(AUDIO:) (I BELIEVE RON TAMMEN VOLUNTARILY WALKED OFF CAMPUS. I BELIEVE HE'S SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE WORLD TODAY, ALIVE UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME. EVERYTHING HAS BEEN ERASED WITH HIM AH, BUT I BELIEVE HE'S STILL OUT THERE)

STILL OUT THERE?....JOE CELLA SEEMS TO THINK SO. CELLA HAS BEEN WRITING ABOUT RON TAMMEN SINCE THE YOUNG MAN DISAPPEARED FROM THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN OXFORD, OHIO; THAT WAS SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH 1953.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN THAT THE TAMMEN DISAPPEARANCE WAS UNUSUAL...THAT PATTERNS, LIFESTYLES, DIRECTIONS AND PERSONALITIES DID NOT FIT THE CLASSIC RUNAWAY...EVEN A RUNAWAY OF THE 50'S.
THE SETTING OF THIS STORY IS ALMOST PERFECT FOR A GOOD OLD FASHIONED GHOST TALE; THE MIAMI CAMPUS IS RICH IN TRADITION AND LEGEND.

STORIES WHICH ARE PERPETUATED BY IMAGINATION FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...MOST CAN BE EXPLAINED AWAY BY THOSE WHO WOULD BREAK THE SPELL...MOST, BUT NOT ALL. THE TAMMEN MYSTERY HAS ITS BEGINNINGS IN ONE OF THE OLDEST BUILDINGS ON THE MIAMI CAMPUS...THE NOW DILAPIDATED, CRUMBLING REMNANTS OF WHAT WAS ONCE AN ARCHITECTS DREAM...

FISHER HALL TODAY
VIDEO

AUDIO

THIS IS THE STORY OF THE

DISAPPEARANCE OF RONALD HENRY

TAMMEN, JR.....A STORY WITH A

BEGINNING...BUT SO FAR, NO END.

RONALD HENRY TAMMEN, JUNIOR,

HAS BECOME..."THE PHANTOM OF

OXFORD!"

(BREAK)

ORIGINAL STILL

THE BUILDING NOW KNOWN AS FISHER

HALL OPENED FOR CLASSES AS OXFORD

FEMALE COLLEGE ON SEPTEMBER

3RD, 1856.....ITS FIRST PRESIDENT

WAS THE REV. JOHN WITHERSPOON

SCOTT, A FORMER FACULTY MEMBER

AT MAIMI AND THE FATHER OF

CAROLINE SCOTT WHO BECAME THE

FIRST LADY OF THE COUNTRY AS

THE WIFE OF PRESIDENT BENJAMIN

HARRISON. OVER THE YEARS THERE
WERE MANY RESIDENTS OF THE COLLEGE WHO SHARED AND CONTRIBUTED TO ITS HISTORY... VIRGINIA MOON...
AN OXFORD NATIVE WHOSE SYMPATHIES WERE WITH THE SOUTH DURING THE CIVIL WAR. MISS MOON WAS EXPELLED, AND IN THE COURSE OF TIME BECAME A CONFEDERATE SPY.

THE TRUE LIFE HEROINE OF JAME WHITCOMB RILEY’S "THAT OLD SWEET-HART OF MINE"... KATE MYERS, STUDIED MUSIC AT OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE, WHERE RILEY OFTEN VISITED.

OPENED WITH POMP AND CEREMONY... COMPLETE WITH LUXURY OF SERVANTS IN BUTTONS AND LIVERY... THE COLLEGE FOUNDERED UNDER ECONOMIC PRESSURES.....
In 1882 the building was sold to the Oxford Retreat Company and for forty-four years was a private institution for the treatment of insanity, nervous disorders, inebriety and opium habit. Miami University acquired the building and in 1928 renamed it Fisher Hall in honor of Judge Elam Fisher who had served as a university trustee for 36 years. Fisher Hall was a men's residence...during World War Two a naval training center, then a residence for freshman women... and in 1947 it again became a freshman men's residence.
AUDIO

FISHER HALL WAS ALMOST MAJESTIC WITH ITS HIGH ARCHED WINDOWS, VINE COVERED WALLS AND IMPOSING COLUMNED ENTRANCE. THIS WAS FISHER HALL IN THE SPRING OF 1953.....

