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Columnist Ellen Goodman headlines dedication of new Case Center for Women

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CLEVELAND—Pulitzer Prize-winning and nationally syndicated columnist Ellen Goodman headlines the dedication of the new Center for Women at Case Western Reserve University on Thursday, October 23. University President Edward M. Hundert and Dorothy Miller, center director, will kick off and host the event.

The symposium, "Women's Visions for a Strong Community: Health, Education and Leadership," features nine breakout sessions for participants. Case Interim Provost Lynn Singer will be the luncheon speaker.

The campus community and general public are also invited to a free open house and celebration on Friday, October 24, throughout the day.

According to Miller, the Center for Women's mission is an important component in the achievement of Case's goal of creating the most powerful learning environment in the world. Activities at the Center are designed to recognized first that learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom and second, that learning is enhanced when all members of the community enjoy a safe, healthy and intellectually stimulating environment. Literally all of the Center's goals and activities are geared toward enhancing the learning environment.

Miller, who was formerly chair of the Center for Women's Studies at Wichita State University, said she looked forward to coming to Case because the women's center would be campuswide in its service rather than focusing only on one particular school within the University. Miller liked the idea that Case's Center for Women would serve all women on campus, including faculty and staff, and that it would also do community outreach and work with alumni.

A nationally renowned columnist who writes primarily about social issues and change, Goodman's Pulitzer Prize-winning commentary appears in more than 450 newspapers, making her one of the two most syndicated columnists in the U.S. Goodman has been an innovative force in American journalism. She once said, "I think readers need to be less alienated from editorial pages" and made them so by expanding the debate on opinion pages. She has commented on the tumult of social change and its impact on families, and shattered the mold of men writing exclusively about politics. Goodman is widely acclaimed as "a voice of sanity" and readers depend on her to help them make sense of their changing lives and relationships.

She has won numerous journalism awards throughout her career. In addition to the Pulitzer Prize for Distinguished Commentary, Goodman has won numerous honors from such organizations as the National Women's Political Caucus, the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Women's Research and Education Institute. She also is a former researcher for Newsweek and worked as a reporter and columnist for the Detroit Free Press and Boston Globe. Her column was syndicated by The Washington Post Writers Group in 1976.

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