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"TEAMS AREN'T GOING TO BOW DOWN TO US BECAUSE WE'RE A RANKED TEAM"

—SENIOR KARLYN TIMKO

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## From playing at Marshall, to protecting it

By SARAH CONNERS  
THE PARTHENON

Sergeant Scott Ballou came to Marshall University to play as a third baseman but has stayed to protect the university and its student, serving in the Marshall Office of Public Safety.

Ballou was born and raised in Rhode Island. His family then moved to Daytona Beach, Fla. It was there at Ballou met one of the Marshall assistant baseball coaches while playing summer ball. This kick started Ballou's interest in coming to Marshall.

He said he always knew that he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement, and was drawn to Marshall because of its criminal justice program as well as its baseball program. He came and played baseball for the Herd from 1993-1996.

"It was a Division I program," Ballou said. "The tough thing was that it was a long way away from Florida were my parents were. There was a couple other guys that were from my high school that also went with me to Marshall so that kind of made the transition a little bit easier."

He said one of the most memorable

moments in his baseball career with the Herd was traveling home to play Florida State in 1996. It was a series opener for the Herd-- Florida State was ranked No. 1 in the division preseason. They were also sporting J.D. Drew on their roster who later went on to play professionally and recently retired with the Boston Red Sox in 2011.

"The highlight was my parents were going to be there," Ballou said. "We ended up losing the first game 15-1 and we got beat pretty bad the next day. But that was probably the highlight of my career because I got to play against the number one team in the country."

Ballou graduated from Marshall in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice law enforcement. He had originally planned to move back to Florida after graduating, but he met a West Virginia girl and deciding that he wasn't going to take his baseball career any further, making Huntington his new home.

That West Virginia girl, Stephanie Ballou, later became his wife. She works in

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## Author questions God, truth and miracles in upcoming lecture

By KRISTA SHIFFLETT  
THE PARTHENON

Frank Turek, president of crossexamined.org, will discuss his book "I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist" at 7:15 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The event is sponsored by campus ministry, Ratio Christi.

Isaac McKown, president of Ratio Christi, said the event will be beneficial for those who attend.

"This is one of those events that regardless of whether you come to the event agreeing with Turek, disagreeing with him or agreeing with some of what he says and not everything it will get people talking," McKown said. "It's an event that a lot of people are interested in regardless of which side of the spectrum they fall on."

Turek will also speak 10 a.m. Sunday at the Gateway Christian Church in St. Albans, W.Va.

McKown said Turek's first night at Marshall he will discuss if truth exists and if God exists, referencing the Bible for support. The second night he will discuss if miracles are possible and if the New Testament is reliable.

McKown said he there is no topic more important than some of the topics that Turek will cover. He said a lot of Christians and atheists will agree on these topics.

"If some of the fundamental truth claims of the Bible are true, then they are of an importance that you can't really put a value on," McKown said. "And if they are not true, then they are not of importance and atheists and Christians can both agree on that statement."

McKown said the event will be a conversation starter on campus and Ratio Christi is optimistic about sponsoring the event.

"When you get the right amount of funds one of the things we like to do is get conversations going like this," McKown said.

Turek speaks to colleges all over the country doing seminar type lectures based on his book.

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## 'Gypsy soul' transports Black Sheep Burrito & Brews back in time with her voice

"People say I sound like an old vinyl record, and that makes me feel honored."



By MARK WILLIAMS  
THE PARTHENON

Sierra Ferrell has one of those voices. One that sounds familiar and fresh. One that sounds heartbreaking and hopeful.

The Charleston-based singer-songwriter will showcase her voice 8 p.m. Saturday at Black Sheep Burrito & Brews.

Ferrell, 25, welcomes comparisons to the jazz and folk singers of a bygone era.

"I hear I have the voice of someone from the 20s or 30s pretty often," she said. "People say I sound like an old vinyl record, and that makes me feel honored."

Playing off and on since age 12, Ferrell started performing regularly about three years ago while living in Fayetteville, W.Va.

"I got inspired by these two boys, Paul Cobb and James Furness, who came from Indianapolis to rock

climb," she said. "They broke down and needed a place to stay, so I let them live with me in my one room studio."

