather permits.

The next scheduled women's tennis match is this Thursday at LMU.

The men's team resumes playing on Saturday, February 28th when they travel to meet Virginia Intermont.

CVC baseball opens season on road

Zach Hayden
Staff Writer

The Clinch Valley College men's baseball team opened up its season with a three game series against conference opponent Tennessee Wesleyan College, when they played one game Friday, February 20th, and a double-header on Saturday February 21st at TWC.

Friday's contest was a 9-4 game that went to Tennessee Wesleyan, and saw Wes Needham carry the starting pitching duties.

On Saturday, the Cavaliers fell 4-1 in the first game of the double-

header, and came up a little short in the second game, missing the win 15-14.

Although CVC lost this game, the Cavaliers' bats came alive during the second game, when five home runs were hit.

Brett Maggard hit two of the home runs along with teammates Chad Shaffner who also hit two and Tim Shepherd who hit one.

The Cavs will host a double-header to Union College on March 4th at 1:00 p.m.

This game will be the first home game of the 1998 Cavalier baseball season.

Lady Cavs defeat Bryan College

Melanle Farley
Sports Editor

The Lady Cavaliers needed a win to secure the host position for the first round of the TVAC tournament and proudly did so last Saturday, February 21st, when they defeated Bryan College 69-67.

In this game, Samantha Lester and Christy Gray-Dalton once again dominated the scoring for the Lady Cavs, as Lester scored 22 total game points alongside Gray-Dalton who put up 20 points.

Both Samantha Lester and Christy Gray-Dalton helped to snatch the win against Bryan in the final seconds of the game. With 20 seconds remaining, Gray-Dalton scored a key shot and Lester then stole the ball to add another two points to the score. Fouled on this play, Lester then hit her free throw to gain a five point lead.

Freshman Bettina Vanover also helped the Lady Cavs gain a victory, as she "helped shut down some people from the inside" Coach Gill said.

Earlier last week, the Lady Cavs hosted King College in their last regular season home game. Although King went home with the win, one Lady Cavalier in particular had one, if not her best game of the season according to Coach Gill.

Freshman Amber Gunter scored 11 total game points in this match-up. Nine of these points came from Gunter's amazing three-point-shot abilities.

Again in the game against King, Lester and Gray-Dalton continued their infamous athletic greatness, as Gray-Dalton hit 24 points and Lester added 14.

Gill commented, "Both

Samantha Lester and Christy Gray-Dalton have had outstanding seasons."



After the game against Bryan, Gray-Dalton is just 13 rebounds away from 1000 in her career. In this season alone, she has scored 669 points. Lester has scored 547 points this season.

Freshman Nedria Conner has also scored a high number of points this season, with 224 to her name.

The Lady Cavaliers will again play Bryan College, as Bryan arrives here on Tuesday night.

The winner of this contest will go to Bristol on Thursday to face the number one seed in the TVAC.

CVC Intramural Report: volleyball ends, soccer begins

Melanle Farley
Sports Editor

Although the intramural volleyball competition draws to an end tonight as the championship games are played, the indoor soccer contest is just beginning with seven men's teams and two women's teams.

Student Activities/Intramurals Coordinator Ronnie Welch seems excited about the high level of student involvement in the intramural events and commented, "I'm really pleased with the volleyball season. We had a record number of teams participate and I'm looking forward to a fun-filled indoor soccer season."

Tonight, at 8:00 p.m., the women's teams *Doobie Sisters* and *Girl Power* take to the floor for

their volleyball championship game.

Following this match, at 9:00 p.m., the men's teams (TBA) battle it out to see who will reign as the kings of the volleyball court.

The first of the indoor soccer games will begin this Thursday. This year, seven men's teams will compete including, *Pi Lambda Phi*, *Pi Kappa Phi*, *Eagles*, *New Age Outlaws*, *Hot Shots 3*, *Bruslers* and *Crocs*.

