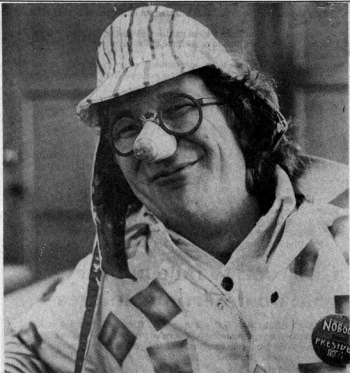


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Wavy Gravy, who spoke at the Michigan Union Ballroom last night, came to Ann Arbor to kick off his "Nobody for President Campaign."

Wavy Gravy pushes Nobody for president

By LORENZO BENET

Nobody solved the problems of the poor. Nobody got the Soviets out of Afghanistan. Nobody keeps campaign promises, but most importantly, nobody cares. That's why Wavy Gravy, an eccentric clown, is once again spearheading the "Nobody for President Campaign."

Gravy, who made an Ann Arbor stop yesterday in his national tour, said he expects Nobody to do even better this year than in the first Nobody campaign in 1976.

Gravy, who was born Hugh Romney, said he was a familiar sight in the major rock festivals and political demonstrations of the 1960's. But today, in addition to campaigning for Nobody, Gravy said he works in hospitals with terminal cancer patients and sponsors

a children's summer camp.

DRESSED AS a clown with two-foot shoes and a rubber nose, Gravy said he campaigns in a costume because he was tired of getting beaten up at demonstrations. "Clowns are safe," he said. "You never see a bunch of rowdies get together and say, 'Hey, let's go out and kill us a couple of clowns'."

Gravy maintained that people need humor to act as a release valve for our "pressure cooker society."

"We are attempting to vibrate a chord of humor and imagination in people that will set them thinking about the world in which they live," he said.

Asked what would happen if Nobody were actually elected president, Gravy replied, "If Nobody wins, Nobody loses."