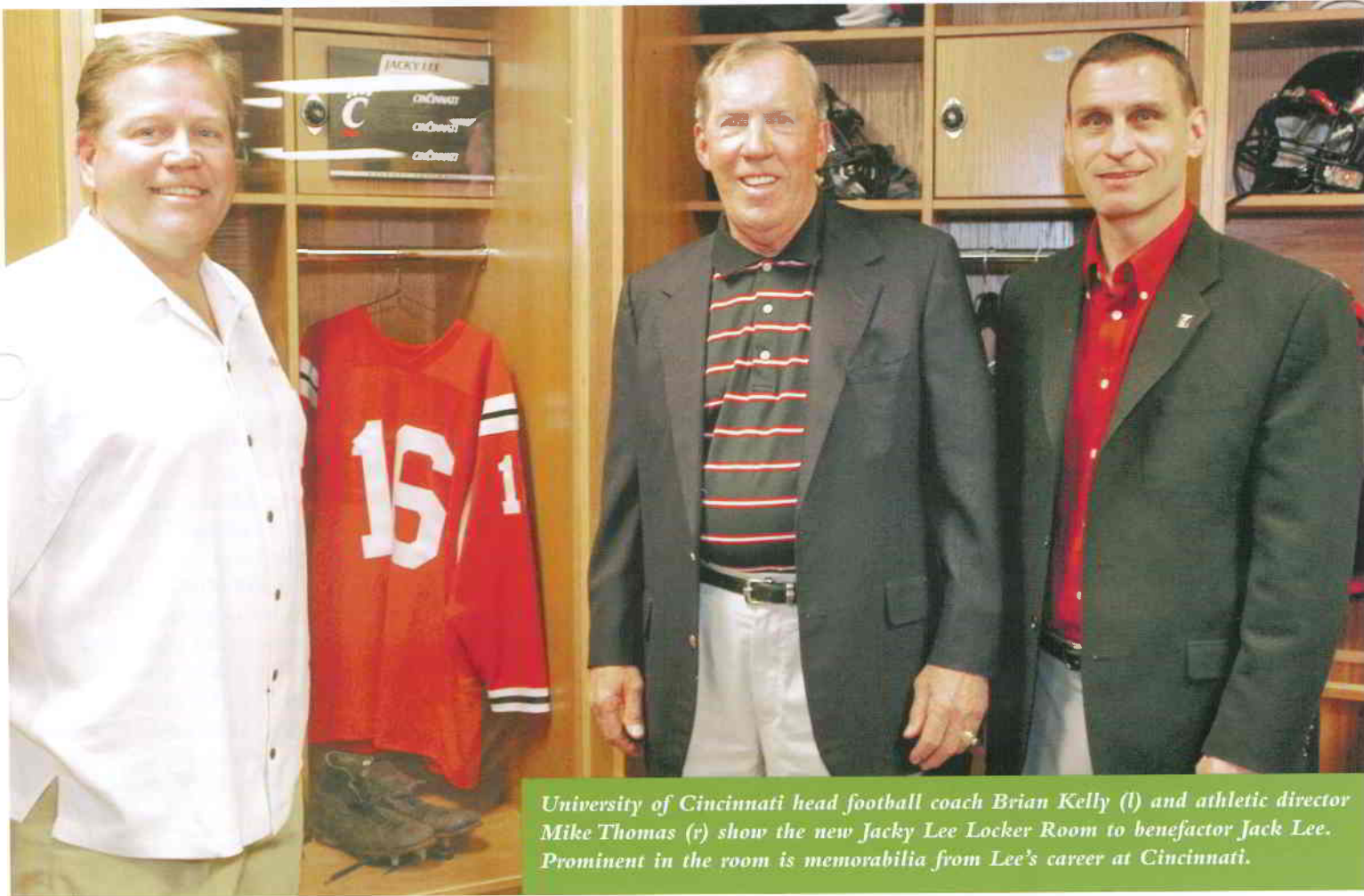


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Locker Room Leadership

Jack Lee - a key figure in success of many



University of Cincinnati head football coach Brian Kelly (l) and athletic director Mike Thomas (r) show the new Jacky Lee Locker Room to benefactor Jack Lee. Prominent in the room is memorabilia from Lee's career at Cincinnati.



