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Nowhere to run: Mississippi State defenders K.J. Wright (34), and Charles Mitchell (4) trap Vanderbilt quarterback Chris Nickson during action in the second quarter Saturday. Attempting to go for their sixth win and attain bowl eligibility, the Commodores lost 17-14 to the Bulldogs on a day when they could get almost nothing going offensively. Vanderbilt set season lows in rushing and passing yards. [See page 6 for story.](#)

ADMINISTRATION

Ingram: BOT spotlight begins with chair

by LAUREN KOENIG
News Contributor



Ever wondered about the face behind one of Vanderbilt's most ubiquitous names? Martha Robinson Rivers Ingram is more than chairman of the university's Board of Trust, she's also recognized as one of America's top business executives and a mainstay of Nashville society.

A graduate of Vassar College in 1957, Ingram married E. Bronson Ingram, who inherited part of his father's oil-and-barge empire in 1963. She quickly became involved in her husband's business ventures, serving as director and chairman for the family companies, as well as serving on the boards for several other nationally renowned businesses.

After her husband's death in 1995, Ingram served as chairman of the Ingram Industries Board until 2008. Ingram Industries is one of America's largest privately held companies, and centers on distribution of books, computers and videotapes.

Ingram Entertainment is the

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nation's prime distributor of DVD hardware and software, while Ingram Micro Inc. is a global leading technology distributor.

In addition to her leadership in business, Ingram is a prodigious proponent for the arts. She contributes to increasing cultural awareness in Nashville as a member on the boards for the Tennessee Repertory Theatre, the Nashville Opera Association and the Advisory Council of the Nashville Ballet. She also chairs Blair School of Music's KeyBoard.

Ingram's achievements in business, philanthropy and the arts have garnered national attention. In 2001 The Tennessean named her "Tennessean of the Year." She was also inducted into the Junior Achievement's National Business Hall of Fame.

Ingram and family are recognized on Forbes' 400 Richest Americans. She has four children and 12 grandchildren. ■

ACADEMICS

O'Brien to bring perspective to students

by JANELLE STOKES
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"We are people who are interesting and diverse in so many different ways. It can only improve the opportunities of stories that you can tell," said journalist Soledad O'Brien who will participate as the keynote speaker of this year's North Star Leadership Series.

On Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in

Langford Auditorium, Soledad O'Brien will talk about the importance and relevance of diversity in her life and career.

"(The year) 2008 is certainly the right time to be expressing diversity in this country on a lot of levels," said O'Brien, referencing the historical and social impact the presidential election has had thus far.

"I will talk about diversity and how it's played a role in my life," O'Brien said.

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Assistant Director of the Office of Leadership Development and Intercultural Affairs Shay Malone thinks the series and the speakers are important so students can learn how to be global citizens.

"Being a leader means being a global citizen," said Malone. "Our goal

is to (prepare) Vanderbilt students to become global leaders. North Star Leadership Series is something we started last year that ties in diversity (through) intercultural programming and leadership."

O'Brien is an award winning and critically acclaimed anchor and special correspondent for CNN: Special Investigations. Her recent project was an examination of the state of blacks in America 40 years

after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. O'Brien has also served as a special correspondent for the 2008 presidential election reviewing and analyzing exit poll data.

"With the presidential election, financial crisis and everything that's going on outside the Vandy bubble, she's right there in the middle of it all," Malone said on O'Brien's expected impact on students. "Students can learn from her." ■

ACADEMICS

VSG sponsors Majors Fair to aid undeclared students

by LILY CHEN
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While it may not necessarily determine a student's future success in life, the selection of a student's major is still a decision that will impact his or her education and future career possibilities. And for sophomores in the College of

Arts and Science, the deadline to declare their majors is quickly approaching (students must declare a major by the end of their fourth semester). For students who are uncertain of their majors, Vanderbilt Student Government will be sponsoring a Majors Fair open to all students.

"I think it's a great opportunity

for freshmen and sophomores to really get a broad idea of what majors are available to them," said Student Representative on the Arts and Science Council senior Courtney Holliday. "The fair makes it easy to talk to department heads from different majors at one time, and students can access a lot of info at once."

The College of Arts and

Sciences offers over 45 majors ranging from mathematics to political science to art.

According to Arts and Science Council President senior John Furlow and Director of Publicity senior Rebecca Reichardt, the fair will provide students with information on how to declare a major, how to double or triple major and

even how to create a major. Department chairs, professors and students from each of the Arts and Science disciplines will also be on hand to discuss the academic requirements, honor societies, research opportunities, internships and more information about the classes and professors in each major.

Vanderbilt Student Government has held this fair in previous years as well, contacting department heads and getting their cooperation to provide brochures and information.

The fair will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. in Sarratt Promenade, on the second floor of Sarratt Student Center. ■

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