

# RENO HAPPENINGS



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## The Tall Texan

Cloyd Phillips, the Tall Texan, grew up in Amarillo following a few years in Slaton, Texas where he was born. In case anyone doesn't know where Slaton is, it is in Lubbock County. Cloyd, the oldest of five, finished George Washington Carver High School and attended two universities: the University of Denver and the University of California, Davis. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration.

So who is this guy anyway? So what! He graduated from college. A lot of people do that nowadays. Well just go along and read the rest of the story.

Cloyd worked as a court reporter in Denver for a few months. That instantly told me he was capable of typing at least 100 words per minute. But apparently he couldn't see himself doing that all of his life. So he answered a call from Martin-Marietta and in four years worked from the assembly line level to Deputy Foreman working on the Titan 1 and 2

missiles. While this was some years ago, maybe we need him on the Titan inspection lines again.

His next stop was Philadelphia at General Electric working as a nose cone specialist. This work was actually done at Valley Forge, Pa. He was so good at this job that Lockheed asked him to come to San Jose as a nose cone specialist for the Polaris Missile. But the corporate atmosphere didn't interest Phillips so he switched to a company which made armored personnel carriers. After three years he went to the Stan Press Research Laboratory working on unplugging type devices for leach lines for missiles. This lab had a contract with Lockheed for Polaris missiles. This was followed by a management training stint with General Motors in the then new plant at Fremont, CA. But again Cloyd felt the upper atmosphere wasn't for him.

He later supervised 45 crewmen as Assistant Superintendent of the Redding, CA Sanitation Department. From there he was employed in the

## Seahawks give UNR's Hunter a call to remember

by Don Cox/Gazette-Journal

Patrick Hunter's heart probably skipped a beat

It was 5:05 a.m. in Room 424 of the College Inn on North Virginia Street. The



Patrick Hunter

when his phone rang before dawn Tuesday morning, just five minutes after the National Football League draft was scheduled to start in New York.

Redding Community Action Agency for four years. He then became a Vista Volunteer Training Officer in Reno in 1969, his first introduction to the city. He was then placed in charge of Region 9 Vista Training for two years. He next worked for the Economic Opportunity Board in Reno as its Deputy Director. He became the Executive Director in late 1971. The agency changed its name to the present Community Service Agency in 1978. Cloyd presided over the construction of a new and much larger building in the late seventies and the agency now has a Senior Citizen Complex under construction on 7th and Evans streets in Reno.

Atlanta Falcons were on the line.

The Falcons? They were picking No. 2 in the draft's first round. Tony Casillas, the defensive lineman from Oklahoma, was supposed to be their first choice. Why were they calling Hunter at that early hour?

Hunter, a defensive back from the University of Nevada-Reno, expected a call on draft day. He was a Division I-AA All-American who led UNR with six interceptions last season.

Phillips gives credit to having a good Board of Directors for his success with the CSA.

But what about Mr. Phillips sojourn throughout the missile industry. It seems to boil down to a malady which struck most up and coming black professionals following the sixties. While your abilities are taking you up the ladder, you see the results of past discrimination and present more subtle discrimination around you. It was hard to keep quiet. I know because I have paid a few dues by doing so. I suspect Cloyd has too.

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Scouts who evaluate talent for the NFL projected Hunter as a second or third-round pick.

Hunter didn't expect to hear from any team, including Atlanta, in the first round. But the phone was ringing.

Ezra Hunter Jr., Patrick's older brother, jumped out of bed in Room 424 and grabbed his camera. He wanted to be ready to snap a picture of Patrick at the magic moment.

The call was a false alarm. Atlanta was picking Casillas. The Falcons only wanted to know if Patrick Hunter might be listening to offers from the Canadian Football League.

Hunter said he wasn't then hung up. But he couldn't go back to sleep. His long wait in Room 424 on draft day had begun.

It finally ended, seven hours and two minutes later, when the Seattle Seahawks called at 12:07 p.m. That was the moment Hunter had waited for. His brother started taking pictures.

The Seahawks made Patrick Hunter the 14th pick in round three. Overall, Hunter was the 69th player picked in the NFL's draft of college seniors. He was Seattle's second selection.

When the Seahawks phoned, Hunter took the call.

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