

# Snakes Alive!

## Ophidiophobias on the Run

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Ever touched a snake? Ever wanted to? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, then you would definitely have enjoyed the March 8 Twister Productions presentation in the Under-ground.

Complete with all nine of his slithering friends, Steve Longnecker, Director of Nature at Falling Creek Camp for Boys, arrived ready to captivate a somewhat ready, somewhat fearful BC audience who had an opportunity to handle the snakes both before and after the presentation. Cries such as "Don't point that thing at me," and "Hey, let me hold that," shook through the room.

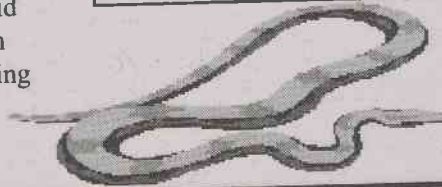
Longnecker, formerly from Minnesota, has made Asheville and various parts of the South his home for 30 years. Along with his job at the Camp, he is also a mountain biking and rock climbing guide who is fascinated by birds of prey as well as snakes. The reptiles used for the presentation were a conglomeration of types who make their home in or around Falling Creek Camp. Venomous

timber rattlesnakes and a southern copperhead, mountain natives actually snared in the forests around Brevard, joined other transients, such as a Honduran Milksnake, a Cornsnake, a Florida Kingsnake, one red-tailed boa, and two common boa constrictors. As Longnecker displayed and handled his venomous and non-venomous companions, audience members were free to hold, touch, pet, or run. Steve's only request was that the snakes "not be dangled down someone's back."

Along with the visuals came the facts. Even having been snake-bitten himself, Longnecker still holds that snakes do not pose a threat to humans. According to Longnecker, people adopt "ophidiophobia," snake phobia, at a young age. However, phobics need to realize that snakes have lousy eyesight and have to use their tongues to catch even the scent of food. Additionally, snakes are afraid of unfamiliar scents, so when they strike, they are only trying to protect themselves.

# TWISTER

April 17 <sup>th</sup>	1 p.m. Paintball w/ Twister 7 p.m. Bluegrass & Old Timey Concert Porter Ctr. Kilmer Forrest Service Trip
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Softball and Tennis 2 p.m. BCO 3:30 p.m. Paul Porter Center
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Week: King's Creek Cleanup 4 - 6 p.m.
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Walks "Turtle Talks 7:30 p.m. Coltrane
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	ECO Panel 7 p.m. 110 Degrees in the Shade BB-PC 4/21 - 4/24 Earth Night Video 9 p.m.
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day Rainsticks- 2 p.m. Quad Earth Drums 8 p.m. Quad
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Forest Day 1 p.m. Earth/Barn Dance 8 p.m. Music Center Barn
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Community Earth Day Sims Ctr. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Worship Black Beauty 3:30 p.m. Paul Porter Center
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Video night 9 p.m.
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Senior art Show /29 - 5/15 Choir and Chorale Concert 8 p.m. Paul Porter Ctr.
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Springfest: Bizarre Wars - quad 2 p.m. DJ Dance-Pool 10 p.m. Bonnie Rideout w/Hesperus 8 p.m. Paul Porter Ctr.



## Porter Center for Performing Arts

DATE	PERFORMANCE	LOCATION	TIME	COST
April 21-24	110 Degrees In The Shade	Morrison Playhouse	8 p.m.	\$5
April 25	Black Beauty	PC Concert Hall	3:30 p.m.	Ad. \$8/Kids&Mat. \$5
April 29	Sr. Student's Exhibition	Sims Art Center		
	BC Concert Choir	PC Concert Hall		
April 30	Celtic Roots	PC Concert Hall	8 p.m.	n/c
May 1	Brevard College Springfest	PC Amphitheater	8 p.m.	\$8
May 13-15	BLT Do Not Go Gentle	Barn Theatre	1-6 p.m.	n/c
May 15	Reception	Sims Art Center	8 p.m.	\$8/Student/\$5Matinee
May 16	BLT Do Not Go Gentle	Barn Theatre	7 p.m.	\$8/Student/\$5Matinee
May 20-22	BLT Do Not Go Gentle	Barn Theatre	3 p.m.	\$8/Student/\$5 Matinee
May 23	BLT Do Not Go Gentle	Barn Theatre	8 p.m.	\$8/Student/\$5 Matinee
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### 110 in the Shade Premeires Apr. 21

From Wed, Apr. 21 through Sat., Apr. 24, Black Box Theatre will host four performances of *110 in the Shade* under the direction of Dr. Robert White. A Richard Nash lyrical adaptation of *The Rainmaker*, the play follows a traveling con man (played by Bob Lahmann) as he woos a young woman named Lizzy (Angela Hayes). Assisting Dr. White are Asst. Dir. Jennifer Bobbitt, Choreographer Victoria Zgura, and Pianist Curtis Gardin, as well as a cast of talented students and local residents. Tickets are \$5.