THAT SPRING RONALD TAMMEN WAS A 19-YEAR OLD SOPHOMORE COUNSELOR IN FISHER HALL. A GRADUATE OF MAPLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL NEAR CLEVELAND, RON HAD COME TO MIAMI TO STUDY BUSINESS. HE WAS A DEAN'S LIST STUDENT, A VARSITY WRESTLER, AND HE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MUSIC. HE PLAYED BASS FIDDLER IN THE CAMPUS OWLS, A POPULAR COLLEGE DANCE BAND:
VIDEO

(MONTAGE SHOTS OF CAMPUS OWLS TIGHTEN TO TAMMEN)

CAMPUS SCENES

DORM ACTIVITIES "DRAMATIZATION"

AUDIO

(SWING MUSIC UP FOR :03 AND UNDER)

RONALD TAMMEN WAS, BY ALMOST ANY
STANDARD, A WELL ADJUSTED,
WELL LIKED, TYPICAL "JOE COLLEGE"
OF THE FIFTIES.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 1953 WAS
AN UNSEASONABLY COOL DAY IN
OXFORD; LIGHT SNOW WAS FALLING,
AND IN THE EARLY EVENING HOURS
STUDENTS WERE RETURNING TO
THE CAMPUS FROM WEEKEND OUTINGS.

RON TAMMEN WAS IN HIS SECOND
FLOOR ROOM ABOUT EIGHT O'CLOCK
PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DAY'S
CLASSES. SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT
RON LEFT HIS ROOM, WENT DOWNSTAIRS
AND ASKED THE HOUSEKEEPER FOR
SOME CLEAN SHEETS. HE SAID HE
WAS TIRED AND WAS GOING TO BED
VIDEO

EARLY. HE WAS SEEN BY SEVERAL FELLOW STUDENTS AS HE RETURNED TO HIS ROOM ABOUT EIGHT TWENTY....

THAT WAS THE LAST TIME RONALD HENRY TAMMEN, JUNIOR WAS EVER SEEN BY ANYONE!

STILL OF FINDLAY ZOOM TO HIGHLIGHT

TAMMEN'S ROOMMATE WAS 19 YEAR OLD CHARLES FINDLAY OF DAYTON.

DISSOLVE TO FILM FINDLAY TODAY

FINDLAY WAS ALSO A SOPHOMORE COUNSELOR IN FISHER HALL AND HAD SPENT THAT WEEKEND AT HOME.

HE RETURNED ABOUT NINE O' CLOCK SUNDAY NIGHT:

(SO I CAME BACK TO CAMPUS TO FISHER HALL AND WENT TO MY ROOM AS NORMAL AND THE LIGHT WAS ON IN THE ROOM. AND IN THE ROOM, THE DOOR WAS UNLOCKED, AND RON'S BOOK WAS OPEN HIS SIDE OF THE DESK. AND AH THE DESK CHAIR WAS PULLED BACK AS THOUGH HE GOT UP AND WENT SOMEWHERE. SO I THOUGHT TOO NOT TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT AND I STUDIED I THINK TILL ELEVEN THAT NIGHT. I GOT BACK TO SCHOOL
ABOUT NINE WENT TO BED AS USUAL
AND GOT UP THE NEXT MORNING
AND DIDN'T SEE RON IN HIS BED.
I STILL WASN'T TOO EXCITED ABOUT
IT BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE MIGHT
HAVE SPENT THE NIGHT AT THE
FRATERNITY HOUSE.)

RON TAMMEN WAS A MEMBER OF
DELTA TAU DELTA, BUT HE WAS NOT
AT THE FRATERNITY HOUSE, IN FACT
HIS FRATERNITY BROTHERS HAD
NOT SEEN HIM THAT DAY. MONDAY,
APRIL 20TH, 1953 WAS A ROUTINE
DAY FOR CHUCK FINDLAY AND HE
 WENT ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES AS
USUAL:

(AND IT WAS SOMETIME LATER THAT
AFTERNOON THE EVENING WE HAD A
COUNSELORS MEETING. AND THAT'S
WHEN I THINK WE DISCUSSED A
LITTLE MORE, A LITTLE FURTHER
AS TO WHAT, WHERE RON WAS AND
WHAT THE SITUATION WAS.)