■ Leadership and developing a winning attitude right out of the locker room has always been what Jack Lee is all about. So it is little wonder the past president of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association has been a big part of his alma mater's success on the football field this fall.

Pride of th



■ Lee, a standout quarterback for the University of Cincinnati from 1957-59, contributed a significant sum to benefit the football program and enrich

the experience of its student-athletes. Former teammates, coaches and current coaches were in attendance earlier this fall when the University of Cincinnati dedicated the Jacky Lee Locker Room Facility with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony at the Richard E. Lindner Center.

■ “The kind of things that Jacky Lee has done sets the pace for this program,”

said Director of Athletics Mike Thomas.

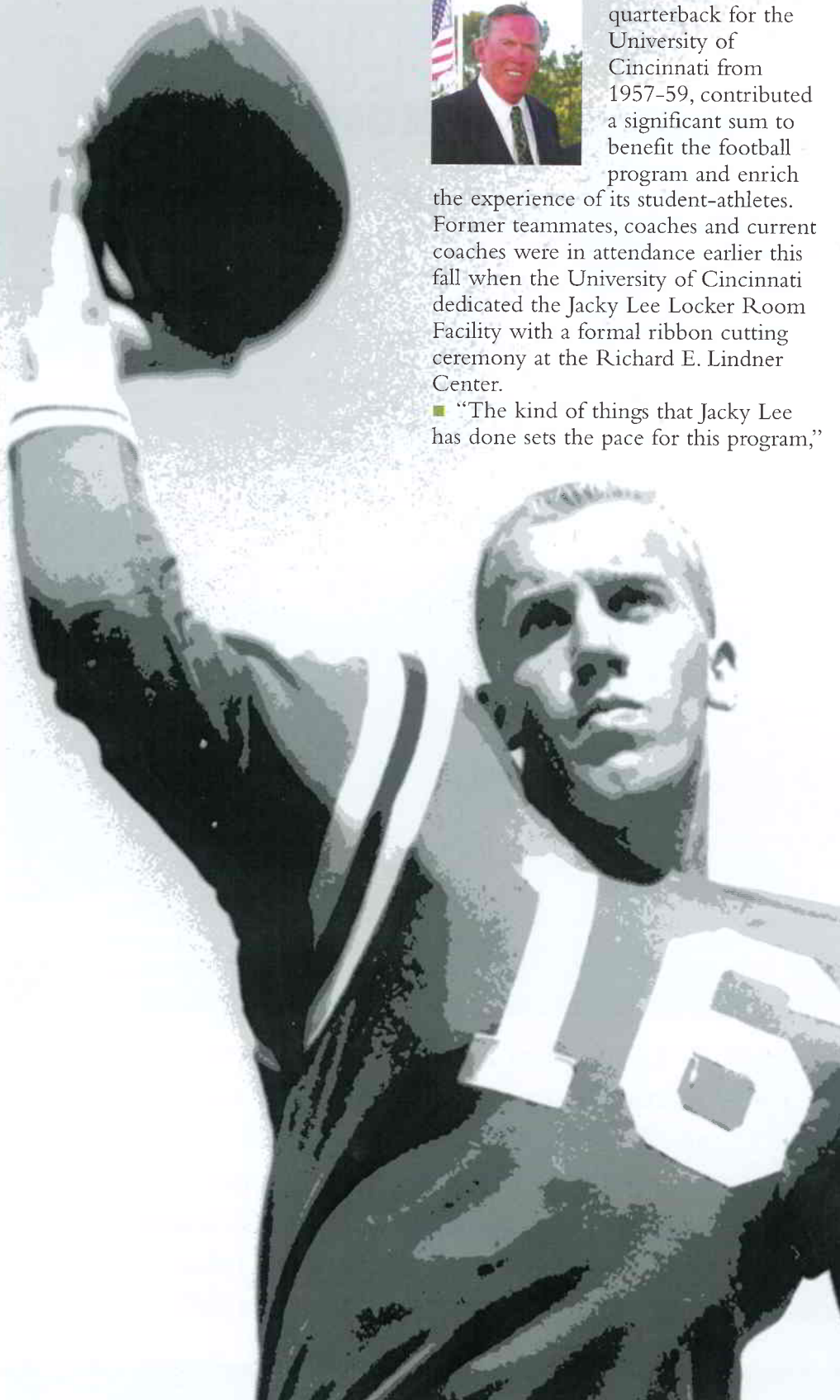
■ “We are indebted to Jacky for all he has done and this is a great opportunity to celebrate what he has done for this program.”

