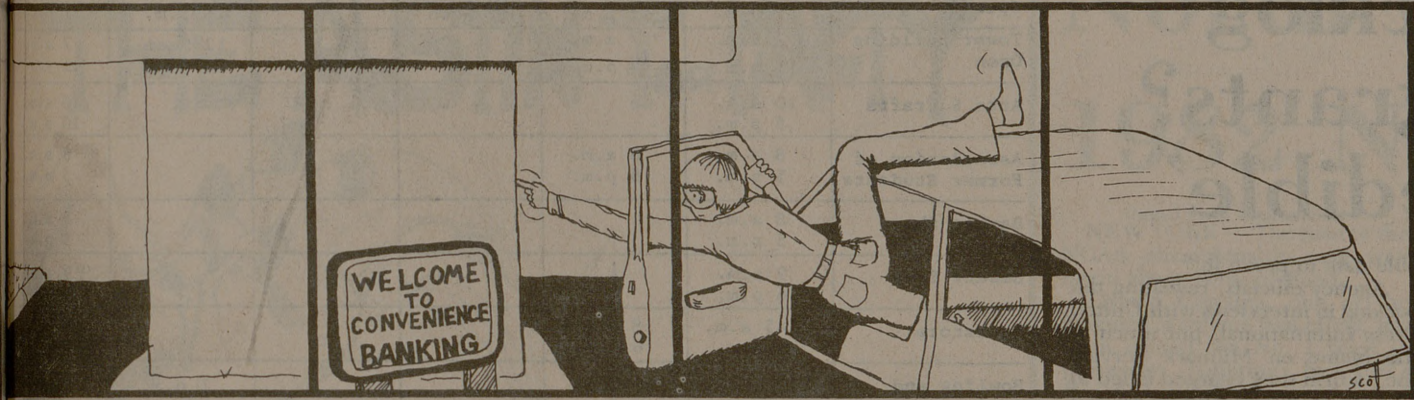


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By Scott McCullar



## What's up at Texas A&M

Tuesday

**MSC POLITICAL FORUM:** Members to camp overnight enacting Texas prison system Tuesday at 2 p.m. to Wednesday at 1 p.m. by Rudder Fountain.  
**STUDENT "Y":** Thanksgiving service with Dean C. H. Ransdell and the Century Singers at 8 p.m. in the All-Faiths Chapel.  
**OMEGA PHI ALPHA NATIONAL SERVICE:** Weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Pledge meeting following at 7:30 p.m.  
**SCONA:** General committee meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.  
**HORSEMENS ASSOCIATION:** General business meeting at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.  
**CHI ALPHA:** Former Buddhist Chattru Tamang will be teaching at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.  
**SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS:** Pictures for AggieLand and discussion of Houston Tool Show and next semester's activities at 7:30 p.m. in 102 A&A.  
**CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** International Students will have Bible Study at 8 p.m. in the Student Center. Rosary will be said at 9 p.m. in church.  
**TEXAS A&M WRESTLING:** 7:30 against Texas in the Deware Field House.

Wednesday

**ELEPHANT WALK:** Meet at Sully at noon.  
**OMEGA PHI ALPHA NATIONAL SERVICE SORORITY:** Weekly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder. Pledge meeting following at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday

**STUDENT "Y" ASSOCIATION CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE:** Will be selling buttons, bumper stickers, and license plate frames in the MSC Hallway 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**FOOD SCIENCE CLUB:** Will be selling pecans in MSC before, during and after game.

## Man sues lawyer for desertion from divorce trial

**United Press International**  
**DALLAS** — A man is suing his lawyer for not appearing at a divorce trial in 1979, charging that because of the attorney's absence his former wife got most of his property.

The suit, filed in state district court by Robert Mootz, accuses attorney Brian A. Eberstein of failing to appear at the trial and sabotaging Mootz' chances of an equitable settlement with his wife.

Eberstein says he is angry about the suit and said it could ruin him professionally. He said Edmund Burke, the attorney for Mootz's former wife, told him and his partner that the Dec. 10, 1979, divorce trial had been rescheduled.

W.J. Morris, Eberstein's former law partner, accused Burke of breaking an unwritten code of conduct among attorneys that divorce lawyers inform each other of changes in hearings or trials.

Burke said the problem was caused by a misunderstanding.

"We were down at the court a few days before the trial," he said. "Morris was there, and I told him we needed to reset a contempt motion regarding Mootz, who wasn't giving up some property he was ordered to. I said that motion was going to be set for the next week."

"But I did not mention resetting

the trial and we did not do it. They knew that. We were within two feet of the clerk, and Morris watched as she reset the contempt hearing but not the trial."

Eberstein agreed there may have been a misunderstanding but said there was no reason to continue the trial without him.

"If someone had called us and said, 'It's time for the trial, get down here,' do you think we didn't want to go down there?" he said. "Hell no, of course we're going to be there. But no one even called us from the courthouse."

Eberstein added: "I don't deserve this kind of adverse publicity. It is one big headache, very disturbing, terribly unfair by Mootz, and you can't get something like this off your mind."

Mootz, 54, currently spends considerable time in Mexico and makes a living off investments, said Sheila O'Connor, the attorney now representing him in the suit against Eberstein.

Mootz's new attorney in the divorce case, Charles Robertson, appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which does not hear divorce appeals. He has now appealed to the nation's highest court, the U.S. Supreme Court, seeking an order forcing the Texas Supreme Court to hear the divorce appeal.

## Lindbergh pages released, viewed

**United Press International**  
**WEST TRENTON, N.J.** — Cage-like rooms containing evidence from the "trial of the century" — including a ransom note and a nightgown of the infant of aviator Charles Lindbergh — were displayed Monday for the first time in 45 years.

