

## November 2014

## First of all, HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ONE AND ALL!

I had wondered what I could put in the newsletter to celebrate the season, and when I woke up this morning, it came to me kind of instantly. Most of us today will fellowship with our families, giving thanks for them being in our lives, the food, shelter, and clothing provided to keep us healthy, safe, and warm, and then we will eat a lot of food, watch football, and visit with relatives. There are a few of us, however, who might not have families to visit or visiting, or who might not have that much in the way of food, or who might not be blessed with a decent home, clothes, etc. In fact, many of us might fall into at least one of those categories, myself included. But there is one thing I am truly thankful for-I am thankful for being a part of the LOBO CLASS OF '86, because actually I shouldn't have been a part of the Greatest and Best Class Ever! Let me explain: Most of us are turning and have turned 47 this year. I turned 46 this past September. Really and truly, I should have been a part of the Class of '87, not '86. Had I started school in Texas, I would have, but fortunately, I didn't. I started school in New Mexico due to my daddy being in the Air Force at the time, and due to that's where we were living when I was 4 years old going on five. New Mexico had no age requirement to start kindergarten at the time, and in Texas, the age requirement was that you had to be 5 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> to start kindergarten. Anyway I started kindergarten at the age of four, and the rest is history. Interesting sidenote: When we moved to

Texas and to Longview when I was in the first grade, there was talk of holding me back because I wasn't old enough to be in the first grade. In fact, my momma used to have me tell everyone my birthday was September 1<sup>st</sup> instead of the 28<sup>th</sup> just so I'd be able to stay in the grade I was in while we lived in Texas. It's real funny because I did that for years (all the way to the sixth grade at Judson), and really didn't understand why I was doing that. By the time I got through with middle school it didn't matter anymore, but all through the entire time in elementary school, I had to put that down for my birthday just so I wouldn't be held back a year. Now I appreciate it all the more because of the classmates I grew up with and how many of us have remained close over the years and how when we're together (or apart), we're just like family. It doesn't matter if we're black, white, Hispanic, or asian, if we're rich or poor, if we're married or unmarried, or if we're next door to one another or hundreds of miles away, we always treat one another the same and support each other. Call me naïve, but I have never felt any hatred from ANY of my classmates in my life, and I have known some of you since first grade, a lot of you since fifth grade, and many of you since the sixth grade. I feel truly blessed to have you all as my classmates and friends, but more importantly, you all are like family to me. And I hope everyone has a **GREAT THANKSGIVING- GO COWBOYS!** 

Cedric E.

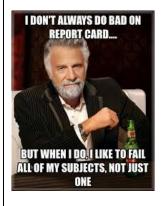
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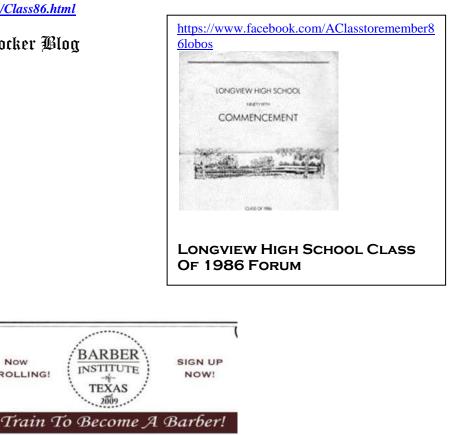


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