New semester, same stressors for students

by Drew Dunlop
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Stress is an inevitable part of life—especially college life. A study by the American College Health Association’s National College Health Assessment showed that 92 percent of students reported feeling overwhelmed at least once a semester. Lisa Thomson, director of health promotion in MTSU’s Student Health Services, says the same study revealed that 34 percent of college students in 2007 felt stress had a negative impact on their academic performance. The stress that students feel can cause problems beyond just feeling bad. Dr. Mark Anshel, professor of health and human performance, says that stress “slows our information-processing capacity and causes premature or inaccurate decision-making.” According to Anshel, concentration on a task is affected by diverted focus on the source of stress.

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MTSU got Noticed!

Each time our phone rings in the Office of News and Public Affairs, it could be another opportunity for MTSU to “get noticed.” Reporters frequently contact NPA with requests for quotes from faculty and staffers on subjects both compelling and whimsical. As the designated point person for finding faculty to comment for reporters, I’ve been asked to drum up experts for everything from the impact of the economy on college scholarships to why people wear funny sweaters at Christmas.

In only the last few weeks, I’ve fielded separate requests for comments on proper police behavior during an undercover prostitution sting and the emergence of a legally available chemical solvent as the latest dangerous recreational drug. Whenever I search for a faculty member to talk to journalists, MTSU’s best-kept secret reemerges. The intellectual depth of the faculty, their unwavering dedication to their profession and their devotion to preparing students to embark on a lifelong search for knowledge are the lifeblood of the university. At times, they offer editorial columns I can pitch to newspapers. One popular occasional editorialist is Dr. John Vile, dean of the University Honors College.

Sometimes topics require collaboration with administrators, such as an inquiry last month about faculty workload on which I consulted with Dr. Diane Miller, vice provost for academic affairs, and Dr. Tonjanita Johnson, associate vice president for marketing and communications. On a rather hectic Oct. 1, I arranged for reporters from two Nashville television stations to conduct one-on-one interviews with President Sidney A. McPhee on budget issues. They literally passed each other in the hall! I returned to the office just in time to respond to a request for how we did it, how you can.

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Tornado drill set Feb. 6

A campuswide tornado and emergency text-message drill will be conducted Friday, Feb. 6, beginning at 9:55 a.m. Public Safety will activate the drill by sending a text message and e-mail via the RAVE communications system. Those on campus should proceed to “safer locations” in their buildings (www.mtsu.edu/alerts/tornado_shelter.shtml) and remain there for 10 minutes, when the all-clear message will be sent.

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MTSU’s new Campus Pharmacy is now open in the Student Health, Wellness and Recreation Center to serve currently enrolled MTSU students, faculty and staff.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays. The facility’s drive-in window will be open until 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and until 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

For more information, visit the pharmacy’s Web site at www.mtsu.edu/pharmacy/index.shtml.
When I entered the Jennings A. Jones College of Business four years ago, I intended to study business finance to learn the skills necessary to better manage the financial side of my career as a musician and audio engineer. I never imagined that pursuing an undergraduate degree in finance at MTSU would lead to an internship with a Nobel Peace Prize–winning bank in Bangladesh. As the first recipient of the Kawahito Scholarship for Experiential World Poverty Studies, I was afforded the opportunity to do just that during my two-month internship with Grameen Bank.

Founded by former MTSU professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Grameen Bank provides microfinance loans (small, collateral-free loans to traditionally noncreditworthy individuals) to poor women in Bangladesh. With the loans, the recipients start small cottage industries such as tailoring, basket-weaving or baking businesses.

Located on the Indian subcontinent in South Asia, Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries in the world, with approximately 30 percent of its citizens living below the poverty line. Bangladesh has a population of 150 million (half that of the United States), yet occupies an area slightly smaller than Iowa.

While in Bangladesh, I witnessed firsthand the harrowing and debilitating effects of poverty. In Dhaka, the capital city of 12 million people, abandoned street children clung to my arm begging for money. In a Grameen-funded school in the slums of Dhaka, I met 10-year-old children with withered hands and amputated limbs who hunched forward, hunched backs and amputated limbs held out their hands begging for money. Withered old men with bent legs and broken limbs begged for food. In one village I visited, I met Shama, an elderly member of Grameen’s Struggling Member Program, through which Grameen lends money to beggar families. Shama’s husband had worked as a day laborer, earning low wages. Unable to afford home ownership, he and Shama had rented the one-room house in which they lived with their two sons. When her husband died 10 years ago, Shama had no income. Her two sons were both day laborers with families of their own, so they could not help support her.

