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Strategic plan unveiled

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Northwestern released a copy of its 10-year strategic plan Monday night.

The 28-page plan outlines the University's goals for the next decade, highlighting areas of research on which the University intends to focus, plans for extending learning beyond the classroom and ideas on improving diversity and community at NU.

"This strategic plan builds on Northwestern's current strengths and focuses our energies and resources on the most pressing issues that we are distinctively positioned to address," according to the plan.

The University provides several examples within the document of the school's recent achievements — including

economics Prof. Dale Mortensen's Nobel prize, the Design for America program going national and Dance Marathon's continued success year after year — that the school wants to build upon.

"It's about what we are doing collectively," Provost Dan Linzer told THE DAILY prior to the unveiling of the plan. "What does our combination of schools position us to do and how do we get people thinking about our collective ambitions?"

The plan mentions the University's interest in focusing on research in areas such as nanoscience, biomedical sciences, global health and sustainability.

It also mentions a desire to incorporate more experiential learning into curricula and "create a year-round educational experience."

In terms of the University's role in the international sphere,

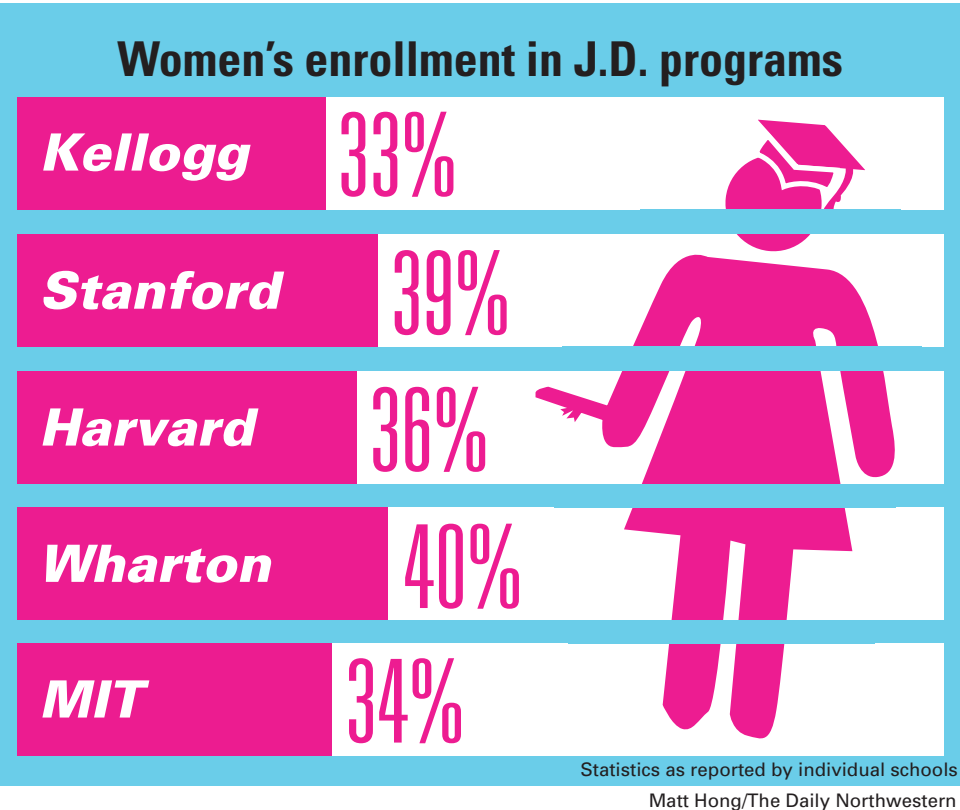
the plan targets the creation of research hubs in Asia and the Middle East.

As for building community within campus, the plan mentions "creating community gathering spaces" but does not specifically mention the creation of a new student center, which the Associated Student Government has been proposing since 2010.

