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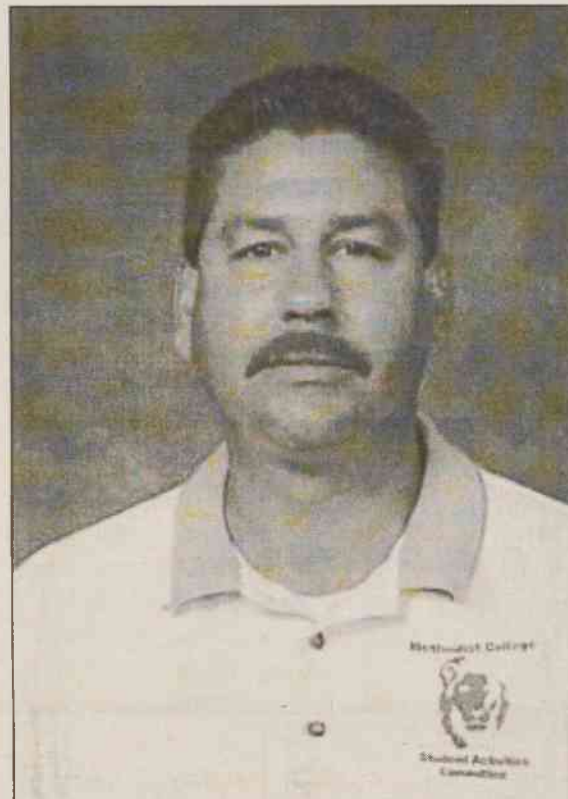


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Counterclockwise: The most recent yearbook photo of Chris Ryan taken just this past August during registration day; Chris takes a moment before he heads into his final graduation day ceremonies this past May; Chris poses with a student a few years back; A wall-sized tribute has been in the Berns Center for over two weeks, in which students, faculty and staff are to write memories. The tribute will be donated to his family.



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Chris Ryan:

A Life Lost; A Life Celebrated

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Chris Ryan will always be remembered for his outgoing personality and as someone who always greeted others with a smile. Eshawn Young, a student who worked closely with Ryan, "admired Chris as a father figure and a friend."

Angel Garcia, another fellow student worker, stated that "Chris loved his job, and he spent as much time and effort with us as he would his own family, to me. We were a part of his family." With such dedication to his job and to the students at Methodist College, Mr. Ryan was known to always go the extra mile, and, according to junnior Ashleigh Radford, "help out students in every way possible."

Ryan, director of Methodist

College's Student Activities, will always be remembered for his joyous spirit. He was a dedicated staff member who worked for Methodist College for nearly 16 years.

On Wednesday, September 24, Radford, a student who worked with Ryan, found him unconscious in his car. The following evening, Chris Ryan was pronounced dead at age 41. According to public relations director, Cynthia Curtis, medical examiners have yet to release information regarding Ryan's cause of death.

A memorial service was held the following Sunday in the Reeves Auditorium on campus where over 200 students, faculty, staff, family and alumni mourned his loss. A collage hangs in the auditorium where those who knew and loved Chris could write their final good byes.

As Director of Student Activi-

ties, Ryan was involved in every type of activity on campus including: sporting events, student government and student entertainment. He also planned a trip to Key West every spring break.

According to Radford, "Chris was the best thing that ever happened to Methodist. Many things have been started here and are now a tradition because of Chris."

Ryan is credited for starting the Academic Development Center, and the Counseling Center. He also helped establish Union Station as the SAC headquarters.

Mr. Ryan, who grew up in Raleigh and graduated from Barton College, lived at 500 Foxlair Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28311 where money can be sent to the Ryan Children Trust Fund.

Students who worked with Ryan on the Student Activity Com-

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