Ferrell said the three connected instantly and began to make music and practice three part harmonies together every day. They encouraged her to write her own songs and start learning guitar.

"They showed me you could write a song about anything," she said. "That it's all about delivery, confidence and passion."

That passion is evident in her songs and performance. Armed with just a guitar and her voice, Ferrell has the ability to bring a loud barroom to a whisper and she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I'm super awkward I feel," she said. "Being in a bar is far more comfortable for me than perhaps a venue where people are just sitting there staring at you not getting drunk."

A recent connection with popular Americana artist

Todd Snider led Ferrell to East Nashville, Tenn., to record a full-length album with Eric McConnell, one of the city's up-and-coming producers.

"Recording with Eric was fun and easy," Ferrell said. "He is an amazing person with a wonderful, relaxing energy."

Though no definitive release date has been set, Ferrell hope to see the album released this spring. She also has plans to tour often with Snider throughout 2014.

"He's helping this gypsy soul get all my ducks in a row," she said.

Her haunting, dissonant style of folk can lean heavy on the sad side, but Ferrell embraces it with a smile.

"I like to howl," she said. "I think of myself as a graveyard ghost whispering sorrows in your ear. It comes pretty natural."

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## Pizza fundraiser to benefit local child development

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The Marshall University Shaver Media Group will sponsor a fundraiser Friday at Backyard Pizza and Raw Bar to raise money for the River Valley Child Development Services donating \$2 from every 14-inch pizza ordered that day.

River Valley is a childcare facility for early childhood education with the mission of being a leading in provider in high quality early childhood care and education services for children, families and communities.

"We chose to have our fundraiser at Backyard Pizza not only because the food is good but the owner is a Marshall School of Journalism alumni," Miranda Pemberton co-director of the Shaver Media Group said. "He is always willing to give back to Marshall."

The proceeds for this event will help Shaver Media Group with their main event, Questions Trivia April 5 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

## Cee Lo Green says he will no longer be a judge on 'The Voice'

By TODD MARTENS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

Cee Lo Green says he won't be returning to the spinning judge's seat on NBC's singing competition show "The Voice." The artist broke the news on "The Ellen DeGeneres" show, revealing his change in plans just days before "The Voice" re-emerges Monday.

"I didn't mean to drop the bomb," said Green, who appeared on the daytime talk show with touring partner Lionel Richie. Green said he has other plans in the works for NBC, including a potential talk show.

"I'm going to continue my relationship with NBC," he said. "I have a television show development deal with them as well, and

hopefully some other talk show opportunities for later in the year."

When "The Voice" returns Monday, regulars Adam Levine and Blake Shelton will be joined by alternates Shakira and Usher. The latter two have sat in for Green and Christina Aguilera in the past.

"I'm going to miss 'The Voice,'" said Green, emphasizing that he has relinquished his judging duties for good. "I'm not coming back at all."

Green said he also intends to focus on a new album. The artist last released a proper solo effort of original material in 2010 with "The Lady Killer." The latter spawned the hit "Forget You," as

it was known under its radio-friendly title. Green did release a holiday album in 2012, "Cee Lo's Magic Moment."

"I have so many other things I want to do," Green said. "I haven't released an album in four years. I'm almost done with an album."



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# WEEKEND SPORTS

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## Herd baseball tries to continue success against NCA&T

By GABI WARWICK  
THE PARTHENON

Coming off of a 2-2 weekend, the Herd is preparing for its next game against North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

The Herd is 8-4 all-time against their opponent. Last season it beat North Carolina A&T 3-0.

Head coach Jeff Waggoner said that the team is training harder than before this week before they leave for the weekend matchup.

"We're going to work on the things we struggled with this past weekend," Waggoner said. "Wednesday and Thursday will be really important for the match this weekend."

The Herd's past weekend was affected by travel delays and bad weather, but that didn't stop them from playing hard.

Waggoner said that he is glad that they got to play the games, despite the complications.

"It's good that we're getting some games in," Waggoner said. "Especially with the bad weather, it's been tough. The weekend started out tough, but as it went on, we

played better baseball. We want to keep that going in Greensboro."