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While such tremendous hardships face many Bangladeshis, those whom I met were incredibly generous and seemed quite content with what little they have. Families earning less money in one year than I earn in a week invited me into their homes and generously shared with me what little food they could afford. The hospitality of the Bangladeshis I encountered is unparalleled.

Amazed that those with so little can be content in their lacking, I felt more than a tinge of guilt for having taken for granted the abundance with which I have been blessed in America. I have so often failed to appreciate the simple things like drinkable tap water, a profusion of food and quality health care. My experience in Bangladesh, afforded to me by MTSU and the Kawahito Scholarship for Experiential World Poverty Studies, has enriched my life greatly and broadened my perspective. I have learned always to be mindful of and grateful for the riches that I have received by having been lucky enough to be born in America.

Steve Sibley is a December 2008 business finance graduate of MTSU.
A hallmark of Black History Month at MTSU since 1996, the 2009 Unity Luncheon honoring “unsung heroes” in the community will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, in the Tennessee Room of MTSU’s James Union Building.

This year’s honorees are Annie M. Cox, James E. McAdams Sr., the Rev. James Thomas, Carl Wade, William Washington and Katie F. Wilson. Cox has been a dedicated schoolteacher in Cannon County for more than 30 years. She is considered an icon for coaching sports and molding young lives for the future in the school system and the community at large.

McAdams worked as a chauffeur at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Murfreesboro for 36 years. After retirement, he was employed as a dishwasher and head cook at Oakland High School’s cafeteria for a total of 20 years. McAdams is a member of First Baptist Church and was chairman of its deacon board for more than 43 years.

As pastor of Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville since 1971, Thomas has worked in the community and awarded the top 100 most powerful and influential people in the city by the Nashville Post for several years. His leadership roles over the past 37 years include co-chair of the Davidson County Rainbow Coalition, president of the Missionary Baptist Convention of Tennessee and president of the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship.

Wade serves on the finance committee, education committee and is the chairman of the deacon board of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. He retired from the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board as warehouse leader after 22 years. Wade also serves on the board of commissioners of the Murfreesboro Housing Authority, which works with the director on budget, finances and housing projects.

A retired state employee, Wilson’s lifelong dedication to service includes work with the mentally retarded in the Bureau of TennCare and the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, as well as part-time employment for 33½ years as special-event staff member in the MTSU Athletic Department. She chairs the boards of directors of the Women’s Care Center and the Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center.

Washington was custodian for MTSU’s Cope Administration Building from its opening in 1964 until his retirement in 1994. A dedicated churchgoer, Washington, says, “He was always friendly to those who worked at the university and to guests of the university.”

Tickets for the Unity Luncheon are $20 for adults and $8 for students. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, contact Valerie Avent at 615-898-2718.  

Black History Month honors long quest for citizenship

by Dr. Sekou Franklin
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A century ago, an interracial group of Americans joined together and formed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The story of the NAACP is the story of a universal struggle to create and maintain equal citizenship for all Americans. It is a transnational narrative that binds human- and civil-rights struggles in the United States with the aspirations for equality and justice in Latin America and the Caribbean. The NAACP centennial, the focus of the 2009 African-American History Month with a theme of “The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas,” is an occasion to highlight issues of race and citizenship from the experiences of African-Americans and African-descended people in the Americas. All events at MTSU are free and open to the public unless otherwise specified. Please contact me at franklin@mtsu.edu with questions or concerns. Please be sure to check the Black History Month Web site at www.mtsu.edu/ahlwm for any announcements or changes to events.

Black History Month events at MTSU include:

• Tuesday, Feb. 3—Unity Luncheon and the Unsung Heroes Awards (to be presented to Annie M. Cox, James McAdams Sr., Rev. James Thomas, Carl Wade, William Washington and Katie F. Wilson), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tennessee Room of James Union Building; adults $20, students $8; for information, contact Valerie Avent at avvent@mtsu.edu.

• Wednesday, Feb. 4—“We’re Someplace We’ve Never Been: Race, Diversity and the New America,” Eugene Robinson of The Washington Post and MSNBC, 10:20-11:45 a.m., Keathley University Center’s Tucker Theatre; sponsored by the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies; contact franklin@mtsu.edu.

• Thursday, Feb. 5—“Literally Speaking: Poetry Presentation by MTSU Faculty,” 1:30 p.m., Honors College Room 106; sponsored by the Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs; contact Vincent Windrow at vwindrow@mtsu.edu.

• Tuesday, Feb. 10—John Pleas Faculty Recognition Award honoring Dr. Adonijah L. Bakari, 4-6 p.m., Tom Jackson Building; contact Marlene Lane at amlan@mtsu.edu.

