

Former SAC Director honored Union Station receives a new nameplate: Chris' House

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Union Station officially has a new name; now it is affectionately known as Chris' House

In the memory of Chris Ryan, Methodist College staff and students honored his life and achievements by re-naming the student center, Union Station, Chris' House. February 28, friends and family were invited to the student center for the dedication ceremony, which was followed by a cookout.

It is because of Ryan that the student center has a coffee shop, conference room, and friendly atmosphere. Members of the Student Activities Committee (SAC) proposed that Union Station be re-named in order to honor Ryan's dedication to Methodist.

Ryan who was an employee for several years, suddenly passed away on Wednesday, September 24 2003. While attending the women's soccer game, Ryan was stung by an insect causing an allergic reaction that led to his death. A student found him unconscious in his car. The following evening he was pronounced dead at age 41.

Chris Ryan will always be remembered for his outgoing personality and as someone who always greeted others with a smile.

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.

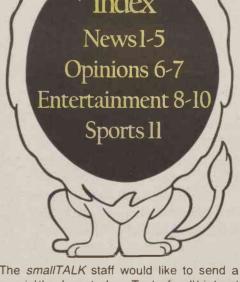


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Clockwise from the top: Chris Ryan's son and wife admire a picture of him placed in Union Station just renamed Chris' House in honor of our former SAC Director.

A side view of the house reflects a place that was very sad to see Ryan not there anymore.

The new sign that marks his leadership on campus will stand proudly for many years to come.



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