After winning its first game, the team had a rough second game. They came out the next day to lose the game at the end with a walk off, before rallying to win their last game.

Roscoe Blackburn, a freshman out of Worthington, Ohio, pitched for the Herd for the first time Monday. In the five innings he was on the mound, he recorded one walk, four hits and three strikeouts.

The Herd's upcoming opponent, North Carolina A&T, has faced the same weather struggles as Marshall. The team's three opening games were canceled. However, they won their game on Feb. 18, and played Wednesday against N.C. State.

Waggoner said that the team has a lot to work on if they want to win their games this weekend.

"We have to work on situational baseball and the two strike approach," he said. "Basically anything the coaching staff saw go wrong last game

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## Herd tennis hits road with ranking

By WILL VANCE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University tennis team will travel north this weekend to play a pair of matches in Minneapolis against the University of Minnesota and Iowa State. The team will play the matches with a new number beside its name after the most recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings named the Herd No. 70 in the nation out of 330 ITA Division I teams.

"When we're working as hard as we have been we know that eventually we would get our break," senior Karlyn Timko said, "and it has paid off."

The ranking is particularly impressive when considering four of the teams seven players are freshmen who have had to come up big for the team.

"We know if we keep getting good wins the number is going to go up," Timko said, "so if anything it's more motivation for us to keep working hard and rise in the rankings."

The move into the rankings followed a successful weekend trip to Pennsylvania, where the Herd defeated then No. 57 Penn State and Penn University, both in 4-3 decisions.

Though neither Iowa State nor Minnesota is ranked, Timko said non-ranked teams can be

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Senior Karlyn Timko waits for a serve during he doubles match against West Virginia Feb. 1 at the Huntington Tennis Club.

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Sophomore attacker Jake Saunders advances the ball in a 2013 match.

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## Marshall men's lacrosse hits the road for season opener

By SARAH CONNERS  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Men's Club Lacrosse Team begins its spring season in Louisville, Ky. Saturday against Bellerme University.

The team's roster consists of 20 players with nine games scheduled for the season in West Virginia and Kentucky. The team is coming off of a 4-6 record from last season.

The men's lacrosse team has been a part of Marshall club sports since 2003 and placed in the top 25 teams in the nation in 2012 at No. 19. They dropped to No. 24 after losing to conference rivals Eastern Kentucky University who went on to win the National Championship in 2012.

The team also had previous goalie John Bassin go on to play for the Israeli National team in the summer of 2013.

Mitch Casto, a junior from Fredrick, Md. said he thankful for the extra time they have had to prepare for this weekends game.

"With last week's tournament in Louisville being canceled on account of weather, we've been given us a lot of extra time to prepare for the game this Saturday," Casto said.

Casto serves as the team's president for the 2013-14 season and has been a member of the team for three years.

The team has tried to fit in at least two to three

practices per week in order to prepare its stick skills as well as train new players.

Jake Saunders, a sophomore from Richmond, Va. is an attack man for the Herd and also serves as the secretary on the team's executive board. He has been a member of the team for two years. Saunders has high expectations for himself and his team this weekend but realizes that his team also needs to work on some things in order to have a successful season.

"We're ready for the game this weekend," Saunders said. "But our team needs to work on shooting as well as consistently in passing to each other."

Carson Terwilliger, a 21-year-old senior from Ellicott City, Md. is a fourth year defensive captain for the team.

"One major goal that we have set for the weekend is to play our new talent to see what they can bring to the Herd in a game situation," Terwilliger said. "It will be a chance for us to really see our potential for the year."

One of the new members making his debut with Marshall will be Will Hoobler, a 21-year-old junior from Sewickley, Pa. Hoobler hopes to improve on some of the skills he attained while playing in high school.

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### COLUMN

## LeBron James shows maturity in GQ magazine cover story

By GEORGE M. THOMAS  
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Akron native LeBron James graces the March cover of GQ and might add a little controversy to one that simmers in Cleveland, but likely will be greeted with a shrug in Akron. It hits newsstands Feb. 25 or it's available online now.

In the article written by Jeanne Marie Laskas, James talks about fame, his hometown, change and The Decision, now calling it the best thing that ever happened to him.

