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## Guilford locked down by weather

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**S**chool closings. Accidents. Roads and walkways covered in an inch-thick skin of ice. Welcome to Jan. 25, 2004.

Last week, four-and-a-half inches of snow and ice hit the Greensboro area, shutting down Guilford County and surrounding counties. The snow was followed by sleet and below-freezing temperatures, which solidified the mass of snow and froze it into sheets of slippery ice.

Classes were cancelled at the college Jan. 26 and were cut short on Jan. 27. Eight thirty a.m. classes were canceled, and evening classes ended early at 9:30 p.m. College personnel laid down sand to cope with the ice, trying to make for a secure, if gritty, walk to class.



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**Campus roads and sidewalks covered with ice last week made campus journeys difficult**

The snowstorm turned busy traffic thoroughfares, including Interstates 40 and 77, into long, flat plains of snow-covered ice.

"We've seen I don't how

many people just flying and slamming on brakes and then doing 360s," Lisa Spencer, a dispatcher for a Greensboro towing company, said. According to the *Greensboro*

*News and Record*, the Greensboro Highway patrol office responded to 305 wreck calls in a 12-hour period on

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## Islam scholar visits campus

**Meredith Veto**  
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**O**ne of the world's leading scholars of Islam, Seyyed Hossein Nasr, visited the college on Jan. 28th as a featured speaker for Religious Emphasis Week. Nasr, emeritus head of Islamic Studies at George Washington University, has written over 50 books on science and religion, Sufi spirituality, and Islamic philosophy.

Nasr led a panel discussion in Bryan Jr. Auditorium at 3:45 p.m. on the harmony of science and religion. Panel members included Dana Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and History of Science Theodor Benfey, Professor of History at UNC-Greensboro Kenneth Caneva, Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Latifa Chahoua, and student Samer Atiany. At 7 p.m. in Dana Auditorium Nasr gave a public lecture titled "The Heart of Islam."

Max Carier, the college's campus ministry coordinator, was thrilled to be welcoming the prominent religious scholar to the school.

A former student of Nasr, Carter had maintained contact with him since his 1984 doctoral studies at Temple University.

Carter has kept the same goals in mind for the college's

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**Christopher Benfey to speak at the 2004 commencement**

## Speaker announced

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**I**n a press release dated Jan. 16, the college announced that Christopher Benfey, '77, will be the guest speaker at this year's commencement ceremonies

"I was thrilled and floored [when I received the news]," Benfey said. "It's not the kind of thing you expect ... and the

idea of addressing Guilford grads is a bit intimidating."

Benfey is a professor of American literature at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts. He established himself as an Emily Dickinson scholar with the works *Emily Dickinson and the Problem of Others* in 1984 and *Emily Dickinson: Lives of a Poet* in 1986. He

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