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Broken leg leaves NU running back's season in limbo **By Darran Fowler** Senior Reporter

Nebraska running back George Achola's season is in limbo.

Achola, who is slated to return in another three to four weeks after breaking his right leg in the Corn-

final huskers' preseason scrimmage, said he will have to prove himself again.

Achola had moved up to the Huskers' thirdteam I-back be-



hind starter Ken Achola Clark and backup Leodis Flowers at Achola the time of the injury.

Two weeks ago, fellow I-back Terry Rodgers returned for the first time since having reconstructive knee surgery last October. Rodgers was the projected third-team I-back coming into the season.

Achola said Rodgers' return, plus the presence of Clark and Flowers, leaves him in limbo. He said he does not know where he will fit in when he returns.

"I'm really not sure," he said. "With those guys up there I can't expect to jump right back in there. I'll try to salvage as much of the season as I can. If I can't, I'll have to wait until the spring season to prove myself again. "It's an uphill battle."

Achola said he felt disappointed when Clark suffered a bruised knee and left the game in the Huskers' season opener against Northern Illinois. He said he saw that injury as an opportunity to get some playing time. "That broke my heart," he said.

"It was tough to see that, especially when I might have got the chance to get some experience in.

Achola, who broke his left leg in 7th grade, said the injury was non-contact, and he knew when it hap-pened that it was broken.

He said it was a clean break and that he had surgery to have screws put in so the bone would heal faster.

Achola, who now is walking without a cast or brace, said doctors are unsure how well the bone has healed.

He said that speculation started the day after the injury, when X-rays showed the bone had lined up so straight that it made it difficult to tell if the bone was still broken.

That has caused doctors to use caution in deciding when he can return, he said.

When he does return, the 5-11, 195-pounder from Omaha said he is not sure how much of an effect the layoff will have on his conditioning and speed.

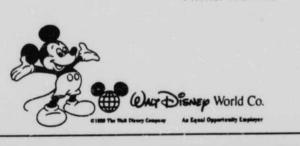
"I really can't tell right now," he said. "I've lost a little weight."

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WALT DISNEY WORLD **COLLEGE PROGRAM**

Walt Disney World Co. representatives will present an information session on the Walt Disney World College Program on Thursday, October 12, 1989, 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union. Attendance at this presentation is required to interview for the SPRING '90 **COLLEGE PROGRAM.** Interviews are scheduled for Friday, October 13, 1989 in the Student Union (time to be announced). The following majors are encouraged to attend: Business/Marketing, Communications, Recreation and Theater/Drama.

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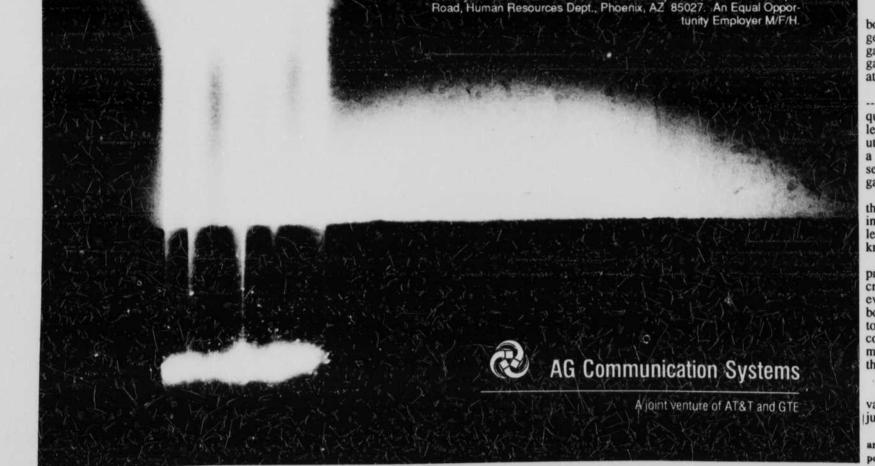
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Maybe so.

But, just like the motive and inno-vation for "Dead Dog Alley," it's just an idea.

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