On Friday, the intramural action turns into extramural excitement as two CVC teams head for the National three-on-three basketball tournament sponsored by Schick at East Carolina University at Greenville, North Carolina.

Representing CVC in the tournament is the men's team made up of Travis Cantrell, Brad Jett, Matt

Lyall, and Chad Rowland and the women's team which includes Amber Knight, Christy Morgan, and Mylene Delpilar.

In other extramural events, the CVC vs. Mountain Empire Community College basketball competition originally scheduled for February 5th, has been rescheduled for March 3rd.

The games will be played in Cames Gym at MECC in Big Stone Gap, VA. If directions are needed, see Ronnie Welch in Cantrell Hall or call him at 376-4514.

Competing for CVC are the teams *Stone Cold Stunners*, *Silver Bullets*, *No Good But So Good*, *Doobie Sisters*, and *DPL*.

Competing for MECC are the teams, *Freebirds*, *Nature Boys*, *Crippers*, *Metro Girls* and *J.B. Crew*.

Entertainment

"Senseless" may be considered tasteless

Jarrod Williams
Entertainment Editor

The new comedy "Senseless," starring Marlon Wayans and David Spade, is engagingly funny at times; but the type of humor employed in the film may have some viewers thinking the title should be merely "tasteless."

The plot of the film is fairly straightforward, and if you have seen the previews you most likely already know it.

College student Darryl Witherspoon (Marlon Wayans) works four jobs to pay his tuition and to help his poor family out.

When he gets offered \$3000 to be a "guinea pig" for an experimental drug, he agrees and gets endowed with super-hero strength senses.

Darryl makes use of his heightened senses to help him compete for a job as a junior stock analyst for the "Smythe-Bates Company," a job that will give him enough money to support his family and himself.

Amongst others, Darryl is competing against rich-kid-snob

Scott Tyson (David Spade) for the attentions of Randall Tyson, a head-honcho at Smythe-Bates who is in charge of picking the potential candidates for the junior stock analyst position.

In the course of his struggles, Darryl meets and falls in love with fellow-student Janice (Tamara Taylor).

He uses his enhanced senses to find out her interests and what she wants in a potential mate, then the two eventually get together as he uses the knowledge to win her heart.

When Darryl becomes so enraptured with his super senses that he decides to up the dosage on the drug, he suffers a side-effect that only allows him four of his five senses at any given time.

From this point on the movie follows its predictable course, but manages to provide some good laughs along the way.

The humor is quite raucous and there is no cerebral humor to back it up, this may not be appealing to some viewers.

Marlon Wayans does a good job of portraying the desperate student Darryl, his physical comedy is right on par with the likes of Jim Carrey and he shows some promise in his dramatic moments.

David Spade turns in a horribly lack-luster performance as the snotty Scott Butler.

One can hardly tell that he was in the movie because of his extremely subdued presence and less than inspired acting.

Newcomer Tamara Taylor does an admirable job as the love interest to Marlon Wayans' character. This role may be a stepping stone to better projects in the future for her.

"Senseless" accomplishes its goal, like any semi-decent comedy it manages to produce laughter in the audience.

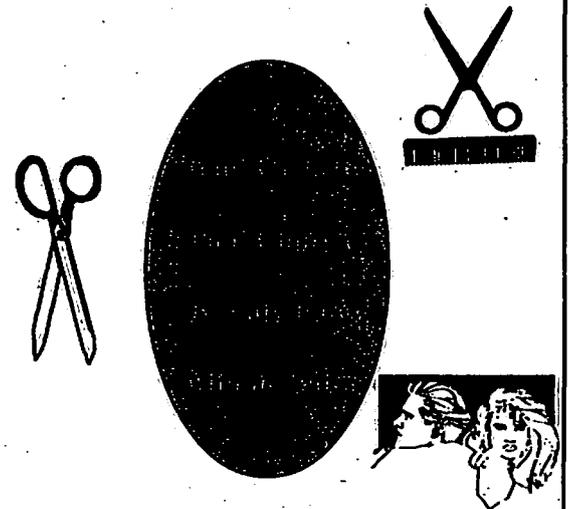
The humor is on a considerably lower level than some people might care for and may turn-off some people. If you enjoyed "The Nutty Professor," you may give "Senseless" a try.