In the 2010 television special pimped by ESPN, James took his talents to South Beach. The program remains dubious at best, but James views it through a different lens — one that only the stance of time can provide after four years.

"The best thing that ever happened to me," he said in GQ. "I needed it. It helped me grow as a man. As a professional, as a father. At the time, as a boyfriend. It helped

me grow. Being confined, I spent my whole life in Akron, Ohio. For 25 years. Even though I played professionally in Cleveland, I still lived in Akron. Everything was comfortable. I knew everything, everybody knew me — everything was comfortable. I needed to become uncomfortable."

Those words might still cause a stir, but those who are honest with themselves would agree that an essential element of life is growing as a person. Most people expect it for themselves, but might be less generous when it comes to others. Heaven forbid that someone placed on a pedestal by a city or a region would make a choice unpopular in his home base — especially LeBron James, who will go down as one of the NBA's all-time greats.

The burning jersey. The vitriol spilling from sports radio stations. Some of that bile can still be heard as Cavs fans dream of James bringing his talents back north,

courtesy of a clause that allows him to opt out of his contract with the Miami Heat after this season.

But reading between the lines, James' goals might not be conducive to such a move. His maturity reveals itself as he thinks about the big picture rather than just the NBA.

He wants to act and is working on Ballers, a film with the white-hot actor and comedian Kevin Hart; James and his close friend and business partner Maverick Carter also signed a deal with pay-TV channel Starz.

Survivor's Remorse "is set in the world of professional basketball and explores the comedy and drama of an experience that everyone reads about, but few understand — what truly happens when you make it out," according to a news release from the network. Starz recently gave the show the

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## Menswear collections show the athletic look has grown up from gym class days

By ADAM TSCHORN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

If the menswear collections coming down the runways at the recently wrapped New York Fashion Week are any indication, fall 2014 is going to be filled with laid-back luxe — unconstructed, blanket-like outerwear, chunky novel knitwear and a quilted one of everything. But the biggest trend coming off the runway — and what might really be a game-changing look for the American male of nine months hence — is the upscale take on the lowly sweat pant.

Sure, there were plenty of sharp tailored suits to go around, as well as softer versions of traditional menswear suiting in fabrics including Glen plaids, herringbone and houndstooth. (One stand-out version of the latter was menswear designer Todd Snyder's barracks jacket with the pattern printed on buttery soft shearling.)

But you couldn't have tossed a kettle ball last week without hitting a new take on the old-school athletic silhouette that hasn't changed much since you last laced up for gym class: loose-fitting, super-soft, drawstring waistband and elasticized ankles.

Snyder, whose entry in the sweat pant parade was a gray wool double-knit number with a black tuxedo side stripe (shown paired with a black jacquard dinner jacket that made it the perfect formalwear choice for something like, say, the ESPY Awards gala) said upscale athleticwear is part of a changing mind-set.

"That's the sensibility," he said. "Kids these days, they're all active. I think (we're past the) times of being either a jock or a nerd or an intellectual. Those lines are blurred."

Band of Outsiders' Scott Sternberg can also attest to the growing appetite for an athletic take on trousers. His fall and winter 2014 men's "Death of the Newspaper" collection (inspired by a visit to the L.A. Times building) includes versions in comfy-cool black-and-white-striped cotton terry, gray boiled wool with red-and-blue-striped elasticized cuffs and a brushed wool herringbone with cargo pockets

"We have a lot of sweat pants in this collection," Sternberg said, "and I was just talking to sales and they wanted more. And these aren't just typical sweat pants, by the way. We're doing them in cashmere suiting fabrics, we're doing chino sweat pants, we're doing all kinds of versions of it."

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## High School Festival Band Weekend kicks off Friday



Robert W. Smith conducts the John Marshall Band during the High School Band Festival Feb. 9, 2013 in Smith Recital Hall.

JOSEPHINE E. MENDEZ | THE PARTHENON

By JESSICA ROSS  
THE PARTHENON

The 13th annual Marshall University High School Festival Band Weekend presented by the School of Music and Theater begins Thursday and includes two concerts, a MU Showcase Concert 8 p.m. Friday and the High School Festival Band Concert 4 p.m. Saturday, at Smith Recital Hall.

