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'Nobody' rally taken over

Born-again preachers at the Library Mall confronted Nobody last Friday.

At the Nobody for President rally, a member of the Maranatha Christian Fellowship began preaching to the crowd of about 300 people gathered to watch the 2 p.m. rally.

"It was an absolute outrage!" Leon Varjian, an organizer for Nobody and former WSA Vice president said. "I mean this guy just took over the rally that we had planned, and starts rattling on and on and on!"

The preacher Don Pirozok said, "What they were saying was in contradiction to the word of God. God has ordained governments on earth. What they are suggesting is anarchy."

Pirozok said he sympathized with the group's belief that something is wrong with society but criticized their not offering any solutions.

"They cannot govern themselves, yet they criticize the government. Why don't they point the finger at themselves? People themselves are the root of the problem," Pirozok said.

A Maranatha member called the police about the Nobody campaign's illegal use of amplifiers, Pirozok and Varjian said. The group did not have a permit to use amplifiers.

I know it's the law," Varjian said, "but I've brought amplifiers out on this mall I don't know how many times, and no one ever said anything. Maybe I'm getting old."

The rally ended between 2:30 and 3 p.m. Afterward, Pirozok preached to people gathered for the rally. After some heckling and snowball throwing the audience quickly dispersed.

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