DEBATE FACT SHEET

Case Western Reserve University will host the only 2004 vice presidential debate, The Race at Case.

The 90-minute vice presidential debate begins at 9 p.m. ET, Tuesday, October 5, and will take place in the Horsburgh/Emerson Gymnasium on the Case campus in Cleveland.

Debate moderator will be Gwen Ifill—Senior Correspondent, The NewsHour, and Moderator, Washington Week, PBS.

The Race at Case committee was formed and is being led by President Edward M. Hundert, M.D. The Race at Case committee co-chairs are Barbara Byrd-Bennett, chief executive officer of the Cleveland Municipal School District; Dennis Eckart, partner at Baker & Hostetler LLP; Jacqueline F. Woods, board member of Leadership Cleveland; and A. Malachi Mixon III, member of the Case Board of Trustees and board chair and chief executive officer of Invacare Corp.

The Race at Case Program Partner Committee includes: The City Club of Cleveland, the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, Cleveland Municipal School District, Western Reserve Historical Society, author Jim Robenalt, University Circle Inc., the Case Faculty Senate, Case Office of Student Affairs, Case Staff Advisory Council, Case Center for Community Partnerships, The Center for Regional Economic Issues (REI) at Case's Weatherhead School of Management, the Cleveland Convention and Visitors Bureau and the City of Cleveland. The Student Commission for the Race at Case also has been integral to the programming aspects of the debate.

Case will collaborate with several educational partners to host the vice presidential debate.

About 1,000 media representatives are expected to be in Cleveland for the vice presidential debate.

Media filing services will be available in Case’s Veale Center.

The Race at Case will be televised live on all six major networks: ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, CNN and C-Span.

About 25 million people tuned in to view the vice presidential debate in 2000.

The Race at Case debate format will feature a single moderator, seated at a table with the candidates. The moderator will question candidates in turn. Candidates will have two minutes to answer, a 60-second rebuttal and two-minute closing statements. The order of questioning and closing statements shall be determined by coin toss.

The moderator’s job will be to introduce and change topics, to ensure that the participants have equal time and to encourage some direct exchange among the candidates. The moderator will select all topics and questions.

The vice presidential debate shall cover both foreign and domestic policy topics.

The Commission on Presidential Debates will conduct and sponsor all vice presidential and presidential debates.

Presidential debates in 2004 will take place Thursday, September 30, at the University of Miami (Florida); Friday, October 8, at Washington University in St. Louis; and Wednesday, October 13, at Arizona State University.