• Wednesday, Feb. 11—MTSU Jazz Artist Series Presents: Lecture/Master Class with Composer/Pianist Donald Brown, 3 p.m., Saunders Fine Arts 101; contact Don Aliquo at daliquo@mtsu.edu.

• Thursday, Feb. 12—“Going Back To Where I’ve Never Been,” a solo performance by Jacqueline Springfield, 7 p.m., Boutwell Dramatic Arts Studio Theatre; contact Jacqueline Springfield at jlsilmer@mtsu.edu.

• Thursday, Feb. 12—Taste of Soul: 100th Anniversary Celebration of the NAACP, 7 p.m., location TBA; sponsored by the MTSU Chapter of the NAACP; contact Carlissa Shaw at ckiss@mtsu.edu.

MTSU Jazz Artist Series Presents: Composer/Pianist Donald Brown, 7:30 p.m., Hinton Music Hall in Wright Music Building; contact daliquo@mtsu.edu.

• Monday, Feb. 16—Screening of “Poto Mitan: Haitian Women, Pillars of the Global Economy” and meeting with filmmakers Renée Bergan and Mark Schuller, 3:30-5 p.m., KUC Theater; co-sponsored by the MTSU Haitian Project; contact franklin@mtsu.edu.

• Tuesday, Feb. 17—Harlem Renaissance, 7 p.m., Tom Jackson Building; sponsored by MTSU NAACP; contact cca@mtsu.edu.

• Wednesday, Feb. 17—“Grassroots Activism, Racial Rezoning and School-Based Reform in Nashville,” Deirdre Reed, southeast regional organizer, Center for Community Change, 12-30-2 p.m, Peck Hall 211; contact franklin@mtsu.edu.

• Sunday, Feb. 22—Ninth Annual Gospel Extravaganza Benefit and Scholarship Program, 6 p.m., Murphy Center; adults $10, students $5, free for children under 6; contact Mary Glass at mglass@mtsu.edu.

• Monday, Feb. 23—“Poetry and Liberation,” spoken-word artist and actor Saul Williams, 7 p.m., Murphy Center; contact Rich Kershaw at rkersha@mtsu.edu.

• Tuesday, Feb. 24—“The Quest for Black Citizenship,” Jeff Johnson of Black Entertainment Television’s “The Truth,” 7 p.m., Murphy Center; contact franklin@mtsu.edu.

• Wednesday, Feb. 25—Quiz Bowl, 7 p.m., BAS State Farm Room; sponsored by MTSU NAACP; contact cca@mtsu.edu.

• Friday, Feb. 27—“Excavation Self: Choreography Workshops on Cultural and Racial Identity,” Stefanie Batten Bland, guest artist in residency, 3-5 p.m., Fairview 140; contact Kim Neal Nofings at nfting@mtsu.edu.

• Wednesday, March 4—Informal Concert and Performance: Stefanie Batten Bland, 7:30 p.m., Tucker Theatre; contact nfting@mtsu.edu.

• Tuesday, March 24—Women’s History Month Celebration: Author and feminist scholar bell hooks, 4 p.m., KUC Theater; sponsored by the June Anderson Women’s Center; contact Terri Johnson at trjohnson@mtsu.edu.

• March 25-26—Women’s History Month Celebration: Peggy McIntosh, Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity Project, 4 p.m., Tom Jackson Building; contact trjohnson@mtsu.edu.

• Friday, March 27—“The Black Aces: Baseball’s Only African-American Twenty-Game Winner,” Jim “Mudcat” Grant, author and former major league baseball pitcher, 14th Conference on Baseball in Literature and Culture Luncheon speaker, JUB Tennessee Room; contact Ronald E. Kates at rckates@mtsu.edu.

Dr. Sekou Franklin is an assistant professor of political science at MTSU and co-chair of the Black History Month Committee.
Please note:

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TV Schedule

“Middle Tennessee Record” Cable Channel 9: Monday-Sunday—7 a.m., 5 p.m., NewsChannel 5+: Sundays—1:30 p.m.

Through Feb. 26

Photo Exhibit: “Idiom Savant: Photographs by Jim Stone” 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-4 p.m. Saturday, 6-9:45 p.m. Sunday Baldwin Photo Gallery, LRC For information, contact: 615-898-2085.

Jan. 26

Monday, Jan. 26
Faculty Recital:
Andrea Dawson, violin, and Leopoldo Erice, piano
8 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
For information, contact: 615-898-2493.

