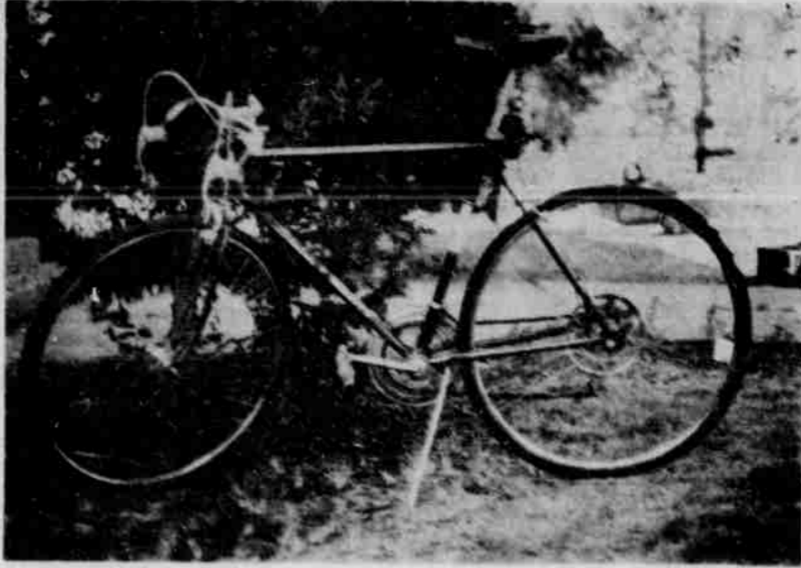
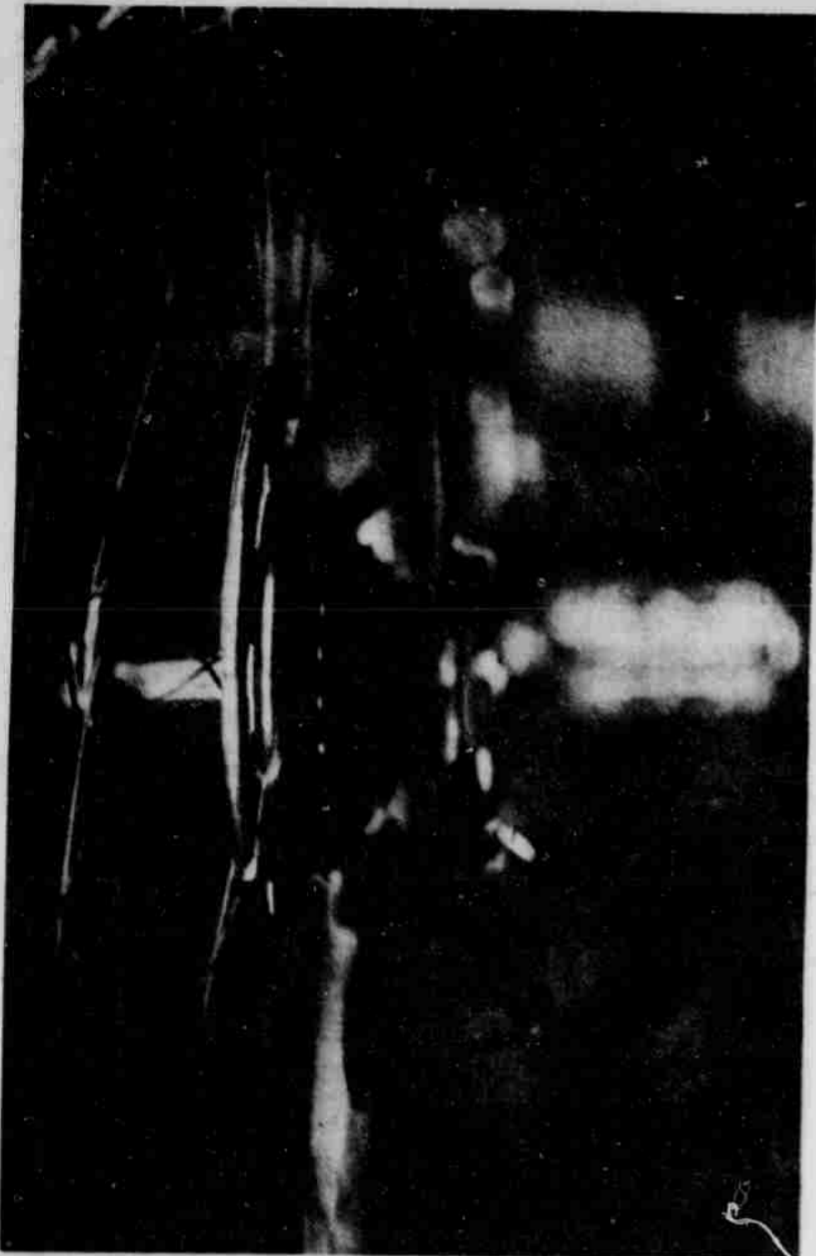


Campus bikehikers abound at university



photos by John Stackhouse



Bicycles are everywhere.

The scooter skirted coed, the dignified professor and the bearded student all pedal across campus on some variation of the two-wheeled vehicle.

Why are bikes becoming popular?

The coed likes the exercise. She can keep her figure trim and still save time that would otherwise be spent walking.

The professor is concerned about air pollution. He feels that if everyone stopped driving cars the air would be fresher.

The bearded youth is working his way through college and doesn't want half his paycheck going for car and insurance payments, repairs and parking permits.

All of them find that they save time by riding bicycles. Cars take too long to park, walking just takes too long. As the campus spreads out, trips on foot between classes can take more than the ten minutes allotted.

The coed can sleep an extra ten minutes in the morning and, with her bicycle, can still make it from the dorm to class on time. The off-campus student doesn't have to spend half an hour or more walking from his apartment to class. And the professor can let his wife use the car (who knows, maybe she has a bicycle too?)

A look around campus reveals old run-down bikes that sound as if they're falling apart on the 14th Street brick pavement to the newest five-speed racing bike that the rider hardly has to pedal.

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