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Pro-Art: Hunchback of Notre Dame

Press Release

A family musical presentation of The Hunchback of Notre Dame will be offered March 10 at Coeburn Middle School in Coeburn.

This is the newest musical of Children's Storybook Theatre from Riverside, CA, a division of Riverside Light Opera Company. The local performance is part of the traveling company's nationwide tour. It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Children's Storybook Theatre was created to produce and present high-quality entertainment for both youngsters and adults.

A story line for the musical was adapted from the familiar Victor Hugo classic in which Quasimodo is banished to the cathedral of Notre Dame for what he thinks are his grotesque physical looks.

Esmerelda and Phoebus help Quasimodo find out the truth and learn his strengths as they battle the evil General Frolo in this one-hour musical adventure.

It is presented by Pro-Art Association, in collaboration with Clinch Valley College of the

University of Virginia, as part of the Encore Series, and co-sponsored by the Coeburn Civic League.

Admission is free for Clinch Valley College students who show a valid I.D. card at the door.

Other characters who move about the beautifully-designed set are Peter, a friar of Notre Dame, and Matilda, Sergeant Phoebus' female friend.

The stage adaptation by Anthony Rhine takes seriously the responsibility to entertain children's audiences without depicting bloodshed.

There is swordplay but no killing or threats of killing.

Although Quasimodo is afraid to venture beyond the security of Notre Dame, he is irresistibly drawn to the outside world. He is fearful of encountering Frolo and being punished, but he goes to a festival where his deformity may appear to be just another costume.

Once among other people he realizes that not everyone is repulsed by his hunchback, and he is happy to finally make real friends.

For more information contact Daisy Portuondo at (540) 328-2174 or 376-1083.

"Golden Dragon" Acrobats to perform at CVC

Press Release

One of the oldest folk art forms in history will be thrillingly displayed during a visit to Wise of The World Famous Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats.

The acrobatic troupe will perform at 7:30 p.m. on March 4 in Greer Gymnasium at Clinch Valley College.

The program is part of the W. Campbell Edmunds Memorial Concert Series presented by Pro-Art Association in collaboration with Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia.

Co-sponsors are the Town of Wise and First Coeburnwealth Bank.

The Chinese saw the first acrobats, magicians and jugglers during the Han Dynasty more than 2,000 years ago. The Golden Dragon Acrobats carry on the tradition and heritage passed from generation to generation. Over the years, the art has evolved to a modern day form.

Each generation has its own amazing feat, from an

artist who bends her body into the form of a double 'S' to acrobats juggling with their feet, blind folded acrobats jumping through a hoop lined with sharp knives and elaborate cycling.

Acrobatics on poles was a popular entertainment form in ancient China and it remains a crowd pleaser.

Coordination is essential as

One of the most dramatic acrobats is called Pagoda Of China. It requires years of training and intense concentration by the acrobat, who carefully ascends to dangerous heights, clearly by precarious chair.

In China, acrobats are revered in much the same way that prima ballerinas and opera singers are in the West. The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats are

known throughout the world as the premier acrobatic troupe touring today.

They perform award winning acrobats, jugglers, magicians, and modern musical acrobats. They perform a variety of acrobatic feats, including acrobats, jugglers, magicians, and modern musical acrobats. They perform a variety of acrobatic feats, including acrobats, jugglers, magicians, and modern musical acrobats.



The Golden Dragon Acrobats

the person balancing the pole is a young woman named Li. She is a member of the troupe and has been performing for many years. She is a very talented acrobat and has won many awards for her performance.

For more information contact Daisy Portuondo at (540) 328-2174 or 376-1083.