# "Stu" Nunn Was A Nice Guy: So Why Did He Die?

By Larry T. Thomas CHAPEL HILL -Everybody liked Rodney 'Stu" Nunn.

liked his They friendliness, his bright infectious smile, and at 26, Nunn appeared to be an odds-on favorite to live a quiet, peaceful and long life.

But then everyone also liked Thomas Edwards, 16, a high school basketball star, good student mother, Mrs. Gertrude and member of the Class of '82 at Chapel Hill' Senior High School. Something happened

to these two nice guys, both with apparently bright futures and most of their lives ahead of them. At a Saturday night graduation party about two weeks ago, Edwards smashed a ball bat against Nunn's skull in a bone-crushing blow. Nunn died in the hospital answer, though there are

morning. Edwards is

charged with second uninvited guest at the degree murder in the in- graduation party in a cident.

The obvious question is why? Hundreds of relatives and friends who attended Nunn's funeral on the death, asked that very

question. "The only thing I can say is that 'Stu' was lovexplained his ed," F. Nunn, a Chapel Hill housewife. "You can ask anyone about him. They will tell you that he always greeted you with

a smile and never had a bad thing to say about anyone. That's why I just don't understand how he could have gotten involved in a fight; how he could have died the way he did." As yet, no one has that

the following Monday at least two rumors. One says Nunn, an

teacher's home near the end of Piney Mountain Road, argued with Sher-wood Weaver, another

CHSHS graduating senior and friend of Thursday following his Thomas. A fight started, and minutes later, according to this rumor, Thomas waded into the

fight with his bat. ly as unsubstantiated, but just as popular, says the fight started after Thomas accidentally

on Nunn's car. don't answer the major question about the charge was assault. violent and tragic death

teenagers, most of whom another nice guy

Why was Nunn, 26, at a portant question - why

#### younger than he?

Some say he came to see a former girlfriend, danced with her a couple of times, sparking the argument with Weaver, the girl's current beau. The Chapel Hill police won't talk much about the incident, saying simply that there was a fight, Nunn was serious-ly injured, later died, Another rumor, equal- and Thomas has been charged with murder.

Thomas' court date is set for June 24.

Thomas remains free broke the radio antenna on a \$10,000 bond that was raised from \$2,500 But even these rumors originally set before on't answer the major Nunn died and the

So, the mystery rethat nipped one man's mains. Some of these life in the bud, and has a questions might be teenager facing a possi- answered at Thomas' ble lifelong prison term, trial. But the most imgraduation party for did one nice guy kill be were about ten years might never answered.



NEW YORK-Zakes Mokea (r) accepts the Tony Award for outstanding perfromance by a featured actor for "Master Harold ... and the Boys" from James Earl Jones at the Imperial Theatre. **UPI Photo** 

### **Knowing What To Do If A Hurricane Hits Could Save Your Life By Elson Armstrong**

Hurricanes kill, but they are survivable if people caught in one of the destructively violent storms do the right thing at the right time.

Hurricanes are cyclonic disturbances that originate over tropical waters. A low pressure system forms and clouds build up in the beginning stages of a hurricane. The clouds develop into squalls and thunderstorms which begin to circulate around an organized center or "eye"

The 1982 hurricane season began June 1 and it will run until November 1. Although June hurricanes are rare, North Carolina has been affected by them. In 1968, the dying stages of Hurricane Abby caused a small tornado in the Charlotte area.

Weather officials say the development along the Carolina coast could lead to a major disaster if a hurricane the power of Hazel hit. Hazel ripped through North Carolina in October 1954, causing several deaths and hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage.

Weather officials also say that North Carolina is well overdue for another major hurricane, and since more of the state's residents either haven't ever experienced a hurricane or haven't seen one since Donna, they may tend to ignore warnings and fail to follow evacuation instructions.

Donna, the state's last major hurricane, slashed wough North Carolina in 1960, with winds of tions to insure safety. more than 115 mph. For the next six months, here are some things you should listen for in your weather reports, and here's what they mean:

\* When the winds of a low pressure hit a constant speed of 35 mph, the system is called a tropical depression, many of which die before becoming a hurricane.

\* When the winds in the system reach at least 39 mph, it is then called a tropical storm, and named by weather officials.

\* When the winds reach at least 74 mph, the storm becomes known as a hurricane, one of the most powerful forces in nature.

Hurricane winds can reach speeds of more than 200 mph. Hurricane Camile, which smashed the Mississippi Coast in 1969, contained such winds. It was the most powerful storm ever to cross the U.S. coastline in recorded weather annals.

Officials say that North Carolina is well overdue for another major hurricane, and since most residents either haven't experienced a big storm, or haven't been through one since Donna, they may tend to ignore warnings and fail to follow evacuation instructions.

