

# Bumbling Botstein Courts John Faso Under Spring Fling Tent

MEGAN BRIEN AND JACKSON SPARGUR

Spring Fling is in New York. “He’s been full swing at Bard College, grinding up on Faso all night but according to our sources long. Guy needs to take a hint,” continued Jeremy as he took a swig from a mud-died plastic water bottle. Other students have taken this display of inappropriate behavior as an opportunity to express concern for the former congressman. Freshman Tilly Bentham, who is experiencing her first ever night under the Spring Fling tent, was shocked by her President’s conduct. “I don’t agree with Faso’s policies—honestly, I kind of hate the guy—but still, there’s a line. And Botstein is river dancing all over it.”

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At press time, Botstein was said to be crying alone in the Campus Center bathrooms.

For more information regarding President Botstein and John Faso, check their respective Facebook relationship statuses.

## STAFF

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- Lola Buncher . . . . . *Slut Bear*
- Phil Carroll . . . . . *Seen Some Shit*
- Sharon Greene . . . . . *Wears Appropriate Shoes*
- Nathanael Matos. . . . . *A Garçon*
- Audrey Russell . . . . . *Experiments With Mud*
- Jackson Spargur. . . . . *Bathrooms HATE Him*
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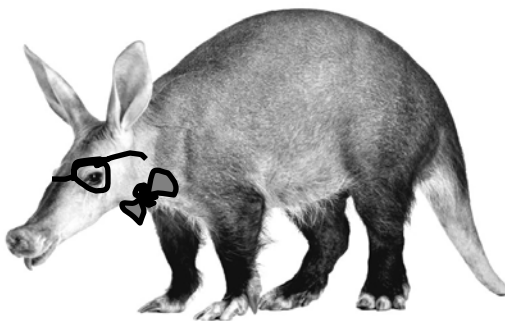
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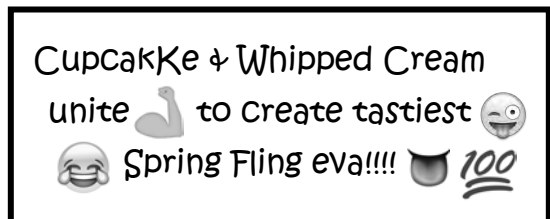
# CupcakKe To Make Special Appearance In Student Production of *Electra*

BRIAN WATKO

In an email sent out earlier this week, Associate Director of Student Activities Dominique Waldron announced that Spring Fling headliner CupcakKe would be making a special appearance in Bard’s student production of *Electra*.

“We’re very fortunate to feature an artist who is both a critically acclaimed rapper and an avowed enthusiast of ancient Greek drama,” wrote Waldron. “When CupcakKe learned that students were staging Sophocles’ late tragedy on the Blithewood porch, she immediately contacted us to find out if there was any way she could get involved. You couldn’t ask for better timing.”

reservations. theatrical canon. It was riveting. She makes the verse come alive. All I’m saying is, having CupcakKe do this glorified walk-on seems like a flagrant waste of talent.” The creative team behind *Electra* are currently planning a production of Euripides’ *Medea* for the spring of 2020 featuring Khia in the titular role. female roles in the Western



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# Breaking: Banksy Shakes Up the Condom Mural

PHILIP CARROLL

Bardvark, in its poorly received. Bardvark procured an interview with a student who was brave enough to make use of the mural. “I street artist Banksy has been outsourced to create this year’s Spring Fling condom mural. I opened it and the thing just shredded. Into 100 pieces. It was incredibly embarrassing, and impossible to clean up. But apparently it’s worth a ton of money now, so, that’s something.” Bardvark would like to encourage you all to practice safe sex this Spring Fling, and does not condone vandalism.

“I do think it is a bit strange to see a little girl made out of condoms” reports sophomore Dominique Withers. “Children are, like, the opposite of what I want to associate with condoms. And look at the way she’s reaching for that balloon. As I reach for a condom. It feels like... I am her.”

Despite the Spring Fling Committee’s good intentions, it is apparent that the stunt was overall

## Fearing Chaos, DTR Staff Unleashes Secret Weapon

LOLA BUNCHER

Spring Fling: the weekend the DTR staff fears most. 72 straight hours of drunkards demanding chicken tenders. The lines grow long, the crowds restless, making it a weekend of torment and horror for the staff. Chartwells administrators have tried everything from SWAT training to emergency bunkers. The emergency bunkers did nothing but leave the grill unmanned and vulnerable against attack; the SWAT training merely led to a line of severely injured, yet still very hungry, students. Nothing yet has prevailed over the starving masses, but rumor has it that things might be different this year. According to an anonymous tip, the DTR staff will be taking matters into their own hands by bringing forth The Chosen One. Years ago, The

Chosen One joined the DTR team, and he soon became known to be a man so swift and powerful that no line could form before him. His name was Terrence, and it was rumored that he could make a quesadilla in under a minute. The other staff members were bewildered by his supernatural abilities, they instantly knew that he was their only chance of survival from the harsh Spring Fling weekend. They kept Terrence in a fifty-year cryogenic state next to the chicken tenders in the hopes that that one day, when they need him most, he may bring triumph upon his fellow staff. According to legend, this will be the year that Terrence finally reawakens. He is not the DTR hero we deserve, but the DTR hero we need.