The MU Showcase Concert will begin Friday with a performance by the Marshall Symphonic Band, directed by Shirelle Yuhase, and the Marshall Wind Symphony, conducted by Steve Barnett. The

wind symphony will close the concert with the world premier of "Purple Whispers" written by Richard L. Saucedo.

Richard Kravchak, director of the School of Music and Theater, will perform an oboe solo with the Wind Symphony, during the performance of "Prelude and Variations on The Carnival of Venice" arranged by Jim Coull. Kravchak said solos are an opportunity to set a high standard for the students.

"It is important that the faculty model best practices and to show students that we continue to be engaged faculty, especially in my position as an

administrator and director," Kravchak said. "It is important that I show my faculty as well, that I continue to be engaged in the artistic process."

Barnett, the director of bands, organized the events for the high school students.

"Our two concert bands, the symphonic band and the wind symphony, play for high school students and directors," Barnett said. "It is also open to the public. Primarily, it's to showcase our groups."

The high school students perform the grand finale concert Saturday. The concert begins with a performance of

the Marco's Marauders Band at 4 p.m., the Thundering Herd Band at 4:45 p.m., and the John Marshall Band at 5:30 p.m.

The high school students represent 63 schools from West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky and were nominated by their band director. Barnett said they are considered to be the top students from their schools.

"We ended up with 409 students selected out of about 1,100 that were nominated," Barnett said. "The average school had seven or eight students selected."

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Steve Kalkanides, owner of Helen's Pizza in Jersey City, poses for a photo with a sign of bitcoin in his store in Jersey City, Feb. 5.

MITSU YASUKAWA | THE RECORD | MCT

By JOAN VERDON  
THE RECORD (MCT)

A streetwear clothing store in Bergenfield, N.J., will sell you a camouflage hoodie for about 0.10862 bitcoin. It's received bitcoins for online orders, but so far no one has walked into the Jeffersons storefront and asked to pay with it.

At Helen's Pizza in Jersey City, N.J., you can buy a slice for 0.00339 bitcoin by pointing your phone at a sign next to the cash register.

For 0.10560 bitcoin, at the current exchange rate, A Class Limousine will pick you up at Newark (N.J.) Airport and take you to New York City.

Those transactions, calculated at Friday's exchange rate, are small change in the Bitcoin universe, in which more than \$60 million changed hands on an average day last week, but they are a sign that the 5-year-old virtual currency is inching its way out of cyberspace and onto Main Street.

Bitcoins are digital cash. The technology behind the

currency — Bitcoin (singular with a capital B) — lets someone convert dollars into digital strings of encrypted numbers — bitcoins (small b) — that can be sent around the world as easily as email.

Bitcoins can be purchased for dollars, euros, yen or other national currencies on more than 40 different trading exchanges. That's how most people now acquire them. But — in a process that confuses almost anyone without a computer science degree — they can also be "mined" by rigging up a computer to perform high-speed calculations.

With the value of one bitcoin soaring from about \$5 two years ago to more than \$1,200 in November, bitcoins have been called the greatest wealth generator since the gold rush. And with the dramatic price swings that have accompanied that rise — since Feb. 9 the value of a bitcoin has plunged from close to \$800 to below \$400, then rebounded to more than \$600 — they've been called

an investment bubble waiting to burst.

Every day, it seems, another business says it will accept Bitcoin. Internet retailers OK-Cupid and Overstock.com were the first on the digital currency bandwagon. Virgin Galactic will let you book a flight to outer space with bitcoins. And a Texas congressman has received campaign donations in the virtual currency.

Investors such as the Winklevoss twins, of Facebook fame, and Internet entrepreneur Marc Andreessen have poured millions into Bitcoin-related startups. Those investors, and those who are hoarding bitcoins, believe that because there is a finite limit on bitcoin creation — just as there is a finite limit on gold — the price of a bitcoin can only go up.

Others aren't so sure. Within the past two weeks, confidence in Bitcoin has been shaken. A Tokyo-based Bitcoin exchange shut down and said it had discovered a

glitch that could compromise the currency. An exchange based in Slovenia suspended withdrawals and said it had suffered a cyberattack. Russia declared it an illegal currency. Apple Inc. stopped selling apps to store bitcoins on iPhones. Bitcoins exist on computers, and if the computers fail, the currency is not backstopped by a government or a central bank.

