WHY CASE?

Case Western Reserve University is where the world’s most powerful learning environment is taking shape. What better place to host the 2004 vice presidential debate.

Case is unique among the nation’s elite universities.

Case is developing a revolutionary new model of liberal learning in which students at one of the nation’s top private research institutions learn through small classes, real world experience and an unparalleled combination of arts and humanities with science, engineering and technology.

Through the vice presidential debate Case will engage these “renaissance” students—who study liberal arts along with science and technology to serve humanity—along with faculty, community partners and Greater Cleveland in one of the nation’s most preeminent real-life civics lessons.

“Hosting the debate will be a great teachable moment,” said Case President Edward M. Hundert, M.D. “It presents an opportunity to inspire the thousands of students in the region who will be following the election in schools and across college campuses in Cleveland, Northeastern Ohio, the Midwest and the country.”

Case exemplifies the value of public discussion.

Case is a university guided in all of its labors by values defined and sustained by constant moral discourse.

The university strives to create a culture of transformation so engaging that students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and even visitors to campus become passionate about moving beyond themselves to serve humanity.

“A university is a place where we believe deeply that people come to know their own minds and gain wisdom through dialogue with other talented people,” Hundert said.

Case has a history of fostering thought of all kinds: political, social and economic. The 2004 vice presidential debate is one of the more prominent examples. The university also hosted a presidential debate in 1980 when former U.S. President Ronald Reagan faced then-President Jimmy Carter.

Case is a pillar of civic partnership.

The vice presidential debate is an epitome of civic partnership. Case also is known for its many collaborations.

Case is the product of partnership—the federation 37 years ago between a great liberal arts college, Western Reserve University, and a technological powerhouse, the Case Institute of Technology. Its campus is located in University Circle, where, in about one square mile, neighbors include some of the world’s finest institutions in the arts, culture, health care and human services, and the university has numerous joint programs with these partners.

“Case’s tradition of open inquiry and civic involvement makes it the perfect venue for one of the highlights of the 2004 presidential election,” Hundert said.
With the City of Cleveland, Case conducted the first-ever national colloquium exploring academic and local government relationships. And, in order to build more and stronger relationships with University Circle and Cleveland, the university recently created a new Center for Community Partnerships.

The university will team with the Cleveland Municipal School District, Greater Cleveland Growth Association and more than 10 other educational institutions to host the Race at Case.

**Case and Cleveland make the ultimate impression.**

Case was selected from 14 formal proposals submitted to the Commission on Presidential Debates. The proposal outlined Case and Cleveland amenities, including a debate hall and media center on campus, hotels, transportation, city services and finances.

For more on the site selection criteria, go to the CPD Web site http://www.debates.org/pages/sitesel.html.