

Dear Undergraduate Community,

Class Coordinating Board (CCB) has officially decided not to host Dave Binder for Senior Week's Class Day. This decision has come after very deliberate and intentional conversations within our General Body. While we understand that he may be a "Brown tradition," traditions that are non-inclusive of all members within Brown's campus are worth scrutinizing and undergoing change. Our reasoning behind this decision is that the presence and performance of Dave Binder have created a space inhabited only by a very specific demographic (a mostly upper class white-identifying students) that is not fully representative of Brown's community. Our intention is to put on events that are more diverse, and can bring in my more communities. This space can also potentially discourage other historically marginalized groups on campus from attending Class Day. Specifically, his cultural appropriation of Rastafari culture through wearing a rasta wig with dreadlocks. For this reason, CCB cannot in good conscience invite him back as it does not align with our core values of creating an inclusive space for ALL members on Brown's campus. With that being said, we hope to have a performer that will be inviting and create a comfortable performance that all Brown community members will be able to attend. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us!

With Sincerity,

Diversity and Inclusion Committee on behalf of Class Coordinating Board (CCB)

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