

## 'Nobody!'

### Favorite candidate of most voters

The presidential candidate who won 41 per cent of the vote in 1972 and came away the surprise winner in last month's presidential debate — Nobody — will hold a rally on the University of Texas campus Friday.



"We're going to do Nobody cheers and sing some Nobody songs," campaign manager Wavy Gravy — who also calls himself Nobody's Fool — says. "You know, like 'Nobody Loves You When You're Down And Out.'"

Gravy, stylishly attired in a bright blue track suit, thongs and a propeller beanie, stopped by *The Austin American-Statesman* to report the progress of Nobody's campaign.

"It's horrifying," he said. "Nobody nearly won the last election. Forty-one percent of the people voted for Nobody. This election I know it's going to be over 50 per cent, and some of the pollsters say it could be as high as 60 or 70 per cent."

Gravy — better known in the San Francisco Bay Area as Hugh Romney, a former stand-up comedian and one-time member of the Committee, a popular troupe specializing in improvisational satire — says it's not hard to understand Nobody's appeal to the voters.

"Nobody's better than Nobody," he said confidently. "Nobody's been working for us for at least the last eight years. Look at all the things Nobody's done for you. Nobody's balanced your budget. Nobody's cut your taxes. Nobody's fed the poor."

"It's staggering how busy Nobody's been."

Gravy and a group of 13 associates known as The Hog Farm have been touring the country promoting Nobody's fortunes. Their last stop was Albuquerque, N.M. where they found a highly enthusiastic crowd of supporters waiting for them.

"We had this convertible Volkswagen with the top down," Gravy said. "Nobody rode in the back seat and Nobody got out and spoke to the crowd."

When a local television station asked for an interview with Nobody, Gravy pulled out a

set of wind-up teeth that chattered excitedly until the interviewer asked a question about former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz.

"Then the teeth shut up," Gravy said. "It was great."

It wasn't the first time the teeth took an active part in the campaign. When Gravy attended the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, a Secret Service agent stopped him and inquired about a suspicious bulge in his pocket.

Gravy yanked the teeth out of his pocket and they began clicking away. "Quiet," he ordered the Secret Service agent. "Our leader is talking."

The agent sent Gravy on his way with the  
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Nobody's aides Curtis Spangler, Wavy Gravy and Doug Gutterman. That's Nobody in the chair. (Staff Photo)