## Slut Bear Gets Stuffed

LOLA BUNCHER

This weekend, Bard will be hosting a Stuff-A-Bear workshop in the Faculty Dining room. The bears, originally intended to end up in the loving arms of a child, will now be rerouted to the drunken mess that is our student body. Instead of a warm, caring home, each of these toy bears will awake to knee-deep mud pools, large sums of vomit, and CupcakKe's "Deepthroat" playing over the loudspeakers. It is every stuffed bear's worst nightmare. Some bears got contact highs from the drunk and rowdy students as the night went on. Daniela, one of the more impaired bear-stuffers, was quoted screaming, "My bear is friggin' sexy... I'm gonna make her a slut bear!" Although Slut Bear could not be reached for comment, the teardrop bead-

ing at the corner of its eye spoke volumes. Later that night, Slut Bear was taken for a ride on the 2am shuttle to Red Hook, where she was forgotten and left to die on the leather seats. As Slut Bear rode from Tivoli to Red Hook in a never-ending loop, she looked into the window of a warmly lit home. She saw a young girl being tucked into bed next to a bear that looked just like her—just less slutty. The young girl kissed her little bear on the forehead as they drifted off to sleep together. Slut Bear looked down at herself—dirty, slutty, and crusty with beer—and said "Fuck you, Spring Fling."

## Report: Mud

BRIAN WATKO AND SHARON GREENE

"Expect a muddy mess under the tent!" A grave understatement from the Spring Fling committee. Oh, silly email, you know not what you do. The Mud does not give; it only takes. You warn us to gird our feet, but what of our souls? Alas, no one will heed our warning. The Mud demands a sacrifice, and we must obey.

On an overcast Tyr's Day, the harried and hollow-eyed Buildings and Grounds workers scrambled to erect this temple to the god of chaos that is the Spring Fling main-stage. Unblooded freshmen living on South Campus played witness to the construction, the relentless thud of pig-iron spikes being driven into the sopping ground serving as the prelude to their Rite of Spring.

Solemnly surveying the fruits of his labor, B&G worker Simon Litmus heaved an earth-shattering sigh and wiped the dirt from his hands. "Each year we tend to this special patch of grass," he mused. "There is some fleeting beauty to the South Quad—truly a little Eden housed here at our own Bard College." He doffed his patchwork cap and held it to his heart. "Is nothing sacred?" he lamented to no one but the sky.

Inconceivably, SPARC coordinator Lisa Lamont was accepting of The Mud's imminent takeover. "I mean, it would be a lot worse if there weren't a tent. It could rain. We'd be done for after that."

Ferocious torrents are expected to accompany this year's Spring Fling, a

## Student Torn Between Thanking a Donor and Overdosing on Drugs

SYLVIA BURTSWATTLE

As Bard's muddiest and most gruesome annual festival approaches, we at the Bardvark have been reaching out to our fellow students to get the inside scoop on which Spring Fling events are worth crawling out of bed for. After skimming the Spring Fling website in search of worthy entertainments, third-year Physics major Tracy Tesco knows exactly what she wants to do this weekend before everyone gets so, so sad. "Indoor bowling is a must, obviously—it's so much more sophisticated than outdoor bowling!" she told the Bardvark. "And I'm definitely seeing Electra at Blithewood, if only to spend the whole show making unoriginal comments

perfect way to spend Bard's craziest weekend?" At the same time, she claims that the weekend would be best spent sitting back and relaxing with a joint or a big, squishy mud pie. "I just wish Thank-a-Donor and drug/mud time didn't conflict!"

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pall over the would-be glad tidings of the vernal festivities. The Spring Fling Committee asks students to dress in preparation for the wrath of Mud's capricious mistress. "We know it's going

## Bazooka Ball Sergeant has Clearly Seen Some Shit

PHILIP CARROLL

On Saturday, May 4th, dozens of eager, drunk Bard students filed into the MPR to participate in the much-publicized Bazooka Ball event. Anticipating an evening of lighthearted fun, they were not prepared for what awaited them.

