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Who Knew Black Was Required?

Hash jeans, Converse shoes, Maybelline eyeliner penciled inside the lashes, not out—teacher's pet wore K-Mart jeans and no-name tennies. Twenty years later, I still felt their stares, not sure why I paid $50 for a cold salmon supper and $40 for a golf game I didn't play. The pregame show didn't change from a pep assembly: cheerleaders donning short skirts, giggling at former high-school football players, who were 50 pounds heftier than when they ran 50 yards for a touchdown. Who knew black was required? I wore magenta to the reunion. In 10 years, I'll dawn aqua.

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