

THE OU QB - Briscoe

May Play Again In 1967

"I feel completely helpless," Marlin Briscoe said, "Just knowing that I might be able to help the team."

Briscoe, THE quarterback at OU is sidelined for the entire season, with a fractured vertebra.

No one knows for certain when Briscoe sustained the ominous neck injury.

"I can't say when it happened," Briscoe said.

Six Weeks To Mend

Briscoe said five doctors have gone over his X-rays and all agree it will take six weeks to mend the fracture. Briscoe said the doctors told him to withhold his activities to a limited state.

The big question in the minds of fans, coaches and everyone else: Will Marlin play next year?

The 1966 season would have been his senior year in football, but with his injury there may be a chance for him to play next year, when he becomes an academic senior.

Briscoe said that they will try to appeal to the Athletic Board for eligibility next season. The outcome won't be known for a while.

"I'd like to go to every game, both home and away," Briscoe said, "But I'd just be taking up a seat on the bench."

Take a man's leg away and he can't get along very well. This is the same in the case of Marlin, "The Magician". Take football away from him and he can't get along very well.

Playing Since 6th Grade

"I've been playing football since my sixth grade," Briscoe said, "And this is the first year I've had to sit on the sidelines."

Even with a fractured neck vertebra Marlin would like to play. He said it doesn't hurt him physically. It's just mental anguish from not being able to play.

"Football is a part of me," he said, "And now that part is gone."