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Lawmakers push for early retirement

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would give some fits, the Austin American-Statesman reported. legislators a full retirement pension much Robnett is one of a handful of legislators who quicker was pushed through the Legislature could benefit immediately if he retires. by a lawmaker who could benefit from the plan, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

Richards. Richards has until June 16 to sign 12 years the length of service required for lawthe bill, veto it, or allow it to become law with- makers under 60 to receive full benefits. out her signature.

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The provision lowers from 55 years to 50 ears the age at which legislators can receive The measure is awaiting action by Gov. Ann full benefits. And it reduces from 30 years to ular legislative session.

Robnett is 50 years old and has served Bill Cryer, a spokesman for Richards, said the legislation is being reviewed by her staff. Rep. Nolan "Buzz" Robnett, R-Lubbock, tacked the provision onto a bill dealing with state employees' health and retirement bene-

Robnett could not be reached for comment

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bock, Jan Wade, said he was out of town on business

Lawmakers approved the amendment in the early morning hours May 22, after a marathon meeting during the last week of the reg-

Tom Smith, Texas director of the government watchdog group Public Citizen, said the measure raised questions.

"There are all kinds of provisions that say you cannot vote on a measure in which you have a personal interest. While it may not be illegal, it certainly looks questionable," he said. **The Battalion**

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AUSTIN (AP) — State Comp-

troller John Sharp previewed a proposed overhaul of Texas busi-

ness taxes Wednesday for Gov.

Ann Richards, who praised the ef-

fort but said he still has work to

Sharp refused to divulge details

of his proposed replacement for

the corporate franchise tax after

meeting with Richards, saying he

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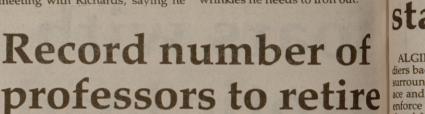
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State comptroller proposes new ideas for tax overhaul

the Hor would make the plan public at a Saturday meeting of the Goverconserv Rockwa nor's Task Force on Revenue. licans al "I think he's come up with some The b

very creative ideas and I think everybody's going to be pleasantly surprised," Richards said. But asked whether she supports

Sc Sharp's proposals, the governor said, "I think he's got a few little wrinkles he needs to iron out."



ing the retirees, who had given more than 640 years of service to education.

James Dozier, finance; Fredrick schedul Gardner, poultry science;

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Texas A&M President William Mobley recently announced that John Lindsey of Houston and William McCord of Dallas will provide the top leadership for the University's first capital campaign.

The goal of the five-year project, titled the Texas A&M University Campaign, is to increase signifi-cantly the financial support that the institution receives from the

and operater of a major insurance business, will serve as national chairman. Lindsey's first formal The precise goal function will be to preside at the National Leadership Committee, an event expected to attract at least 300 former students and other pa-

will chair the Nucleus Fund Committee, the group that will be in the forefront in seeking the first

are legendary in their devotion to their alma mater and have a long history of support for it through both their service, time and gifts," Mobley said. "They were natural choices when it came to seeking leaders for these big jobs that are crucial to the long-range vitality of

Mobley said the need for a suc-cessful capital campaign is even more urgent in light of the state's current fiscal shortfall, but he emphasized that the fund-raising campaign in no way lessens the level of state support on which the University is dependent. "The support derived from the

capital campaign will provide that margin for excellence such as scholarships for students, endowed positions for nationally prominent faculty, student leadership development programs and other identified endeavors that mark an institution of the first

The precise goal of the Texas A&M University Campaign will depend on the results of a feasibility study that is nearing comple-tion, Mobley said. He indicated that the institution currently enjoys significant private support from corporations, foundations, alumni, parents and other donors.

"It is reasonable to assume that the campaign goal will be to double the level of donations we would normally receive during a five-year period, based on the recent history of voluntary support for Texas A&M," Mobley said.

Mobley predicted that nearly 75 percent of the funds included in the ultimate goal will be for en-dowments to help meet the long-term needs of the University.

The campaign is expected to be formally launched in early 1992.

Liquor distributor asks Richards to veto alcoholic beverage bill

DALLAS (AP) - A liquor dis- was stuffed with amendments

professors will retire this year as 33 faculty members prepare to leave the University The previous record for the larg-

est number of retirees was 31 in 1986

growing numbers of people over 40 years old.

"For the last few years, people not retiring has been a problem at universities across the country, Schaffer said. "Retirement is a natural way of flushing out the system. I didn't think the number (33) was that great for a univeristy this size

Schaffer said people over 40 will

By Peggy O'Hare The Battalion A record number of Texas A&M

Dr. Ruth Schaffer, a retiring sociology professor at A&M, said the increase in retirement reflects the

The 1991 retirees are: LeRoy Androes, psychiatry; Shirley Black, history; Edward Burns, horticultural sciences;

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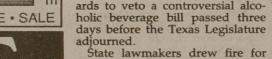
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opposition. Many legislators voted - perseding the sight unseen on the bill, which ing ordinance.

Correction

The Battalion incorrectly re-ported Wednesday that Aggie-Hostel's graduation will be this Eridau this Friday.

Gov. Ann Richards has ex-

considering vetoing it.

adopting the measure on a 140-0 vote May 24 without discussion or perseding the city of Irving's zon-

grets the error.

make up the largest segment by the year 2010, and pressed reservations about the more people will be approaching measure and indicated she was what is now considered to be retirement age than ever before.

"However, with economic unare staying on the job longer and postponing retirement until 70," she said.

Ann Pittman, assistant to Dean of Faculties Bill Perry, said she knew of no underlying reason be-hind the record-setting number of retirees other than the fact that those people had reached retire-

ment age. A&M President William Mobley hosted a dinner on May 28 honor-

Daniel P education; Richard Puckett, Evans Library; George Rice Jr., management; William Roenigk, large animal medicine and surgery;

Warren Rose, business analysis and research; Howard Russman, internal medicine; Frank Ruzicka, internal medicine; Santiago Sanchez, internal medi-

cine; Ruth Schaffer, sociology; Bar-bara Stone, interdisciplinary edu-cation; Kirk Strawn, wildlife and fisheries sciences; Ruth Taber, plant pathology and microbiology; Louis Thompson, civil engi-neering; Carl Vanderzant, animal science; and Bruno Zwolinski, chemistry.

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