NOT ONLY HAD THE RADIO BEEN
PLAYING, AND TAMMEN'S PSYCH BOOK
ON THE DESK OPEN, BUT FINDLAY
FOUND ALL OF RON'S PERSONAL
BELONGINGS IN THE ROOM. ON
VIDEO

THE DESK, AS IF HIS POCKETS
HAD BEEN EMTIED, WERE TAMMEN'S
WALLET, BANKBOOK, COMB, WATCH,
AND EVEN HIS CLASS RING AND
CAR KEYS.

BESIDE FISHER HALL...JUST BELOW
TAMMEN'S WINDOW, WAS HIS 39
CHEVY SEDAN, PARKED AND LOCKED...
INSIDE, ON THE BACK SEAT, WAS
HIS BASS FIDDLE.

DESPIE THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING TAMMEN'S DISAPPEARANCE
IT WAS THREE OR FOUR DAYS BEFORE
HE WAS OFFICIALLY LISTED AS
"MISSING"...THE FAMILY WAS NOTIFIED
ON THURSDAY APRIL 23RD...THE SAME
DAY THE POLICE WERE CALLED IN:
VIDEO
SOFM/FINDLAY :24
VF: CHUCK FINDLAY ROOMMATE
“B” OF MOCK SEARCH FROM WINDOW

AUDIO
(I THINK PROBABLY AFTER THE FIRST THREE OR FOUR DAYS I WASN’T CONCERNED. BUT I REALLY REALIZED HE WASN’T COMING BACK, HE WASN’T COMING BACK AS HE NORMALLY WOULD AND THE ROTC WAS OUT AND THEY WERE DRAGGING THE POND. I GOT CONCERNED CAUSE I REMEMBER SITTING AT MY DESK LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW AND WATCHING THEM DRAG THE POND AND THAT WAS KIND OF AN EERIE FEELING)

SOFM CONTINUES TO ROLL ERASE :06 OF HART’S QUESTION

SOMEONE MUST HAVE SUSPECTED FOUL PLAY WAS INVOLVED. DID CHUCK FINDLAY THINK SO?

SOFM UP/FINDLAY :16
(NO I DIDN’T. I DIDN’T THINK SO BECAUSE AT THAT TIME, EVEN NOW, YOU GO BACK AND YOU THINK ABOUT THE COLLEGE STUDENT WHAT, 19, 20 YEARS OF AGE. HOW DO YOU MAKE AND ENEMY? AND WHO WOULD THINK A COLLEGE STUDENT WOULD HAVE MUCH MONEY.)

STILL PIC-LARKINS-ZOOM TO HIGHLIGHT

ANOTHER SOPHOMORE COUNSELOR IN FISHER HALL THAT YEAR WAS JIM LARKINS. LARKINS...NOW AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MODERN LANGUAGES AT WRIGHT STATE...

DISSOLVE TO FILM LARKINS TODAY

URGED AN INVESTIGATION BE UNDERTAKEN:
VIDEO

SOFM/LARKINS :17

BRIDGE - HART
ON CAMPUS

AUDIO

(HE IS JUST THE LAST PERSON THAT
YOU WOULD EVER EXPECT JUST TO
MERELY TAKE OFF...AH FOR AS FAR
AS I WAS CONCERNED THERE WOULD
BE NO REASON FOR HIS HAVING
DONE IT. FROM ALL THAT WE COULD,
ALL THAT WE KNEW ABOUT HIM AND
COULD LEARN ABOUT HIM HE JUST
SEEMED TO HAVE EVERYTHING FOR
HIM)

"THE LAST PERSON YOU WOULD EVER
EXPECT TO DISAPPEAR".....A
PHRASE THAT CONTINUES TO SURFACE
WHEN RON TAMMEN'S NAME IS MENTIONED.
IT MIGHT HELP TO EXAMINE THE TIMES
IN WHICH RON TAMMEN LIVED HERE; THE
EARLY FIFTIES.