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Tuesday, Jan. 27
Murfreesboro Youth Orchestra
7 p.m., Hinton Music Hall
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Jan. 28

Wednesday, Jan. 28
MT Women’s Basketball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
7 p.m., Murphy Center
For information, visit www.goblueraiders.com or contact: 615-898-2450.

Jan. 29

Thursday, Jan. 29
Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m.-4 p.m., KUC 322
For information, contact: 615-898-2210.

MT Men’s Basketball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
11:30 a.m., Murphy Center
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Jan. 31

Saturday, Jan. 31
Mardi Gras Night:
MT Basketball Doubleheader vs. Louisiana-Monroe
Women: 5 p.m.; men: 7 p.m.
Murphy Center
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Feb. 1

Sunday, Feb. 1
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Feb. 2

Feb. 2-20
MTSU Art Exhibit: “Revisited”
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Todd Gallery
Opening reception: Monday, Feb. 2, 6-8 p.m.
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Feb. 6

Friday, Feb. 6
Campuswide Tornado Drill
9:55-10:05 a.m.
For information, contact: 615-898-2424.

First Friday Star Party:
“Spitzer Space Telescope”
6:30-8:30 p.m., Wiser-Patten Science Hall 102
For information, contact: 615-898-5946.

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Artistic deja vu

RETURNING TO THE SCENE—“Revisited,” an exhibition of works by retired MTSU art faculty members Ollie Fancher, James Gibson, Klaus Kallenberger and David LeDoux, will open at the Todd Gallery on Tuesday, Feb. 3, and will be on display through Friday, Feb. 20. A free artists’ reception is planned for 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the gallery as well. The professors’ work on the exhibition card includes, from left, Fancher, Gibson, Kallenberger and LeDoux. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact 615-898-5653.

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Spring Honors Lecture Series:
Dr. June McCash,
“Why Honors? Precedents, Perceptions and Perspectives”
3-3:55 p.m., HONR 106
For information, visit www.mtsu.edu/honors/Spring_Lecture_Series.shtml.

Stones River Chamber Players
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Calendar Items Welcomed
Submit campus calendar items to gfann@mtsu.edu. Thanks!
Keeping jazz alive

A FAMILY TRADITION—MTSU alumna Jennifer Wendell, center left, holds a framed series of photos of her parents and jazz great Duke Ellington that she recently donated, along with $1,000, to the new MTSU/WMOT Jazz Connections Memorial Wall. The presentation honors Louis C. Wendell and Elizabeth Wendell, along with family friend Carl Gebuhr, for their love of jazz and MTSU. The Wendell and Gebuhr families were friends when they lived in Pakistan, which Ellington visited during a world tour. Several groups formed by Director John Egyi’s son, MTSU sociology major John Egyi Jr., helped with the donations. MTSU’s Tom Cameron and Dr. Janet Omachonu, assistant dean of MTSU’s College of Mass Communication.

Stress

stress. “Dealing with stress has life-saving properties, so, as humans, we are trained to resolve a stressful event before anything else is processed.”

Thomason adds that Health Services personnel frequently see students with complaints about difficulty concentrating, inability to sleep and general feelings of anxiety. She says stress affects students physically, too, with symptoms like stomachaches and headaches.

Anshel says that physical consequences of stress are not limited to short-term discomfort. “Prolonged stress, over months and years, can result in heart disease and hypertension (high blood pressure). Sudden, highly intense stress can set off a heart attack,” he says. Explosive anger can be triggered by the anticipation of the risks of heart attacks, he notes.

Because of the negative effect stress can have on someone, learning coping skills is important. “Coping consists of a set of skills, and most of us have not learned those skills,” Anshel says. “The tendency of some individuals to fight or conduct a violent reaction to stress is a good example of our poor coping skills.”

So how does one cope with overwhelming feelings of stress? Thomason says the first step is to “stop, take a deep breath and concentrate on breathing slowly.”

Michael Johnson, assistant director of MTSU Counseling Services, echoes the importance of deep breathing.

“Practicing deep breathing promotes the regulation of oxygen and blood to all tissues of the body, to the extremities, vital organs and, most importantly, the brain. Adequate breathing regulates the heart ... which regulates oxygenated blood flow, and without oxygen-rich blood, the body shuts down,” he says.

Thomason says the next step in reducing stress depends on the situation. “If the stress is brought on by an assignment, then you need to break it into smaller steps and focus on completing one step at a time,” she suggests. “If it stems from relationship problems, talk to someone or write down your feelings.”

Anshel and Thomason suggest several alternatives for relieving stress when feeling overwhelmed. Exercise, reading, relaxing with friends, meditation, listening to relaxing music and even petting animals are all effective ways of relieving stress, they say.

