A Time to Laugh, Celebrate, and Honor a Colleague

Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter were among several U.S. presidents who spent an evening in the Studio Theatre at the UIS Public Affairs Center building in the fall of 1997. Impersonated by political satirist Bill Melberg, the presidents used some of their best lines to entertain those who had come to help the institute build an endowment fund. Melberg changes hair styles frequently to take on the roles of President Clinton and several former presidents.

Bill Melberg as Jimmy Carter "lusts in his heart" for IPA director Nancy Ford.

This fundraising dinner was the first major function sponsored by the institute for the endowment. About 90 people attended, including institute staff, internal and external supporters, and potential supporters. The institute also paid special tribute to **Cullom Davis**, the UIS professor emeritus of history who had contributed funds to establish the endowment for the benefit of the institute.

The IPA's fundraising dinner served as a tribute to UIS Professor Emeritus Cullom Davis.