Almost 90,000 pages and pieces of evidence detailing the murder and kidnapping of 20-month-old Charles Lindbergh Jr. were sealed after the 1936 trial of Bruno Hauptmann, a German immigrant convicted of the slaying.

But Hauptmann's widow, Anna Hauptmann, last month sued the state to gain access to the files, and Gov. Brendan Byrne ordered the files opened.

State police Friday set stringent ground rules for the viewing. After a news conference, about 100 photographers and reporters were allowed glimpses of materials in two 10-by-10 rooms. The remaining documents are being stored in nine crates in a special room at state police headquarters in West Trenton.

One of the crates contains a section of the trunk of Hauptmann's car.

Hauptmann's lawyer, Robert Bryan, said he would challenge the restrictions put on the viewing of the evidence.

He said since state police will allow only four researchers at a time to view the materials, it would take his team a year to compile evidence they need to prove Hauptmann's innocence.

In the two rooms opened for initial viewing, photographic enlargements of the Lindbergh baby, of the ransom note and of the infant's pajamas were displayed.

The ransom note read: "Dear Sir, have \$50,000 ready. We warn you for making anything public or for notify the police. The child is in gute care."

Another item displayed was a poster, dated March 11, 1932, that read, "Wanted: Information as to whereabouts of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., son of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, world famous aviator."

Hauptmann was convicted for the March 1, 1932, kidnapping, and was executed April 6, 1936, in the electric chair at Trenton State Prison.

Since Hauptmann's trial, questions have been raised about state police conduct during the investigation, about whether Hauptmann was justly convicted and even about whether the Lindbergh baby was really slain.

Two men — one from Biddeford, Maine, the other from San Francisco — wanted the evidence released so they might be able to bolster their claims to being the Lindbergh baby. A number of news agencies also are seeking to examine the evidence.

Among the evidence that has been kept in an empty cell is:

—A crude wooden ladder identified as having been fashioned from planks from the floor of Hauptmann's attic.

—Blond curls saved by the Lindbergh family that matched hair found on the tiny corpse;

—Marked bills paid as ransom and passed by Hauptmann in a Bronx gas station and found in his garage;

—A flannel shirt, worn by Charles Jr., along with matching threads from the dead baby's nightshirt.



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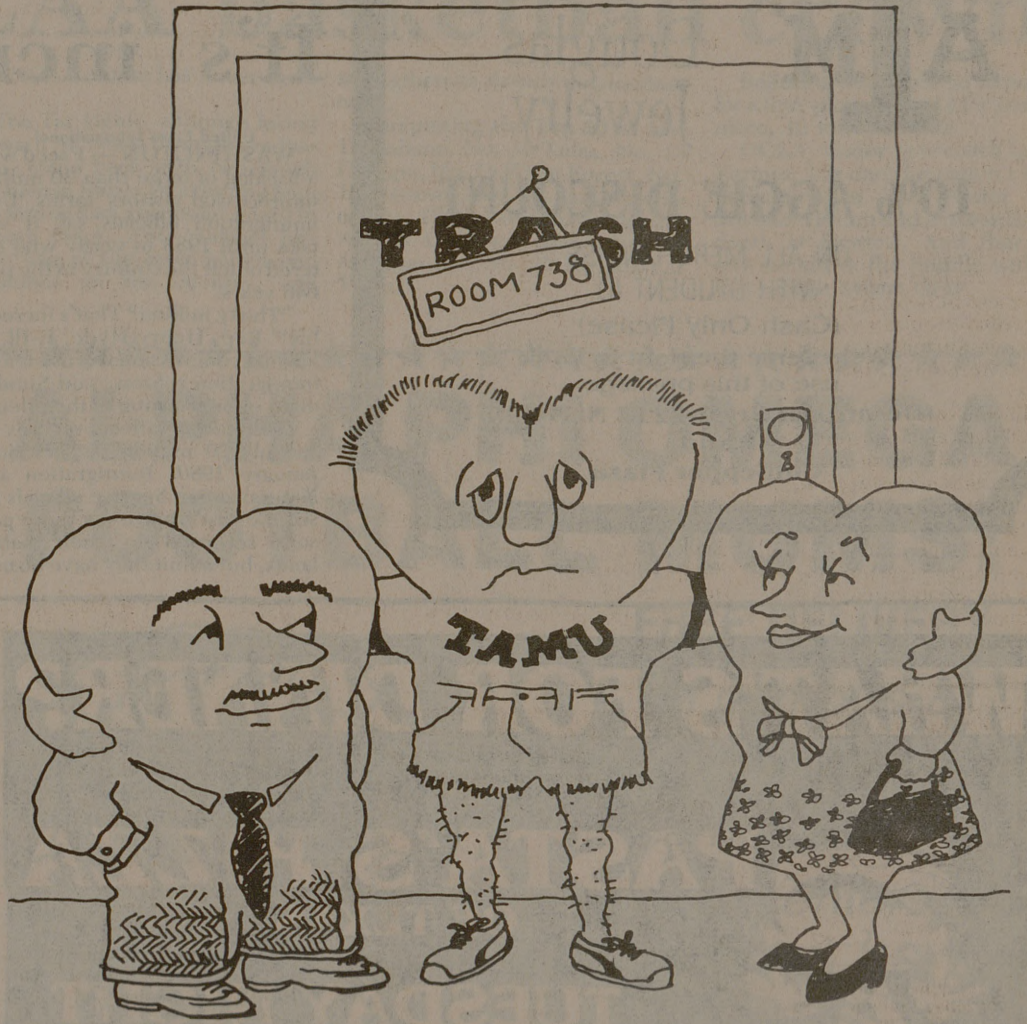
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