Professor Reports Sighting Of UFO

If you saw it, you’ve probably come to your own conclusions.

And if you’re thinking that strange light you saw in the sky last night was either a balloon, plane or star, you’re wrong, according to University of Arizona professor Dr. James E. McDonald.

He was one of the few who witnessed it. And as far as he is concerned, it was “just another unidentified object.”

Atmospheric physicist McDonald described the latest of the unidentified flying objects as “an orange-yellow luminous object. It was round and also, for a period, it appeared to be elongated downward or sort of conical in shape.”

McDonald, his wife, and three of his children went on top of the UA physics building to watch it last night “as it appeared below and left of the Pole star and slowly and fairly steadily rose with a sort of westward trend.”

This was about 11:30 p.m. They had been called about the light in the sky just after 10:30 p.m.

McDonald, armed with binoculars and telescope, watched the object for 15 minutes.

“As it moved westward,” he said, “it began to descend all the way down to the horizon until our vision was obscured by university buildings.”

He got the impression that it had gone down somewhere between his viewing stand and the Tortolita Mountains, about 30 miles northwest of here.

“All five of us saw a vague whitish streak of light that appeared to be floating or extending above the orange-yellow object we sighted,” McDonald said.

He said that there have been several instances of similar sights being reported here and elsewhere in the last three or four weeks.

Three boys earlier this week reported they had seen “flying saucers” at night and that the flying saucers “shot three green things that traveled faster than any plane.”

Mrs. L. J. Lorenzin, 4145 E. Desert Place, a member of a group of skywatchers known at the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, said there was a similar sighting in Ohio three weeks ago.

“That’s why we are interested in this Tucson sighting. It was the same kind of object—an orange light that maneuvered at a low altitude.”