Despite uncertainty about what bitcoins will be worth in the future, a lot of people around the world are using them now to buy everything from a Lamborghini (in California) to martinis (in midtown Manhattan). BitPay and Coinbase, two Web businesses that enable stores and other merchants to convert Bitcoin payments into dollars, say they have signed up 45,000 merchants. Coinbase claims that more than 900,000 consumers use their website to store their bitcoins.

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## Occidental College pledges to not invest in makers of assault weapons

By LARRY GORDON  
LOS ANGELES TIMES (MCT)

In a move that activists described as the first of its kind for any American U.S. college or university, Occidental College in Los Angeles is pledging to stay away from any investments in companies that manufacture military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition clips for public sale.

The recent move by Occidental College trustees came at the urging of faculty members who were horrified by the December 2012 massacre of 26 students and staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut and other mass shootings.

"It's a statement of principle about the mission of higher education to be a voice of reason in a world of a lot of violence," said Occidental politics professor Peter Dreier, who was a prime mover on the issue with religious studies professor Dale Wright. Colleges and other schools should "be held to a higher standard in their investment portfolios."

Occidental College found that none of its endowment was invested in such companies, and its board of trustees voted to ensure that it avoids buying any stocks in them in the future, board Chairman Christopher Calkins said.

The trustees were swayed by the fact that colleges, high schools and elementary campuses have more frequently become targets for mass shootings, Calkins said.

Those assault weapons "in private hands pose a particular risk to these institutions. We felt it was important to take a position on it," he said.

Jennifer Fiore, executive director of the Campaign to Unload, an organization that is working for such divestment from the gun industry, said it appeared that Occidental was the first college or university to take such a stand and that she expected others to follow this year.

"This was great news," she said. "I believe other campuses will take notice and see this as a step they can easily take as well."

She compared it to the beginnings of what became a widespread movement in the 1980s for colleges and other institutions to divest from South Africa to protest racial apartheid.

Large public pension funds have moved to divest from manufacturers of assault weapons. Last year, the California Public Employees' Retirement System, the California State Teachers' Retirement System and the Los Angeles city pension funds began divesting from those companies.

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Unlike trends that trickle down from the runway, this seems to be a case of trickle-up response to demand at the Agenda action sports trade show in Long Beach last month, brands said retailer demand for the sweat pant style, which had been gathering steam for several seasons, showed no signs of slowing. "The retailers want anything and everything in that silhouette," Ryan Rush, founder and president of action sports brand Valor Collective, said at the time.

And, according to NPD Group's chief industry analyst Marshal Cohen, the activewear market grew 9 percent in dollars for the 12 months ending December 2013, compared with 2 percent growth of the overall apparel market in the same period.

"Consumers have inspired their own fashion trend, and many manufacturers and retailers are just now catching up," Cohen wrote in a recent report. "Active-wear has been around for a long time, but not since the '90s-inspired Juicy Couture Warmup suits have we seen so much attention to the activewear market."

Given that the humble zip-front

hooded sweat shirt has crossed over to haute hoodie status, there's a logical argument to be made that there's room in the American luxury customer's wardrobe for an upscale version or two of its downstairs neighbor.

Sure, the notion of wearing tuxedo-side-striped sweat pants at a high society soiree may sound faintly ludicrous now, but there was a time when the five-pocket blue jean was the province of miners and cowpokes too. Sweat pants might not sprint to denim-level ubiquity, but they gained some serious momentum with the fall and winter 2014 collections.

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will be worked on." However, he said that if the team continues to play like they have, it could be a good year.

"We have a group of guys that are really buying into the team concept," Waggoner said. "Even though we're only

four games in, I think a lot of the guys are going to step up soon and play well."

The games will take place in Greensboro, N.C., with one game each day of the weekend. The first game will start at 3 p.m. E.T., which each following game starting at 1 p.m.

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just as difficult as those with numbers beside their names.

"Minnesota and Iowa State are kind of like Penn last weekend, they're both very good even though they're not ranked."

