

No. 149 Trev Alberts May 2016

Trev Alberts' roasters brought in video reinforcements to give the Omaha Press Club's newest "Face on the Barroom Floor" a proper smackdown.

Emcee Sue Morris, president of Heritage Services, set the stage for the May 20 event with her opening jokes about the brevity of Alberts' professional football and television analyst careers. "Sarah Palin was a commentator on Fox News much longer than you were a commentator on ESPN." And in reference to Alberts' injury-plagued stint with the Indianapolis Colts: "There was a saying in Indianapolis: 'What do Trev Alberts and the Post Office have in common? Neither delivers on Sunday.'"

Morris also took note of the Alberts image -- never a hair out of place. Said Sue: "Trev is so obsessed with his hair that he visits two stylists in one day: one to cut the top of his head and one to cut the sides."

The roast moved into high-tech gear when UNO Chancellor John Christensen and David Scott, founder and

chairman of Tetrad Property Group, narrated a video of the "process" by which Alberts was selected UNO athletic director in 2009. Among those taking part in the video were ESPN's Rece Davis and Mark May, and former Husker teammates Zach Wiegert and Terry Connealy.

Roaster and UNO booster Mickey Anderson, president of Baxter Auto Group, noted the recent dismissal of Baxter Arena's general manager and said: "A day without killing a varsity sport or firing an employee is like a day without sunshine for Trev."

Anderson presented his own video, featuring various notables giving their critiques of Alberts' performance at UNO.

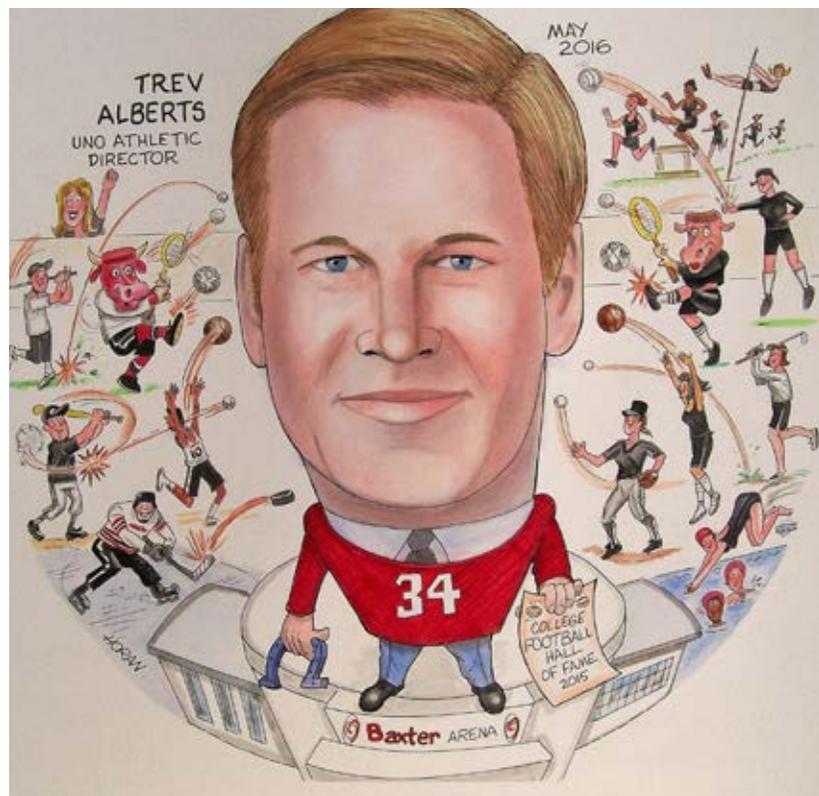
One came from university Regent Howard Hawks, who responded to Anderson's queries with a deadpan "Trev who?" and then answered the question of Alberts' most significant accomplishments in seven years at UNO: "He's still there."

Another appraisal came from legendary Omaha University quarterback Marlin "The Magician" Briscoe: "Trev Alberts is the real magician. He made the entire football program disappear. Now my statue better not disappear!"

When Osborne's turn to roast arrived, he recalled being the 16th "Face on the Barroom Floor" in 1979, his seventh season as Husker head coach. "It was a big deal because in '78 they almost wanted to fire me."

Turning to Alberts, the retired NU athletic director said: "Trev's face doesn't belong. People (like me) in these pictures are older and much more beat up than Trev. He's young, he's attractive. Another 20 years of university politics and hate mail -- and Trev might be ready."

Artist Jim Horan captured the youthful 149th "Face" of the 45-year-old Alberts, standing on the dome of Baxter Arena. The Husker All-American is pictured wearing his



No. 34 Big Red jersey, which was retired in 1994. In one hand, Trev holds a blue horseshoe, the symbol of the Indianapolis Colts. In his other hand is the College Football Hall of Fame Award he received in 2015.

In closing remarks, Alberts thanked his roasters ("You were way too nice to me!") and the Press Club, telling the audience "how honored I am. You probably had a lot of things you could be doing on a night like tonight, so to come here really means a lot to me."

"Seven years ago, we set out on this new journey. All of you have made our experience remarkable."