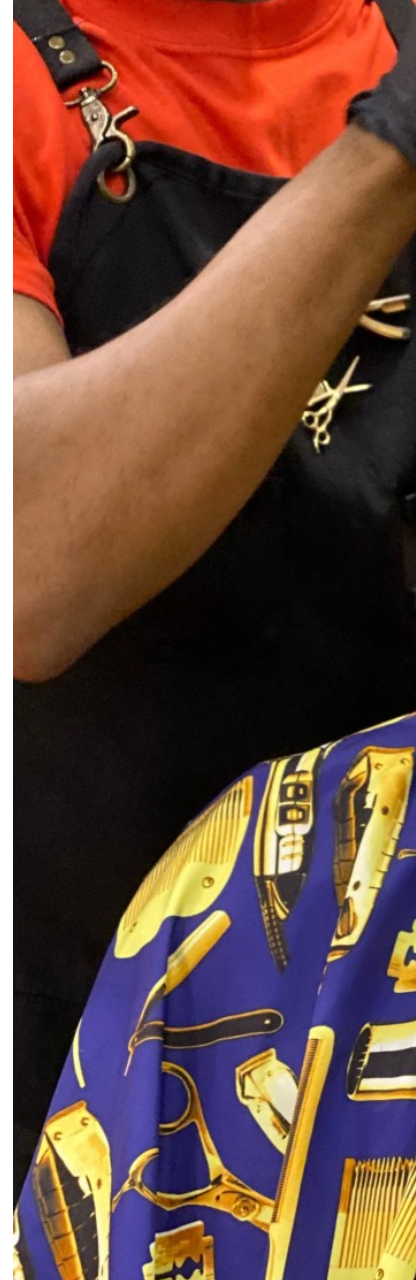


# Brave the Shave

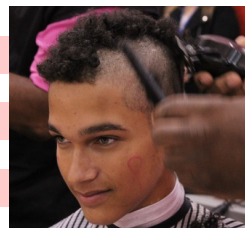
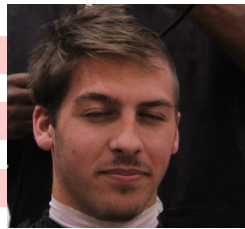
Athletes team up against cancer  
by shaving their heads

**T**his year, student athletes decided to do something that has never been done to raise awareness of breast cancer and other cancers. During the week of Oct 20-24, students raised over \$2,000 dollars for the Susan G Komen Foundation. Athletes from various sports volunteered to have their heads shaved for cancer awareness. All of the boys who volunteered know someone who has or has had cancer. "I did it for my mom. She was diagnosed with cancer a couple years ago and I would do anything for her. It made me feel so good because I did something good for my mom and raised awareness for cancer," said Tony McCormack (10). These nine boys, Coach Sims and Mr. Jackson have

inspired many people. Raising awareness and doing something that has never been done at our high school before was not an easy task. William Panni (10), says that he is "proud to live in Pascagoula and I hope more people are aware of the disease and how common it is. I also want to show others that I care about them." Each of these athletes conquered the fear of being bald. Many did not know what to expect as they were taking their seats near the barbers readying a table full of razors, combs, and capes. Senior Hadyn Bennett said that he "almost didn't want to do it because I was concerned with how I looked." This event inspired all of the boys and many of them said they would want to do it again.



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A select group of boys took on a task other athletes would not, helping to raise funds and awareness of cancer by shaving their heads during the October 18 pep rally. Each one did it for a friend, a family member, or a classmate they know that has been diagnosed with cancer. Will Mitchell (10) says that it was "a lot better when you do something with your friends."



With an expression of anxious excitement, Carter McCullough (10) is the first athlete to undergo the shears of a local barber. Nine athletes volunteered to have their heads shaved during the October pep rally in support of someone they know that has been diagnosed with cancer.

## TAKE IT OFF

On edge about what is about to happen, Carter McCullough (10) sits beside Hayden Portwine (10) who feels his hair before it is shaved off. With a sheared scalp, Will Mitchell (11) laughs with Carter McCullough as Hayden goes under the razor and Will Panni (10) looks on. All together nine athletes, Coach Sims, and Mr. Jackson braved the shave to raise awareness for cancer.



1. Ruby Murray (10) parades in pink as the mascot at the breast cancer awareness pep rally.
2. Students in the senior section wave flags to boost crowd spirit and hype up classmates.
3. Cheerleaders wear pink for the pep rally
4. Austin Fagan (11) decorates his trumpet with pink lights to show spirit during the pep rally.