The Minnesota Golden Gophers are 6-2 so far this season with the two losses against Washington State and Oklahoma State coming in their past four matches. The Iowa State Cyclones are also 6-2 with their only losses coming against Florida Gulf Coast and Marquette.

The ITA ranking is something the Herd is proud of, but

it also knows that the number might as well be a target on its back.

"Teams aren't going to bow down to us because we're a ranked team," Timko said. "The fact that we have a ranked team will make it harder because everyone wants that ranked win on their resume."

The Herd will take on the Cyclones Saturday at 1 p.m. and the Golden Gophers Sunday at 11 a.m. After this weekend in Minnesota the Herd will have yet another weekend on the road against Indiana and Miami (OH) before returning home for the first time since Feb. 2.

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## OCCIDENTAL

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At Occidental, Calkins said trustees had to overcome the general reluctance by most colleges to limit investments in ways that could hurt schools' finances. Although the college does not control the mutual funds or group funds it holds, those funds' managers were told about the concerns over the weapons issue and it appears unlikely that any would

invest in assault weapons manufacturers, he said.

The trustees also supported Occidental President Jonathan Veitch in signing a letter with other college presidents calling for a reinstatement of a national ban on such military-style weapons.

After the Connecticut shooting, Cerberus Capital Management, a large equity firm that manages public pension investments, committed to sell Freedom Group, the company that made the Bushmaster rifle used at

Sandy Hook Elementary. But so far that sale has not happened.

The National Rifle Association, which has opposed such divestment efforts, did not return calls seeking comment.

Another issue stirring calls for divestments on college campuses is global warming. Students and activists concerned about the effect of pollution on the world's climate are urging University of California and other schools to sell off holdings in major oil and gas firms.

## BITCOIN

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Most Americans, however, are wary of Bitcoin - 79 percent of them said they "have never and would never" consider using a form of currency like Bitcoin, according to a survey from financial news company TheStreet.com. Supporters of the currency, however, are betting that's the same percentage of people who believed they'd never use the Internet in 1993.

Youth are more accepting of the digital currency. Three times as many 18- to 24-year-olds told TheStreet that they would consider using Bitcoin as did those over 65.

"It skews young and it skews geeky," said Paula Rosenblum, managing partner at Retail Systems Research. "If you're appealing to grandmothers, I don't think it's going to gain you a lot of new customers."

Bitcoin transactions have several advantages for store owners, Rosenblum said. Processing fees are far

lower than those for credit cards, or online payment systems such as PayPal or Square - typically less than 1 percent, compared with 3 percent or more for credit cards. Second, there are none of the risks associated with credit card fraud, where retailers have to reimburse the credit card companies if something is purchased with a stolen number. Third, Bitcoin payments clear more quickly, compared with the three or four days it takes credit card payments to arrive in a merchant's account.

## BALLOU

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the Disability Service Office in Pritchard Hall. Ballou met his wife in 1995 while she was a cheerleader for the Thundering Herd. They have two kids, a son Brady who is four and a daughter, Lucy, who is two.

Ballou said he enjoys spending time with the student athletes at Marshall even though his playing days are over. He said he still helps attend baseball practices, throwing to players during batting practice and working security at some of their events.

One of the main reasons Ballou

loves his job with the Office of Public Safety is the work that he does with the Rape Aggression Defense program. RAD is a program offered to females in the Marshall student body to teach them basic self-defense skills.

"I know I'm making a difference in the lives of women by teaching the program," Ballou said. "I've been teaching it for almost 15 years and I know that I'm actually making a difference in the lives of people and specifically that program. That's why I've stayed there all these years."

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## JAMES

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green light for a six-episode season that will air in the fall.

The show sounds more than a bit autobiographical and its themes align with James' words in GQ, showing a man who is more introspective and

less brash as many said he and his entourage of advisers were when it came handling The Decision.

Now in his 10th year in the NBA, James is firmly in control of his situation and his future. What remains clear is Akron will always be part of both.

## LACROSSE

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"I only played one high school season and I think I had ten goals so I would like to try and pass that,"

Hoobler said. "But winning is more important than personal stats to me."

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