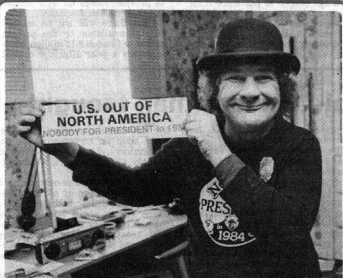


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WAVY GRAVY, alias Hugh Romney, age 47 (Photo by Wesley Blixt)

Wavy Gravy lives!

... and now he campaigns for Nobody

By WESLEY BLIXT

AMHERST — "Nobody can promise you everything," he said.

No mistaking it. Under the grease paint there was the familiar manic curl to his lip. The rap was all slapstick and zen.

Wavy Gravy was back in Amherst this week on the presidential campaign trail for everybody's favorite son: Nobody.

One of the original Merry Pranksters, a veteran of the acid tests, the master of ceremonies for the Woodstock Music Festival, a guiding light of Berkeley's Hog Farm commune, the court jester of the revolution, a toastmaster of the New Age. Nobody's got counter-culture credentials like Wavy Gravy.

But this was no Woodstock nation nostalgia trip. Wavy was back in town laying the groundwork for Nobody's third quadrennial run on the White House. Amherst, he explained is a stag-

ing area for Nobody's assault on the New Hampshire primary. He kicked the whole thing off with an appearance at Amherst College Tuesday night. And he will be at Hampshire College's Music Recital Hall Saturday at 8 p.m.

Wavy was not just passing through Amherst on a wave of creative anarchy. Nope, Wavy likes it here, a comfortable way station in an archipelago that stretches from Berkeley to Boulder to Madison to Ann Arbor and on to Amherst.

On Monday, in a gesture of solidarity, he dropped in at Amherst College's Converse Hall to offer his best wishes to the student defenders of the fraternity system there.

"I was expecting the worst," he confided afterward. A veteran of more than 20 years of protest and countless jails, this was not exactly an easy issue to fall into.

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