

Ford has grants, pacts for OU

Ford Motor Co. is continuing its support of Oakland University's statistics programs with contracts and grants totaling \$526,000 for 1988-89.

The automaker has committed more than \$1 million to OU since 1985 for co-op students and faculty consultation in statistical methods.

"OU students gain valuable work experiences," said Harvey Arnold, professor of mathematical sciences. "The stipends allow the university to compete for quality, full-time graduate students so essential to a viable master's program. And Ford gains an addition to its project teams on quality and productivity improvement programs. Ford also gets a chance to screen potential employees in on-the-job situations."

ARNOLD SAID six OU graduates have been employed by the company full time since a co-op program was initiated in 1985-86, and 12 students are currently employed in co-op opportunities.

In addition, the Division of Continuing Education administers graduate-level credit and noncredit statistical methods programs on-site for Ford employees, totaling 1,000 individuals since it helped launch the statistics program in 1982.

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THE COMPANY has contributed: • A \$75,000 grant for the OU statistical computing laboratory and for faculty and research support.

• An award of \$305,000 for a consulting and co-op student agreement begun in 1985 with the engine division.

• An award of \$70,000 to support a second year of a consulting and co-op agreement with the light truck division, a project in its second year. • A new contract of \$78,000 for a consulting and co-op student agreement with the transmission division.

U.S. House members have received five pay hikes in the 1980s. In the decade, their salaries have risen from \$60,653 to the present \$89,500. Now they are poised to shoot much higher.

But only once, 1982, did House leaders permit a roll call showing constituents where their lawmakers stood. Members voted 303-109 to approve a raise of about 15 percent.

The other four times, the raise was allowed to take effect without benefit of a record vote. It provided House members with a cover of anonymity as they reached out for the extra money.

Bar to ski by torchlight

The recreation committee of the Oakland County Bar Association will host an evening of torchlight cross-country skiing 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Sylvan Glen Municipal Golf Course, 5725 Rochester Road, Troy.

No record vote

4 House pay hikes take effect without roll call

Roll Call Report

THE SIXTH congressional pay hike of the '80s has been proposed by President Reagan, a 51 percent increase to \$135,000. It will take effect unless both the House and Senate vote to reject it by Feb. 8.

The House's Democratic leadership has announced plans to allow this raise, too, to become law without a record vote.

Senate leaders promise to bring a resolution of disapproval to a floor vote. Senators likely will vote down the raise, just as they have sought to reject other congressional pay hikes this decade.

But since any Senate-passed resolution of disapproval is unlikely to see daylight in the House before Feb. 8, senators voting against the raise will not be seen as politically courageous.

HERE IS HOW area representatives were recorded on all House votes this decade that dealt solely with the issue of congressional pay. The issues are:

1. By a vote of 303 for and 109 against, the House on Dec. 14, 1982, raised members' pay from \$60,653 to \$69,600. A yes vote supported the raise. Voting yes were Dennis Hertzell, D-Harper Woods, and William Ford, D-Taylor.

2. On the same day the House, by a 205-208 tie vote, refused to cap members' salaries at \$60,653. A yes vote was in favor of the cap. Voting yes were Pursell and Hertel.

3. The House on June 14, 1988, voted 230 for and 170 against to exempt members from a proposed 4 percent federal pay hike and keep their pay at \$69,600. A yes vote was in favor of the cap. Voting yes were Pursell, Hertel and Broomfield.

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