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## **F.A.L.L for Ryan**

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Leukemia and lymphoma are malignant diseases. This year, more than 50,000 people will die from these diseases alone. Ryan Gibson died from them on January 30,2001.

The Ryan Gibson Foundation is a non-profit group established to for the support of leukemia research. Jamie Angel, a sophomore at The University of Tulsa, is working to involve the local community in the search for a cure. She has organized F.A.L.L. (Fight Against Leukemia and Lymphoma), an event to raise money for the Foundation.

“Pi Kappa Alpha gives their philanthropy week proceeds to the Ryan Gibson Foundation, and I just thought it was a really good cause,” said Angel.

This Thursday, February 20, a benefit event will begins at 9:30 p.m. at the Hardwood Sports Bar and Grill. The Americanos, a band from Dallas, will be playing. Cover charge is \$10 at the door, all of which will be donated directly to the Foundation.

Friday, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., a blood and bone marrow drive will take place in the Reynolds Center. Participants can donate blood as well have bone marrow tested in order to determine if there is a match for someone awaiting a transplant. The event is being sponsored by the American Red Cross.

Ryan Gibson attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He received numerous academic accolades, and graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences and minors in Psychology and Electrical Engineering. He worked to increase awareness about bone marrow donation, and was preparing to attend medical school in the fall of 2001.

“[The Ryan Gibson Foundation] doesn’t have many people supporting it in Tulsa, and I wanted to set up something for them,” Angel said.

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