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Madison — What if America held a presidential election and nobody voted?

That would be fine because Nobody should be president, according to Wavy Gravy, a 1960s counterculture luminary and Nobody's campaign adviser

"If Nobody wins, nobody loses," Gravy, of Berkeley, Calif., assured a small but feisty crowd during a brief University of Wisconsin — Madison campus rally Monday.

The appearance was sponsored by the Wisconsin Student Association.

Gravy and company have supported Nobody for President and "Anybody for Vice" during the past several presidential elections.

Nobody's followers said "Nobody freed the hostages," "Nobody has abolished the draft forever" and "Nobody knows the truth about Chappaquiddick."

Gravy's candidate is hardly a newcomer to the American political scene. "Nobody was president before George Washington," proclaimed one rally sign. Nobody presents an alternative to the "millionaire's club popularity contest" this country runs every four years, Gravy said.

"If we need an official greeter, we could use Bo Derek," Gravy suggested as an alternative to the chief executive.

As the rally gathered momentum, Nobody's chauffeur-driven red Pinto arrived at the State Street mall.

"Nobody uses a Pinto because nobody in his right mind would drive a Pinto," Gravy told the crowd as workers for Nobody threw confetti and tooted kazoos.

A close-up view of the candidate confirmed Gravy's earlier assertions that "we don't know if Nobody is male or female ... in fact, Nobody knows for sure."

Nobody, perched on an orange cushion, bore a striking resemblance to a large pair of chattering teeth.

Gravy said he has been trying to get federal campaign matching funds but "we're having a lot of trouble."

Yet, Gravy noted, "most of the people who could vote will vote for Nobody."