

Their winning streak meant five weekends



Poring over reference book on jet to New York

Wheeling down Sixth Avenue (hotel is in background)

Coach J. R. Morris and his charges emplaned each Friday before a show from Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City. The alternate, Bill Giezantanner of Oklahoma City, also made three of the trips. The team stayed at the Warwick Hotel (whose guests have also included another successful foursome, The Beatles) in midtown Manhattan just a short walk from the NBC studios in Rockefeller Center.

With two nights and all day Saturday free before the Sunday show, the Oklahomans had an opportunity to see New York from Uptown to the Battery during their five visits. They spent an afternoon at Lincoln Center, saw several art museums, toured the United Nations, ambled through Central Park. Nights generally were spent attending Broadway and off-Broadway shows.

The team was particularly attracted



of sightseeing in Mayor Lindsay's Fun City

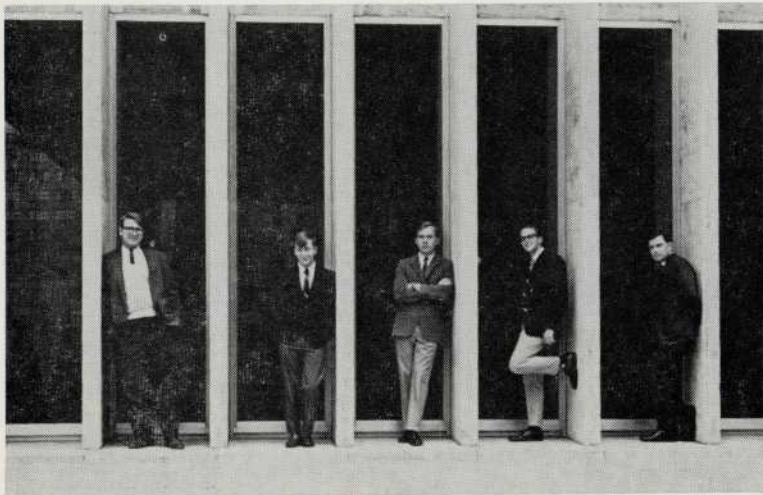
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by the fine New York restaurants with their variegated cuisines. Succumbing easily to some decidedly hedonistic inclinations, the visitors invested a sizeable part of their expense money on the culinary masterpieces of a number of Manhattan eating places.

The enjoyment of the weekly trips was dimmed for one member. The Tuesday before OU's first appearance, Ed Balsinger severely injured his right leg in a sandlot touch football game on campus but made the journey to New York. The pain from the leg brothered Ed considerably that first weekend, and he underwent surgery the following Tuesday in Oklahoma City. It was doubtful whether he would make the second trip. Happily, he did, though he was quite weak from the operation. Each week became easier for Ed, and he even grew to enjoy seeing New York from a wheelchair.



Soaking up exhibit at Museum of the Performing Arts in Lincoln Center

Leaning on the new Met (alternate Giezentanner at left, Dr. Morris at right) Posing at Lincoln Center



Visiting Huntington Hartford's Museum of Art