"There are two conditions to have a transformative plan: one is you have to have a good plan, and the other is you have to implement it," said President Morton Schapiro in an interview with THE DAILY before the unveiling. "... I think we have a really good plan. Now we have to implement it."

University administrators will formally present the strategic plan Tuesday.

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Kellogg fights gender gap

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Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management is sponsoring programs to attract female applicants and support current students in an effort to bridge the gender gap in business schools, which was the focus of a recent New York Times article.

"It does tend to be harder to find women role models (in business)," said Nicole Staple, a second-year Kellogg student and external relations chair for the Women's Business Association. "I think it's important to have the conversation and make very conscious decisions about

your career choices now."

Female enrollment in Kellogg's full-time program has ranged from 32 to 34 percent over the last five years, according to the Kellogg Office of Admissions. Nationally, more women are attending business school than in the past: a study by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business found women comprised 35.4 percent of students in 2009-10, up nearly 4 percent from five years earlier. Differences in male and female enrollment at business schools are greater than those at law and medical schools, according to a recent New York Times article.

Kellogg has taken an active

role in increasing female enrollment. As a Forte Foundation sponsor, the school participates in a career lab and distributes three scholarships to female students each year, said communications specialist Betsy Berger in an email. Kellogg has hosted the Women's Leadership Workshop for the past five years to help female students pursuing MBAs. For the first time, Kellogg held a Women's Preview Day specifically for prospective students Oct. 14.

Regardless of this progress, females still constitute around one third of the business school

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Police join up on drug bust

EPD used inter-jurisdictional help to find 443 grams of marijuana in Evanston

By Marshall Cohen
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Last week's drug bust, in which Evanston officers uncovered 443 grams of marijuana, was the result of inter-jurisdictional cooperation between police departments from Evanston, Skokie and Chicago.

Cmdr. Tom Guenther, Evanston Police Department spokesperson, said Monday the cooperation is a significant element of running an effective police force.

"We work closely with Chicago and suburb police departments and also with Cook County, too," Guenther said. "Whenever the situation dictates that we work closely with them on any given operation or they need our assistance, we are happy to provide that assistance and they feel the same way."

Sgt. David Pawlak, administrative services supervisor with the Skokie Police Department, said Skokie shares critical resources with Evanston when needed.

"It's very important that we work together," Pawlak said. "Unfortunately, each

individual agency doesn't have their own resources, so we have to share so the cooperation is necessary."

Last week's drug bust was a "direct outgrowth" of an ongoing narcotics investigation in Evanston, according to an EPD news release issued Thursday.

Guenther declined to comment on exactly how long the investigation had been ongoing or how many officers were involved.

After obtaining a search warrant, officers from EPD raided an apartment just across the Evanston-Chicago border last week.

They were joined by the Canine Unit from the Skokie Police Department when they arrived 1:09 p.m. Oct. 24 at 7464 N. Damen Ave. in Chicago.

Evanston has had a canine unit in the past, Guenther said, but it is currently "inoperable."

Cmdr. Brian Baker, the canine coordinator with the Skokie Police Department, said his department often

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Cheating at NU in line with national trends

By Lauren Caruba
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Instances of plagiarism and academic integrity violations are on the rise among college students, according to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center.

In the August survey of 1,055 private and public university presidents, more than half said plagiarism in students' papers at their schools has increased over the past 10 years.

Weinberg Assistant Dean Mark Sheldon said in an email that over the past two years, NU faculty have asked him to investigate over 200 cases of academic integrity violations in Weinberg classes. These incidents involved students from various

undergraduate schools, with consequences ranging from letters of reprimand to permanent exclusions from the university.

"We've had some really serious cases," Sheldon said. "People have been permanently excluded."

Sheldon said there have been instances where students have taken other students' papers without permission, erased the name and written in their own. Other violations included the fabrication of blue books and the impersonation of a professor, in which the student emailed the class saying that an exam was cancelled.

While Sheldon does acknowledge an increase in cases at NU

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