Sometimes avoiding the source of stress is not an option.

“Confronting the source of stress may be the best way of reducing stress,” Anshel says. “If you are worried that you aren’t ready for a test, work in 30- to 60-minute spurts of studying followed by 10 to 15 minutes of rest. This is one of the most effective ways of retaining information. He also suggests that if there is a potential problem with a professor or someone else, talking about it directly with the person can help move past the stress. The important thing to know is that in certain situations, confronting stress can be a greater stress reliever than trying to reduce stressful feelings through other methods.”

“Stress is an integral part of life. We become stronger and more efficient from experiencing stress,” the professor sums up.

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Traffic changes under way along Old Main Circle near Cope

Students venture from golf-cart paths to World of Concrete

Lao-American author plans first reading in region Feb. 3

Daily campus tours resuming

Feb. 6 events to conclude artist's visit
The Jan. 1 issue of Booklist, the American Library Association’s major library media review publication, has selected a reference work co-edited by two MTSU professors as a 2008 Editors’ Choice/Reference pick.

In a starred review in Booklist, Janice Lewis praises the Encyclopedia of the First Amendment as “an excellent resource for anyone who wants to learn more about broadcast regulation, the establishment of religion clause, students’ rights, or a myriad of other topics involving the First Amendment and its political, cultural and legal significance … highly recommended for academic, public and law libraries.”

The work was co-edited by Dr. John R. Vile, dean of the University Honors College, and David Hudson, adjunct political science professor and scholar at the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

First Amendment book hailed by library association

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Faculty

Dr. Wandi Ding (mathematical sciences) has published “Optimal Harvesting of a Spatially Explicit Fishery Model” in the Journal of Natural Resource Modeling and has had “Optimal Control of the Growth Coefficient in a Steady State Population Model” accepted by Nonlinear Analysis Series B. for its January 2009 issue. Ding also was invited to review two papers from Journal of Biological Dynamics and International Journal of Biomathematics, respectively, and to review a calculus textbook from Pearson Education.


WMOT-FM Jazz89 adds ‘etown’ to Saturday lineup

Town, which has been broadcast since 1991, is taped in front of a live audience and features performances from many of today’s top musical artists as well as interviews with a wide variety of authors, poets and policy-makers.

E-town, located at 89.3 on the FM dial, also offers news, an events calendar and a streaming broadcast on its Web site, www.wmot.org.

Classes canceled? Click the snowflake at mtsunews.com!

When inclement weather arises, MTSU closing information will be available online and on area radio and TV stations, and the university will send out a text-message and e-mail alert via the RAVE system.

Class cancellations will apply to all classes, credit and noncredit. MTSU offices will be open unless otherwise stated. Overnight decisions will be announced by 6 a.m. the next day.

Learn more anytime by visiting www.mtsunews.com and clicking on the snowflake!
Historic day

Sophomore human sciences major Ashley Boutsisomphone, left, and junior Mike Hildebrandt, an electronic media communications major, are engrossed in President Barack Obama’s inaugural address Jan. 20 in the Keathley —Sophomore human sciences major Ashley Boutsisomphone, left, and junior Mike Hildebrandt, an electronic media communications major, are engrossed in President Barack Obama’s inaugural address Jan. 20 in the Keathley University second-floor TV lounge. MTSU Student Programming provided live coverage from CNN for the university community in the KUC Theater and in both KUC lounge areas, and TVs in residence hall lounges, campus dining facilities and the cardio room of the Campus Recreation Center were tuned to inaugural events for much of the day.

photo by News and Public Affairs

T he CLEAR Water Institute’s new Web site is available for campus and community viewing, its MTSU organizing members said.

The CLEAR Water Institute site can be found at http://frank.mtsu.edu/~clearmt/. The acronym CLEAR stands for Collaborative Education and Research.

The institute “is an interdisciplinary group of scientists from biology, chemistry, economics, environmental toxicology, education, sociology and concrete industry management that addresses social, economic and environmental issues related to water quality,” according to the “about us” information on the home page.

Members organized CLEAR Water Institute in 2008.

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Dr. Linda P. Hare (Development and University Relations) passed away Jan. 5. Dr. Hare, who served as the division vice president from 1995 to 2002, was working to increase diversity at Vanderbilt School of Medicine at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Dr. George C. Hill; her children, Nicole Yvette Hare, Brian Ray Hare, Yvette Hill Ray and Kevin Lewis Hill; four grandchildren, a brother, a beloved aunt, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Linda P. Hare Scholarship Fund, through the Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance, to support underrepresented graduate and medical students at Meharry and Vanderbilt.

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