

The McKownville Improvement Association

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ALBANY 3, NEW YORK

May 29, 1963

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We realize you are a very busy man and sincerely thank you for your time.

Yours very truly,

Gerald W. Hamme

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**World's Finest
University Predicted
For McKownville**

By JOYCE DURGERIAN

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trians streaming in and out of the campus. Sidewalk and bike paths would seem to be necessary. This problem must be solved by the town's residents, Colonel Tisdale said. But he offered the university's moral support "and maybe a little financial." He questioned the adequacy of the public transport system in the area and wondered if local churches could accommodate the religious portion of the student body. "You can expect cars and bars," he said. "How you handle them is your business but we're going to be very much interested." Restaurants will thrive and more entertainment facilities will be needed, the Colonel added. He said the campus would have its own fire fighting equipment and ambulance.

Questions from the audience elicited these answers: that fraternities and sororities would be housed on campus, that the university would not take over private homes for faculty housing (Colonel Tisdale assured his listeners that their homes would not be needed "in your lifetime or mine."), that the Western Avenue entrance to the campus would be in the vicinity of the old Albany Country Club entrance.

"We need your assistance" the Colonel concluded "and your understanding.—Don't jump on the first thing that happens.—Be understanding. Be helpful.—For our own salvation we'd better see to it that it all comes out right."

During the business meeting which followed Gerald Hame was elected president of the McKownville Improvement Association; Charles Maneri, vice-president; Florence Choules, secretary and Verla McCarville, treasurer. John Feldman, Francis Purdy and Robert Quackenbush were elected to the board of directors.

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