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Tunneling Through

Christopher Jedrzejek, 31/2, amuses himself in the olayground at Tanglewood Park. He and his

mother, Lilianna, enjoy spending their afternoons

Judge rules convicted killer can file appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas death row inmate who came within hours of being executed last week is entitled to file a new appeal because his attorneys didn't notifiy him of court proceedings, a judge said.

U.S. District Judge Norman Black said Monday that Clifford X. Phillips did not receive adequate notice last winter after the judge had rejected an appeal of Phillips' conviction. Black issued a written order say-

ing he will consider Phillips' case

Last week, Phillips, 52, was hours away from being executed for the 1982 slaying of Alley Theatre director Iris Siff when he received a stay from U.S. District Judge Gabrielle McDonald. Phillips submitted a handwritten plea arguing that his

lawyers had given up on him.
Phillips claimed his two Houston lawyers — Jim Skelton and Robert Pelton — did not follow up on an August 1986 appeal of his conviction. He did not find out Black had rejected his appeal until it was too late for him to go to a higher court, Phillips contended.

But the lawyers said they were retained to stop Phillips' scheduled Aug. 18, 1986, execution, not to contest the capital murder conviction.

Attorney Michael Charlton, who agreed a few days ago to represent Phillips, said Monday that certain is-sues had not been raised in previous appeals by Phillips.

Charlton told Black that every

row inmate deserves "one good shot" at challenging his convic-

But Assistant Attorney General Robert Walt said granting Phillips relief would "sanction endless, endless dilatory tactics" by death row inmates seeking to block their execu-

Phillips, who prefers to be called by the Islamic name of Abdullah Ba-shir, was convicted of robbing and strangling Siff, 58, while she was

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Experimental TV class faces changes; students react negatively to course

By Drew Leder Staff Writer

ilson turns on a television, tunes in s desired station and watches inently for an hour.

Kyle isn't a couch potato and he n't a soap opera junkie — he's a eshman business administration najor and one of about 1,000 stuents enrolled in Management 211

Texas A&M this spring. Management 211, the Legal Envinment of Business, is televised five nes a day each Monday, Wednesy and Friday on Channel 31 and deotaped lectures are available in he Sterling C. Evans Library and at

e Academic Computer Center. The management department imemented the program five days be ore classes began this semester, afr a request from the Associate Dean of Engineering, but adminis-rators involved with the experimenal program now say some changes

"There will be no decision to simly repeat what we've done — it idn't work," said Dr. Don Hellriel, interim dean of business admin-

Hellriegel said that while the fate this experiment will not be decided until the summer, the continuation of the televised classes will have to involve some changes.

Dr. Al Ringleb, associate management professor and course coordinator for Management 211, said that although he was not content with the program and would like to see improvement with it, it was a worthwhile experiment and he wants to continue the class on television.

Hellriegel said student response to the televised class, indicated by class evaluation questionnaires, was negative.

back that there are patterns of significant concern," he said.

Hellriegel said there will be a made about the future of the class.

Ringleb said that due to the large number of students who enroll in Management 211 each semester, there are certain advantages to presenting the class on television. For instance, he said, students can watch the lectures at their leisure instead of having to walk across the railroad

The lectures had been held there in live class.' the past because of the accomodations there for large classes.

Another advantage of televising the class, Ringleb said, is that it provides the opportunity for several guest speakers to address the class. This was not feasible in the past because of the number of class sections a guest would have to attend and the "It was an attempt to determine how effective educational television would be," Ringleb said.

number of students he would have to encounter. This spring, eight guest speakers were presented on video format.

increase in grades of an average of one. Other colleges and universities five percentage points, many stu- have been doing it for years and, in

Wilson, who is taking the class this and early 1970s. semester said, "I've done worse in thorough evaluation of the student this class than in any other because and Director of Educational Broad-responses before a final decision is it's on television. You don't pay as cast Services Mel Chastain said much attention to something you classes ranging from English to accan't talk back to.

Sophomore Robin Summers said, professors have done a good early as 1964. job in their lectures, but there's a big weakness — no discussion.'

Hellriegel. If the class is to be teletracks to the Kleberg Animal and vised in the fall, he said, "a minimum easy to make tapes in class, he said.

Food Science Center to attend class. condition is that it's televised with a

Hellriegel said the choice to implement a televised class is that of the college in which the class is of-

'The college of business will not expand the program (to other classes)," he said, "and if we continue, there will be major changes.

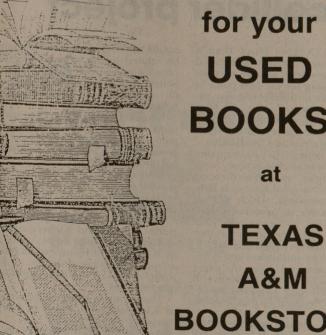
In addition to Management 211,

The idea for broadcasting classes Despite these advantages and an on televison is by no means a new We're aware from student feed-ck that there are patterns of sig-over watching classes on television. fact, A&M had an extensive lecture broadcasting system in the 1960s

KAMU-TV's General Manager counting to engineering were presented on closed-circuit television as

Chastain said that A&M significantly reduced the number of classes The lack of two-way communica- taught this way in the early 1970s, tion also is noted as a problem by after the influx of low-cost video recorders and tape recorders made it

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