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From rising gas prices and political unrest to violent storms and global climate change, talk of energy and the environment seems to be everywhere: headlines, campaign speeches and everyday conversations.

The University of Dayton is sponsoring a six-session energy seminar that starts Sept. 24 to give the public an opportunity to ask questions — and get answers — of local experts in the fields of science, philosophy, communication and business.

The public can attend the forums or watch them live online at <http://energyforum.udayton.edu>. Flyer TV will record the sessions, which will remain online and be rebroadcast on cable public access stations in Dayton, Xenia, Springfield and Oxford.

The seminar's first session on the topic of climate change will be filmed before a live audience from **5 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at UD's Kennedy Union Boll Theatre**. Three scientists and a philosopher will discuss geographic change, planet-friendly living and ecosystems' responses to climate change.

"These issues cannot be ignored; they affect all of us," said Bob Brecha, UD physics professor and Mann Chair in the Sciences. "This is an opportunity for people to really learn about and debate these issues instead of just hearing sound bites and little snippets."

To ask a question live, viewers can call 937-229-2060 or send an e-mail to udenergy08@gmail.com. They can also e-mail questions anytime before or after the forums. Questions not answered on air will be posted to a discussion board at the energy forum Web site.

Each forum is scheduled for 5 to 6 p.m. on the following Wednesdays:

Sept. 24: Climate Change

Oct. 22: Oil Depletion

Nov. 19: Renewable Alternative Fuels

Jan. 28: Renewable Energy Alternatives

Feb. 25: Politics of Energy

March 18: Economics of Energy

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