

# Wavy Gravy supports Nobody

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Nobody campaigned for presidency last night at the Michigan Union, but nobody came to hear Nobody.

More than one hundred people did come to hear Wavy Gravy, the 48-year-old promoter of the "Nobody for President" campaign.

IF GRAVY calls himself Nobody's fool, then who is Nobody? He is a set of plastic chattering teeth.

"Who lowered your taxes?" shouted Gravy, who was wearing a star-spangled clown suit and oversized shoes.

"Nobody!" answered the crowd.

"Who totally understands the budget?"

"Nobody!"

"Who makes apple pie better than Mom?"

"Nobody!"

GRAVY, WHOSE real name is Hugh Romney, promoted Nobody in the 1976 and 1980 elections, and he proudly says over 50 percent of all Americans voted for Nobody in those elections.

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Nobody is not the first politician Gravy has taken under his wing. Before Nobody came along, Gravy led the "Pigassus for President" movement, promoting "the first black and white female candidate." Pigassus was a pit.

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SELLING U.S. out of North America bumper stickers to pay for his present campaign, Gravy has gone full steam ahead for Nobody to make a point about the election process.

"Nobody is in Washington working for you . . . Nobody cares," said Gravy. "Perhaps the charade that happens every four years is an insult to everybody's intelligence."

When taking a breather between presidential races, Gravy spends his time entertaining at children's hospitals dressed as a clown. He recalled his role as an emcee at the 1969 Woodstock festival where he gained national attention and befriended a number of famous musicians.

Gravy has enlisted the help of such popular performers as the Grateful Dead and Jackson Browne for another organization close to his heart, SEVA. SEVA works against world problems, including blindness and hunger.

"WHAT HE'S doing for all those people — I think that's great," said freshman Rob Sider. "He's more than just a political person."

"I would absolutely vote for Nobody," he added.

Besides talking about the "Nobody for President," campaign, Gravy spoke about his days travelling around the country in a caravan of multi-colored buses. In his travels, Gravy was arrested several times during political demonstrations, usually in costume.

"WHEN (the police) pop me I just get out my laminated — that's very important, — laminated (Monopoly) get-out-of-jail card," Gravy said.

After describing his earlier days on the road, he showed a film of the trip that included footage of Ypsilanti where Gravy had another run-in with police who thought his group was a band of hippies.

"They'll bury me a hippy," Gravy said. "I'll always be a hippy. I don't care. I don't even know what it is."