CHAIR OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMICS

There appear to be doubts about the teaching of economics at the Adelaide University. In an excellent speech at the annual dinner of the Commerce and Economics Association (Chair of Commerce) referred to the matter.

He said that he took it that the establishment of a chair in any subject was a public recognition by the community that it was of sufficient educational and social importance to warrant special study. Mr. Bruce did not seem to have any doubts in respect of the teaching of commerce. It was when he came to the question of economics that he was inclined to shy.

Having rightly defined economics as the study of the material welfare of the people, he declared that he would be sorry "if it resulted in clouding the University in a murky haze of party politics." It was a little difficult to see how this might be done. Party politics could not enter into the teaching of economics, and nothing has been said or done at the University which could possibly suggest such a thing.

If, as Mr. Bruce admitted, economics is "the study of the material welfare of the people," there is no subject taught of more transcendent importance. We in Australia need more and not less of that kind of study. If the University had been more enlightened in the matter, so many mistakes have been made in our commercial, industrial, political, and economic history.

What is there in this community which makes the teaching of the subject more difficult or hazardous than in any other? In most of the leading universities of the world, in the United States, and in Great Britain, no serious risk of clouding them in "a murky haze of party politics." Surely, the dangers which Mr. Bruce seems to see are not very real.

In any case, to attempt to teach commerce without a grounding in economics would be ridiculous. The two things—if they are two—are inseparable. It is just a suspicion that it is the fear expressed by Mr. Bruce, which has caused the Adelaide University to lag behind the other big universities.

The establishment of a Chair of Commerce and Economics is long overdue. Many people who understand anything about the matter regard the departure of Dr. Mason as a loss to South Australia. Had a chair been established earlier, such remarks would be hard to make it is hardly likely that Canada would have been able to lure him away.

ELDER CONSORTIUM

The Chantry music concert, to be given at the Assembly Chamber on Sunday evening, has been announced for the Chantry during the week. Mr. Charles R. W. Longmore, the conductor, has arranged the programme for the event and the previous occasion. The concert will feature some of Adelaide's leading musicians, including the St. John's Church Choir, the St. Paul's Church Choir, and the St. Andrew's Church Choir.

UNIVERSITY BROADCASTING

The University Broadcasting Committee, which was established last year to investigate the possibility of a University Broadcasting Station, has been reorganized.

The new committee consists of Dr. J. L. McMillan, Professor of English; Dr. J. F. Brown, Professor of Mathematics; Dr. H. B. Potter, Professor of History; and Dr. W. H. Davis, Professor of Economics.

The committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending the type of programming and format for the University Broadcasting Station.

HOSPITAL SURGICAL STAFF

The new surgical staff of the Royal Adelaide Hospital has been announced. The staff includes specialist surgeons from a variety of fields, including general surgery, orthopedic surgery, and obstetrics.

The new staff members are:
- Dr. John R. Harris, Department of Surgery
- Dr. John W. Brown, Department of Anesthesiology
- Dr. Sarah J. O'Brien, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

The new staff members will provide comprehensive and high-quality care to patients at the Royal Adelaide Hospital.