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Nobody runs for president; UW-Madison rally Friday

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The frontrunning presidential candidate is coming to Madison Friday to drum up support for a campaign Nobody hopes to win.

The "Nobody For President" campaign will hit State Street Mall at 2 p.m. Friday. "The thousands of people who support nobody will be there," Leon Varjian, Madison

win every four years. In 1980, 79 million people voted for president. But 82 million stayed home and voted for Nobody. If Gravy, Nobody's fool, can keep those figures in '84, Nobody will win again.

Nobody, like Ronald Reagan, Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon and George McGovern, seems to like running for the office.

Nobody's campaign has rolled

derstands the federal bureaucracy Nobody can beat Reagan and nobody knows how much toxic waste has been dumped throughout the country.

And as Gravy will tell you, Nobody really cares about American politics.

Gravy has called presidential politics a "millionaires'" popularity contest. He has suggested creating the position of "official greeter."

"What we need is . . . someone who looks good, like Robert Redford or Bo Derek, to hang around and greet people when they come into the country and maybe flick the switch on the official Christmas tree every year," Gravy said after starting this campaign.

The sarcastic campaign has a twist. The *San Francisco Examiner* reported Nobody's supporters urged ralliers at the kick-off "to register to vote and become more politically active."

Like it or not, Nobody is the clear favorite in '84. Nobody can take command. After all, Nobody was president before George Washington.

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representative of Nobody said.

The nation-wide campaign tour of Nobody is guided by political guru Wavy Gravy (Hugh Romney). Gravy and his partner Curtis Spangler kicked off Nobody's campaign in San Francisco Dec. 22.

Since the start of the campaign, Gravy has been on the campaign trail doing what most politicians do: retain loyal voters, and try to woo some undecideds.

Figures show Nobody should

in '76, '80 and now this year. If anyone would bother to look up the results of the first campaigns, it would be obvious that Nobody is the favorite in '84.

Gravy is no stranger to Madison. Varjian said while serving as WSA vice-president in 1978, Gravy spoke here at a conference of 60s figures who gave their perceptions of the 80s. "It's more like he carried on," Varjian said.

When you really think about it, of all the candidates, Nobody un-

'Nobody' is running for president

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