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## ***Airport Expansion?***

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Local engineer George Woelfel is speaking out against the dangers of the planned expansion of the Hazleton Municipal Airport.

Woelfel says the new approach will endanger the Penn State Hazleton Campus, while Mayor John Quigley was quoted as saying such opposition is "ludicrous."

Woelfel Engineering Co. of Conyngham claims that "the 1,200 foot Hazleton runway extension...will be detrimental in its flight pattern and effects upon Penn State..."

Woelfel has submitted pictures and plans put together by his company showing the proposed approach pattern.

"The new flight pattern would impinge directly into 26 feet of the (Penn State) Highacres water tank and would place lethal high speed aircraft within seven feet of the brick walls of the Highacres Physical Ed building and the students inside."

Hazleton Mayor John Quigley said, "The FAA would not even consider a project if it's anything like Mr. Woelfel says."

The council is an advisory board to the Pennsylvania State University trustees. Members meet and discuss issues concerning the campus. Facts are then forwarded to University Park for appropriate action.

The Jan. 11th meeting considered the strong opposition of Sugarloaf Township and Hazle Township supervisor's to any proposed expansion that would inhibit Highacres expansion.

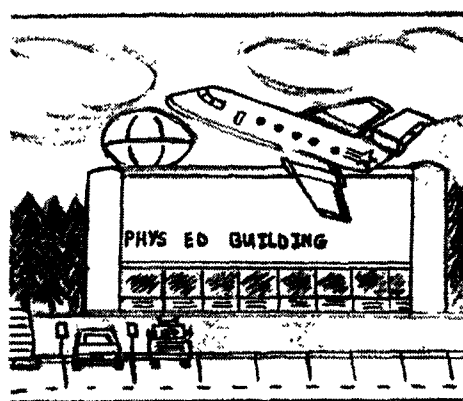
The council issued a unanimous statement stating that, "The Hazleton Educational Council ... is not opposed to the expansion of the Hazleton Airport except when the expansion will interfere with the existing height or other building conditions at the campus now or in the future."

Dr. David Wagner, president of the council, commented that "the council is unalterably opposed to anything ... that would in any way jeopardize or compromise the integrity and safety of the Hazleton Campus."

## **Highacres Reacts**

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One Penn State agency to make a statement concerning the proposed expansion of the Hazleton Municipal Airport was the Hazleton Educational Council.



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