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## NOBODY FOR PRESIDENT

Quixotic political campaign has plenty of teeth in it

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So you say you just don't care about voter apathy? Well, Nobody cares about voter apathy, and he's here in Ann Arbor for three days to stir up some discussion on the subject.

In his third and last campaign for the Presidency, Nobody has come to town with, as always, Wavy Gravy. You may know him as the veteran of Ken Kesey's Merry Pranksters, or the emcee of the Woodstock Festival, but he's here in his role as Nobody's Fool. Donning clown makeup and big shoes, toting the chattering novelty shop teeth known as "Nobody," he transported a willing audience of about 100 back to the

days of the 1960s.

This was not an easy trick to turn in today's political climate, but Gravy did it with some nostalgic reminiscences, a film of earlier campaigns held together with the sense of comedy for which he is renowned. But the purpose is not simply nostalgia.

When you turn up in front of an audience and begin to dress yourself as a clown, though, people are going to expect you to say something that sounds funny. Wavy Gravy will be happy to oblige but he rarely constructs a joke, especially in election years, that doesn't have at least one or two other things to say to you when you take them apart.

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