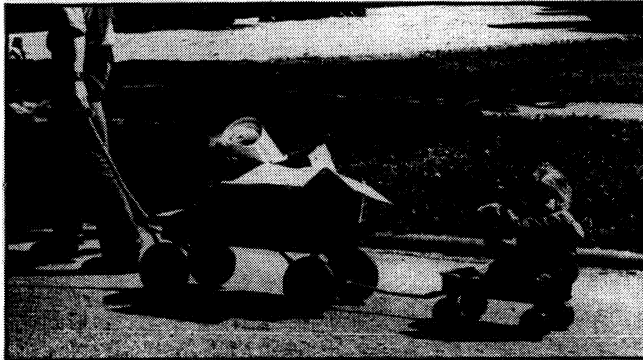


# Urbana's feet hit the street



Youngsters Morgan (left) and Maya-Finch bring up the rear as the Bus, Bike and Hike parade moves down Green Street.

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A pedestrian parade Sunday kicked off "Bus, Bike and Hike Week," sponsored by the City of Urbana.

The city's aim in sponsoring the week is to encourage people to use means of transportation other than automobiles, according to Urbana Ald. Georgeanne Finch, I-2.

Less automobile traffic will save energy, reduce air pollution, alleviate traffic and parking problems and encourage citizens to exercise, Finch said.

As part of the week's activities, the Urbana City Council held a special session Monday and free bus transportation was offered Tuesday for riders boarding in Urbana.

A movie about the automobile's impact on the environment will be shown at noon, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. today at the University YW-YMCA, 1001 S. Wright St., Champaign.

Friday's activities will be highlighted by a "Put Your Feet Back in the Street" dance in downtown Urbana, on Main Street between Race Street and Broadway.

The dance will run from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m., and will feature Pat Burton and the Urbana Mountain Boys Bluegrass Band and George Lowery calling square dances.

At the same time as the dance, a street sale, craft show and homemade food sale will be going on in the area.

Free shuttle bus service will be offered from the Illini Union to downtown Urbana every 15 minutes from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., as one further step toward discouraging the use of automobiles, Finch said.

"Bus, Bike and Hike Week" will end Sunday, at the conclusion of bike-trips of up to 100 miles sponsored by the cycle club through Illinois prairieland.



Urbana unicyclist joins the walkers, skaters and bikers as they head toward Lincoln Square.



Heleen Christensen encourages everyone to use their legs.

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