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Cycles and more cycles whizzed by spectators on campus. Some knew what was going on, but

for many, the MSU Criterium bicycle race drew looks of astonishment.

MSU - Bicycles & bicycling 5-12-75 Colorful cycle race on campus compliments spring day at MSU

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West Circle Drive, usually bustling with traffic, was closed for six hours Saturday and the welcome quiet of a beautiful spring day was interrupted only by a wound-down siren sound, caused by whirling bicycle spokes, drifting through the air.

MSU's Cycling Club, with local merchants, sponsored the eighth annual MSU Criterium bicycle race. The event was one of the more colorful, rare and interesting athletic contests held on campus this season.

The race, sanctioned by the Amateur Bicycle League of America (ABLA), drew cyclists, with their costly custom-built 10-speed machines, from places as far away as Louisiana.

Competition among 116 entries was split into six different races, with cyclists rang-

ed to top gear crankers with Senior One and Two division standing.

James Huff, 27, a junior high school social studies teacher from Waterford won the Senior One and Two division race, pedaling a distance of 45 miles in 98:44, averaging 29 m.p.h.

Huff started racing three years ago and won the top prize after finishing the event for the first time in three years.

"My cycle didn't make it through the first two of them," Huff said. "Winning this thing after completing the race for the first time was a real surprise."

Huff won a custom-built \$260 bike frame. Huff, a member of the Wolverine Schwinn Cycling Club in Detroit captured top honors on a standard Raleigh Professional model.

Rob Copeland of the MSU

and Kurt Burtz of Ann Arbor finished third in the race.

Senior division races feature "Prime sprints" during the race, where competitors see who can finish one lap in the fastest time. Roger Young, world class Olympian and defending champion of the division One race, won three of the four sprints. Allen Sheeman captured the other one.

Young has been touring Europe and the country, training for the Olympics. He is an MSU junior but does not plan to be on campus until the end of the 1976 Olympics.

"There just isn't one single place for a cyclist to train," Young said. "This way, by traveling I not only get a chance to meet the top competition, I also get a chance to see the world."

In the Senior Three and Four race, Jan Tripp of Ann Arbor took top honors, with

DeHart and Detroit's Dan Fitzgerald taking second and third.

Doug Croft, ABLA state representative from Pleasant Ridge, won the veterans race. Sue Nevara, silver medalist in the last year's world championships, from Flint, took first in the women's senior division. Tom Finkler, from Louisiana, won top junior division honors.