"We all came in pretty excited," reported Bard senior Allison Moren, an avid fan of Bazooka Ball. "But this man was just sitting in a lawn chair directly in the middle of the room, smoking a cigar. Si-

about my own daddy issues."

But there's one Spring Fling decision Tesco just can't seem to make. Development is hosting a Thank-a-Donor event on Saturday afternoon, which coincidentally is also the optimal time to overdose on drugs. Although Tesco reports that her friends are debating whether to experiment with Ketamine, Ritalin, or sweet, slushy mud pit below the library, she herself admits that she is curious as to how exactly the donors will be thanked. "I'm really hoping Laszlo Z. Bito himself will show up just so I can shake his hand and take a picture. But I'd honestly be happy just writing letters all afternoon. Doesn't that sound like the

At press time, Tesco was seen peering curiously into a mud puddle.

## 10-Year-Old's Birthday Party Ruined By Bouncy Castle Double-Booking

NATHANAEL MATOS

Late last night, local fourth-grader Kevin Rodgers was disheartened to learn that his "Super-Awesome-Ten-Year-Funtime-Spectacular" would be canceled. This tragic news was broken to him by his parents, Eric and Stacey Rodgers of Red Hook, who were equally saddened. "We've been planning this party with Kevin for the last three months," Mrs. Rodgers told the Bardvark. "We're all very shaken up by this turn of events. The party was sure to make Kevin the most popular kid in school. I just don't know what we'll do now."

This unfortunate cancellation stems from a scheduling conflict on the part of the Big Bounce Corporation (BBC), a Germantown-based rental center for

always prevails."

Young Kevin was not satisfied with the outcome. "Whilst I understand the BBC's policy, I cannot help but feel that they are wholly responsible for this predicament," he said. "After all, it is their duty as a business to provide a service to its patrons—certain standards are expected. However, the service provided by the BBC was unsatisfactory and their attempt at redress is a farce!"

To compensate the Rodgers family for their troubles, the BBC has suggested that they move their appointment to a later week; they also offered the use of any other bouncy wares at no additional cost. Kevin has not been swayed. "Celebrating the day of my

*For those interested in attending young Kevin's postponed birthday celebration, he requests a timely RSVP and a parcel of sugar-free sweets.*

stake," he continued, talking in the third-person. Sources confirm that at this time he ordered students to form a line as he approached them.

"War never changes. Odds are, you'll lose a lot of good men today. And that's if you're lucky. I've fought in the United States Armed Forces for over sixty years. I've killed nearly three hundred men, and twice as many have tried to kill me. You can't fathom what I've seen in this time. You think you know grief. Pain. You think you've felt your blood boil with anger, knowing you could have done more. You think you've felt what it's like to lose. To feel so desperately that you're right and to fail nonetheless. But you don't know these things. Not yet. Today will be a learning experience for all of us. You're all very brave for coming here today. I hope your peers remember you."

all things bouncy; their website boasts an unparalleled catalog of balls, castles, slides, houses, and other inflatable baubles. The BBC accidentally double-booked their flagship bouncy castles for the weekend of May 4th, offering it to both the Rodgers party and the coordinators for Bard College's Spring Fling. After a brief but ferocious debate, it was announced that Bard, having called "dibs" first, had been granted custody of the castles for the weekend. Said a BBC spokesperson: "This kind of situations happens all the time. We at the BBC always operate on the who called 'dibs' first? principle. We've found that it's the best practice. If customers choose to share a BBC product, that's between them. But 'dibs'

birth a week late would be simply ghastly. It would shatter my credibility as a young gentleman. The use of the bouncy castle was paramount to our plans. Without it, the 'Super-Awesome-10-Year-Funtime-Spectacular' simply won't work. Besides, what do college students need a bouncy castle for anyway?"

Bard College's Spring Fling 2019 will be held this weekend. Regardless of what shenanigans take place in Annandale, one thing is for sure: this 10-year-old's birthday party will forever be marred by a regrettable misunderstanding.

The lights cut out. "It has begun!" Bleed screamed, as several SWAT members burst through the windows of the MPR, shooting Bazooka Balls at students.

"It was madness. So many things went down in there, that, that... can this interview be over?" said Allison as she sidled out of the Bardvark headquarters.

Sources report, but cannot confirm, that Bleed himself was not directly involved in the skirmish and spent most of the time sitting in his folding chair, smoking his cigar.

Bleed was not seen before the event had begun or after it had concluded, and his whereabouts remain unknown. Please be on the lookout for a man with several scars on his face and upper body in addition to a fervent affinity for Bazooka Ball.