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MEDIA ADVISORY

Event:

Founders' Day Convocation

Guest Speaker:

Helen Thomas

White House Bureau Chief United Press International

Thomas has covered the White House since the Kennedy Administration. She has been UPI's White House bureau chief since 1974.

Thomas typically opens presidential news conferences with the first question; closes them with her trademark, "Thank you, Mr. President."

Among Thomas' biggest stories: She was the only print journalist in 1972 to accompany President Richard Nixon to the People's Republic of China on his historic diplomatic mission. During Watergate, Martha Mitchell, wife of Attorney General John Mitchell, who was deeply embroiled in the scandal, made a series of angry late-night phone calls to Thomas complaining about White House maneuvers against her embattled husband, which became sensational stories.

Thomas was the first female officer of the National Press Club; she was the first female president of the White House Correspondents Association.

Date:

February 16 (Wednesday)

Time:

11 a.m.

Location:

Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall, IWU Campus

Editor's Note: Helen Thomas will be available to meet with the news media at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 16, in the first floor reception room, Presser Hall.