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Ranking elicits questions about safety on campus

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Purdue and its police department offer myriad programs to promote campus safety, but its national safety ranking went down this year.

Purdue was nationally ranked 12th as the safest college campus in 2018 by the National Council for Home Safety and Security, but it has lost that ranking this year.

Despite also placing 14th in 2017, Purdue — and no other Indiana college — was ranked this year.

Purdue Police Department Captain Song Kang believes a change in NCHSS’s methodology is to blame. He has yet to hear back from the council.

“This is exactly why we do not constantly ‘chase’ the national rankings, since there are so many factors that fluctuate and influence their ‘scientific’ data,” Kang said via email.

National rankings for campus safety can be difficult to measure, as variables such as location and size may influence the report’s results.

In comparison to two other Big Ten universities, IU — the only other Big Ten university in Indiana — and Ohio State, the Big Ten’s largest university, Purdue does not always rank as the “safest campus” depending on the crime.

Using each university’s security reports for reference, Purdue had the highest number of reports for liquor violations and theft.

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