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## Classes need to emphasize writing, faculty members say

By Diana Johnson  
Staff Reporter

Writing answers to essay exams, staying up all night writing term papers, scribbling notes during lecture class — with all that it would seem UNL students do more than enough writing.

But some UNL faculty members don't think so.

"I'm not sure that students could ever do enough writing," said R. Neale Copple, dean of the College of Journalism.

Professors, department chairmen and deans of other colleges agree that writing is a part of education that sometimes is by-passed for other kinds of instruction.

Lyle E. Young, associate dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, said that although he thinks engineering majors should take more writing courses, it is also important to give students the opportunity to graduate in four years.

However, Young said, writing skills are important for graduates in almost every college because they develop communications skills.

Jim McShane, associate professor of



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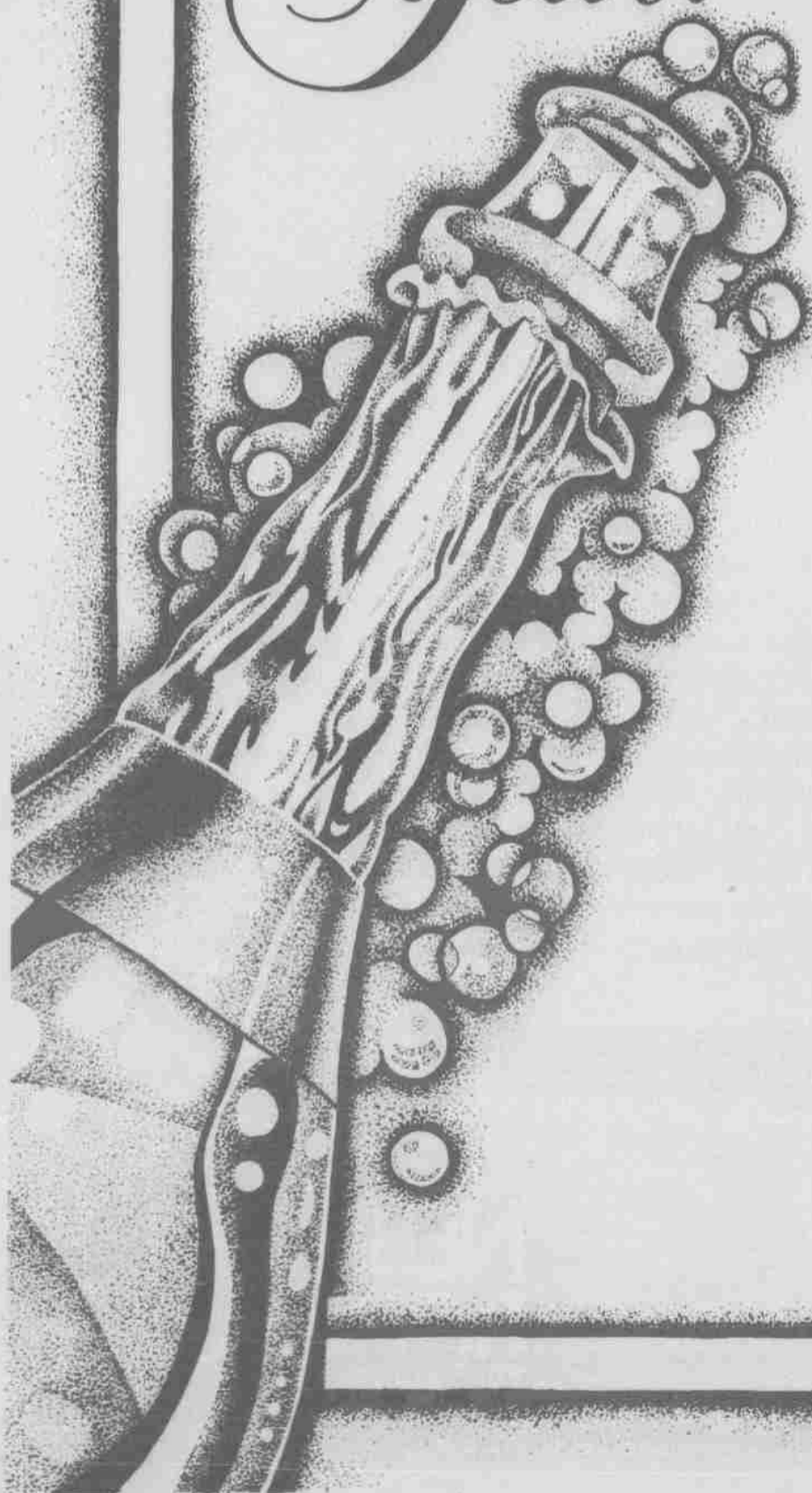
English said writing occurs in places "where one must demonstrate what one knows."

Stephen S. Hilliard, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said writing abilities are assets in many occupations.

Communication minors in the College of Arts and Sciences will be introduced next fall to students whose careers call for special communications skills, Hilliard said.

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