

**Subject:** Winter and Spring Commencements

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From the President's Office:

I am pleased to announce that Senator John H. Chichester, President pro tempore of the Virginia Senate and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee will be our speaker at Winter Commencement on December 18th.

Senator Chichester, a graduate of Virginia Tech, was first elected to the Virginia Senate in 1978 and has a long and distinguished record of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth. Senator Chichester has been a champion of higher education and a good friend of CNU.

For Spring commencement on May 7, 2005 our speaker will be the Reverend

Dr. Ralph Waller, Principal of Harris Manchester College of the University of Oxford. Dr. Waller holds the B.Div., M.A., M.Th., and Ph.D. degrees and, in addition to serving as the chief executive officer of Harris Manchester College, serves as a member of the faculty

of the University of Oxford. Harris Manchester College was founded as

Manchester Academy in 1786. It was one of the "dissenting academies"

established after the Restoration to provide higher education for Nonconformists, who were denied degrees from the ancient universities

of Oxford and Cambridge by religious tests. Harris Manchester College

became a part of the University of Oxford in 1889.