Project Experience begins

New program offers shorter teacher training

By Colleen Kenney Staff Reporter

A unique project will allow people with practical work experience to become teachers sooner than other UNL Teachers' College students, said John O'Hanlon, dean of Teachers College.

Project Experience, which begins this fall, is new to UNL and unique in the nation, O'Hanlon said. People who want to change careers to become elementary, junior high or high school at UNL, O'Hanlon said.

But the candidates for this program must prove that they are qualified for the teaching jobs. Experience in related fields does not always mean a candidate possesses a teaching aptitude, O'Hanlon said.

will make it through, he said.

They can't just walk in and become he said.

teachers," O'Hanlon said. "They have to meet every other criteria." Shorter classes

Instead of taking 30 credit hours of O'Hanlon said. required teaching courses, including 12 hours of student teaching, candidates in Project Experience can test out of some classes and take special shorter six-week classes concurrently. Some student teaching still will be required. Regular UNL students in the

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teachers can take accelerated classes Teachers College usually take their Similar program course work over eight semesters, O'Hanlon said.

> strate that they can do whatever anyone they want to become teachers later in else can do," O'Hanlon said.

The new UNL program was modeled after programs in eastern colleges and Candidates must have a bachelor's universities, he said. However, the UNL degree from the area they'd like to Project Experience trains prospective teach, he said. Only about three of the teachers more thoroughly, he said. 15 people interested in the program Similar programs in other areas of the country train people in only two weeks,

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Teacher shortage

Big city schools and schools in the east and west coasts of the United States are facing more of a teacher shortage than UNL, he said. Nationally, 5 percent of all college students are studying now for their teachers certificate. That figure used to be 20 percent. UNL Teachers College students are at 11 percent, he said.

Candidates for Project Experience must show interest in young people, O'Hanlon said.

"Some of the most productive people in the world are those who change careers," O'Hanlon said.

He said Teachers College officials are thinking of using a similar program "They're going to have to demon- to help UNL upperclassmen who decide their college years.

Nebraska State Education Association officials have no opinion now on UNL's Project Experience, said Barc Bayley, NSEA director of communications. He said the organization is against programs in other colleges that allow untrained people to become teachers to help alleviate the teacher shortage.

Tickets for Journey go on sale Thursday

and Jam Productions will present the rock group Journey in concert on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday, Aug. 23 for \$15.50 and \$13.50 at the Nebraska Union, Pickles and Dirt Cheap Record Stores and all Brandeis outlets.

Because of the long ticket lines for the Bruce Springsteen concert, UPC will continue with the first day ticket sales policy that started with UNL's Hall and Oates concert.

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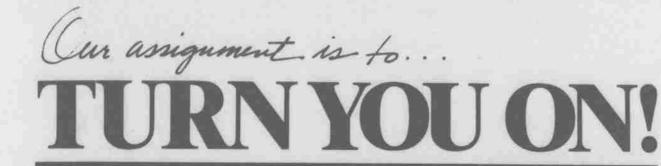
The University Program Council distribution will be posted in the Union at 2:30 p.m.

> Those with roll tickets should assume their place in line between 8 and 9 a.m. on Aug. 23. Ticket seekers also can receive roll tickets Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the North Information Desk in the Nebraska Union.

> Until Saturday morning, no lines or camping will be permitted on Union grounds.

> Mail orders are also being accepted. People should send a selfaddressed stamped envelope, along with a money order or cashiers check (and an additional \$1 per mail order) to: Journey, c/o University Program Council, Nebraska Union 220, Lincoln, NE 68588. There is an eight-ticket limit per person.

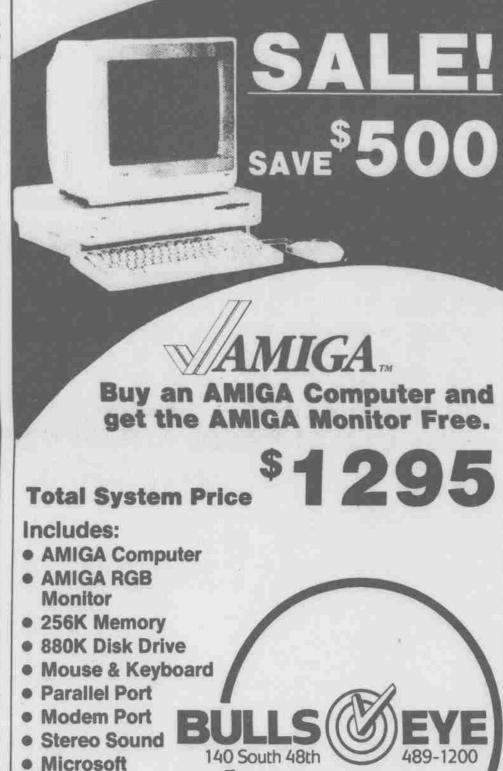
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