

# "Budget Cuts Happen"

## OU at a Crossroads: A Community Forum on the University's Core Mission and Future

**Friday, Jan. 29, 2:00-4:00, Walter Hall 135**

Moderated by Geoff Buckley, Assoc. Prof. of Geography, and  
Robert Leary, Student Senate President

In this time of budget challenges, the university must pull together to redefine institutional goals and means of reaching them. Over the next two years, cuts estimated at \$30 million threaten our educational mission. At the same time, further tuition hikes make OU increasingly unaffordable.

This forum begins an all-campus dialogue on difficulties facing us and practical solutions:

- What kind of community do we want OU to be?
- What kinds of activities and what community qualities should we preserve?
- And what are we willing to do without?



### **The forum will**

- facilitate discussion within the OU community on the role and responsibility of higher education in hard economic times;
- reaffirm the core academic mission of OU in hopes of sustaining it despite cuts and restructuring;
- reflect on social justice and the right to education as intrinsic values of our mission;
- explore OU's responsibility as a public university in an impoverished area.

**Come and participate. It's your university.**

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