

Gene Hernandez

Gene is a member of the Columbia High School graduating class of 1971. He was a member of the 1969 Roughneck football team that played in the State Championship game and lost to Brownwood. During his Senior year at Columbia Gene was selected All-District and All-State as a Defensive Back and was offered a football scholarship by coach Jim Pittman to attend Texas Christian University. At TCU Gene was selected to the All-Southwest Conference team in 1973 and 1974 and led the Southwest Conference in 1973 with 7 interceptions. Gene was drafted by the San Francisco 49'ers in 1975 and also played for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1976 before returning to TCU and graduating with a BBA in Management from TCU's M.J. Neeley School of Business.

Gene currently lives in LaGrange, TX and is a successful businessman active in petroleum land consulting.

Gene lists his mother and father, Evelyn West Hernandez and Louis Eugene Hernandez, as the two best coaches he ever had. Louis was president of the Roughneck Booster Club and came to as many TCU games as possible.

Gene would also like to say thank you to other positive coaching influences in his life:

Elementary – Mrs. Ann McNeel, Mrs. Dewey Baugh, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Ola Jean Farmer, Mrs. Meador, and Mrs. Reed

Junior High - Dale Norris and James Bass

Columbia High School – Johnny Mathews, Carmen Bonner,
Charles Brand, Wayne Hay, and Jack Hays.

TCU – Tommy Runnels and Frank Young

And Paul Dunning from Houston.