Pride of the Bearcats

■ A fainting spell during an Air Force Academy physical cost Lee a shot at flying jets and playing ball in Colorado Springs, but led the skinny quarterback with a good throwing arm to Cincinnati.

■ “One of the best things that ever happened to me,” Lee surmises. The most prolific passer in UC history at the time of his graduation, Lee amassed 2,814 yards passing for his career, completing 55.1 percent of his attempts, including 13 for touchdowns. A two-time All-Missouri Valley Conference quarterback, he played in the 1959 Blue-Gray All-Star Game and 1960 Senior Bowl where he earned the game’s MVP award.

■ After leaving Cincinnati, Lee was a first-round AFL draft pick of the Houston Oilers and a sixth-round choice of the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL draft in 1960. He went on to a 10-season professional playing career that included four AFL Championship games and stops in Houston, Denver and Kansas City. Lee’s stop in Kansas



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City included the 1969 season when the Chiefs won the Super Bowl. He wears the Super Bowl ring to this day.

■ “A locker room is where relationships are built and where morale really comes together,” says current UC Head Coach Brian Kelly. “It’s not a mistake that Jacky Lee looked at the locker room as a cornerstone to building a championship program.”

■ And the locker room ceremony isn’t the only time Lee has been recognized by the school this season. Cincinnati’s Department of Athletics and football program celebrated 119 seasons by honoring him as part of the charter class of the Ring of Honor on Sept. 22 during a pre-game ceremony. A sellout crowd of 35,097 was on hand for the 40-14 win over Marshall that kept the Bearcats unbeaten and moved them into the AP Top 25.

■ The charter class is comprised of 13 former UC greats whose names and numbers will grace the stadium fascia between the lower and upper decks of the east side of Nippert Stadium.

Crosby champion

■ Early in his professional football career Lee began investing in Houston commercial real estate. By 1963, he admits, he was making more money off the field than on. He also joined Champions Golf Club in Houston and was a member there for more than 25 years.

■ Later, he was a founding member at Lochinvar Golf Club in Houston, one of the earliest Jack Nicklaus designs. Lee plays most of his golf there, though he still lives in his house near Champions. In the early 1970s Lee had the opportunity to play in Bing Crosby’s Clambake on the Monterrey Peninsula and even won the pro-am portion of the event teaming with frequent playing partner Bruce Devlin. In the ‘80s, he teamed with Wayne Levi and lost in a playoff to Fred Couples and slugger George Brett.

Trans-Miss connection

■ Lee says through his golf and business



contacts he met some Trans-Miss officials, including John Jennings. It was Jennings who nominated Lee for a director position. Joining the association’s

board of directors in 1991 Lee went on to become the Trans-Miss president in 2004, his term ending when current President Jack Clevenger took over in 2006.

■ “They are just a wonderful group of guys,” Lee says. “The main thrust of the Trans-Miss is the wonderful golf tournaments and the funds that go to future superintendents. I really don’t know too much about agronomy or understanding

the different types of grasses. But it’s really becoming a well-respected profession.”

■ Lee and his wife of 47 years Joan live in Houston and have a summer home in Maine. Lee says Joan, a homecoming queen and cheerleader at Cincinnati, enjoys shopping for antiques and their Texas home has been featured in several magazines. He remains active golfing and bird hunting with his kids.

■ But the leadership he has provided, on the football field, in the locker room or business world, and for the Trans-Miss, has left an indelible mark on those who’ve crossed his path.

■ “I knew I was a leader, both at the University of Cincinnati and professionally and I think it comes from the good Lord,” Lee says. “I knew I had to be, even when I had to show a little anger with my teammates. I was always pretty good at motivating others.”