Instructions come in several categories.

A hurricane watch means that all interests in the area of the watch should stay tuned because a hurricane may approach.

A hurricane warning means that the storm is on the way and you should take all necessary precau-

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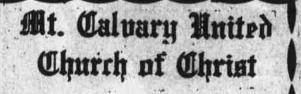
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ricane watch, that means a hurricane may hit within 12 to 24 hours. When a watch is issued, the following precautions should be met:

Windows should be boarded up to protect them against flying debris.

\* Articles such as garbage cans or hanging plants should be moved inside. Hurricane winds can pick up such articles and toss them like frisbees.

Stock up as much non-perishable canned foods as you can. Often the power can be knocked off for hours during and after a storm.

\* Make sure that you have at least two battery operated flash lights and radios on hand.

Hurricanes can, flood and contaminate fresh water systems, therefore, before the storm arrives, it is wise to store containers of fresh water for drinking and cooking purposes.

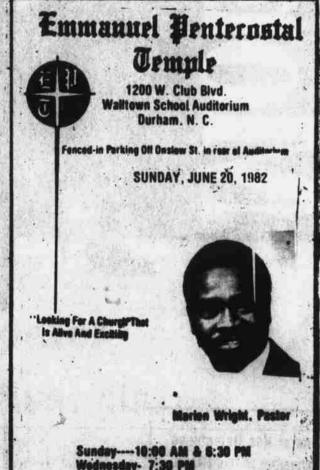
Listen to all storm broadcasts because a hurricane watch can quickly become the more ominous hurricane warning.

A hurricane warning means that your area will, in' short time, be struck by hurricane winds (74 mph or more). Warnings can be issued as much as 24 hours in advance, but a fast moving hurricane can arrive within a couple of hours after a warning is issued.

If you are in a coastal location and a hurricane warning is issued, the best bet is to evacuate the area immediately. When these giant storms hit, the coast is the state's most vulnerable area. Storm-generated waves, especially at high tide, can reach more than 50 feet in height and beach roads can be inundated, totally blocking easy access to inland areas.

Hurricanes are not to be challenged. There have been several instances of so-called courageous people throwing "Hurricane Parties". Some are never found after the storm passes. A graphic example of a foolish hurricane party is portrayed in the televi-sion movie "Condominium".

In North Carolina, a strong hurricane can cause damaging winds as far inland as the Triangle Area



## **Rev. J.C. Cheek Stretching His Lead**

Some interesting developments appear to be shaping up in the contest raising questions of the possibility of a "dark-horse" bolting out of the pack at the ninety-ninth hour of the race.

Going into his fourth week in the lead in the Ministers Popularity Contest, sponsored by Friends of Edgemont-Few Gardens Community Center, REV. J.C. CHEEK, pastor of Mount Calvary United Church of Christ, Durham, has stretched his first place lead out beyond the second place vote-getter. But coming up in second place with a strong jump from seventh place since last report, is REV. ALEXANDER D. MOSELEY.

The winner of the balloting race will be sent on a trip to the Bahamas, according to the Friends of Edgemont-Few Gardens.

Close in third place this week is REV. JOHN MONROE, contest sponsors report, who quietly eased up from fifth place. REV. GRADY DAVIS is at fourth place and REV. DAVID BELL has moved into the fifth place slot. REV. L.H. WHELCHEL, has dropped to sixth place, according to June 14 reports from the contest sponsors. REV. EARLE THORPE and REV. J.W. BARNES are now tied at seventh place. There are indications that there may be some surprising developments as the Ministers Popularity Contest gets nearer the finish line. Only time will tell for sure.

The purpose of the contest, in addition to raising money for the center, is to "boost the black church and the black press, locally and nationally", say Friends of Edgemont-Few Gardens.

The Carolina Times is cooperating with the contest by publishing the official ballot each week. To vote for your favorite minister, simply clip the ballot from an issue of The Carolina Times. complete it, and mail it to the Center. A \$1 donation must accompany each ballot in order that it be included in the official count.

The center spokesmen said the first prize for the contest is a trip to the Bahamas for the winning minister. Other prizes will be announced.

### Contestants

Rev. B.A. Mack **Elder Elroy Lewis Rev. William Easley Rev. Howard Haggler** Rev. W.T. Bigelow Rev. Leon Saunders Rev. J.W. Barnes **Rev. Lowry Reid Rev. Percy Chase Rev. Vernon Thompson** Rev. Alexander D. Moseley Rev. J.R. Crutchfield Rev. Arthur H. Parker

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Did you see YOUR minister's name in the list of nominees? Nominations remain open. Its not too late \*to nominate your minister. Do it today!

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