DR. CARL KNOX...NOW A PROFESSOR
OF EDUCATION AT FLORIDA/ATLANTIC
UNIVERSITY IN BOCA RATON...WAS
DEAN OF MEN AT MIAMI
UNIVERSITY IN 1953. HE RECALLS
THE GENERAL MOOD OF COLLEGE CAMPUSES
IN THE FIFTIES...AND HE REMEMBERS
RON TAMMEN:

FILM-SET UP OF KNOX

FILM-SIGN "FLORIDA
ATLANTIC"
(IT WAS KNOWN AS THE APATHETIC PERIOD OF TIME. IT WAS CERTAINLY AH FAR DIFFERENT FROM THE SIXTIES. BUT AH IT WAS GENERALLY A FAIRLY HAPPY AH TIME AND SORT OF NORMAL ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE. THIS YOUNG MAN WAS AH WELL APPRECIATED AROUND CAMPUS BECAUSE OF HIS MUSICAL TALENT. HE PLAYED BASS WITH THE CAMPUS OWLS AH HE DID AND WAS ONE OF FEW PEOPLE ON CAMPUS HAD A CAR PERMIT IN ORDER TO TRANSPORT THAT BASS VIAL AROUND. AND ONE OF THE ODDITIES OF THE THING BECAUSE HE PRIZED IT SO HIGHLY WAS THE FACT HIS CAR WAS FOUND LOCKED UP WITH THE BASS INSIDE AND NO RON.)

RON WAS THE SECOND OF FIVE CHILDREN.

A BROTHER, JOHN, WAS AT PRINCETON...

A YOUNGER BROTHER, RICHARD, WAS

A FRESHMAN AT MIAMI...AT 18,

ONE YEAR YOUNGER THAN RON.

MARJORIE TAMMEN DIED IN 1963...

TEN YEARS AFTER HER SON’S DISAPPEARANCE. RONALD TAMMEN, SENIOR,

NOW REMARRIED AND LIVING IN

FORT LAUDERDALE, SAW HIS SON

AT THE FAMILY HOME NEAR

CLEVELAND THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE
VIDEO

SOFM UP FULL :16
VF: RONALD TAMMEN, SR.

FILM-CELLA IN NEWSROOM

AUDIO

DISAPPEARANCE. THE CAMPUS OWLS
PLAYED FOR A DANCE AT JOHN
CARROLL UNIVERSITY:

(HE JUST SEEMED TO HAVE FUN THE
WHOLE TIME HE WAS THERE. THERE
WAS NEVER ANYTHING AT ALL THAT
WOULD INDICATE THERE WAS A
(LAUGH) HE HAD A PROBLEM OR
A THING WAS BOTHERING HIM. (PAUSE)
NOTHING AT ALL)

THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF RON TAMMEN
ARE AS MYSTERIOUS TWO DECADES
LATER AS THEY WERE IN 1953.
REPORTER CELLA HAS HELD
THE OPINION ALL THESE YEARS
THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS LESS
THAN THOROUGH IN THE FIRST PLACE:

(I WASN'T TOO KEEN ON THE INITIAL
INVESTIGATION THAT WENT ON, IT
WAS VERY ABRUPTLY DONE...TO ME
THERE WAS NO THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.
AND THAT IS THE REASON I STAYED
WITH IT OVER A PERIOD THAT FOLLOWED.
WE WERE ABLE TO ACCUMULATE A
LOT MORE, MUCH MORE THAN WE EVER
HAD INITIALLY)
DR. GARRET BOONE HAS BEEN IN PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTICE IN HAMILTON FOR FORTY YEARS...

DR. BOONE HAS BEEN THE BUTLER COUNTY CORONER FOR THIRTY FIVE YEARS. THE DR. REMEMBERS RON TAMMEN BECAUSE TAMMEN CAME TO HIM FOR A BLOOD TYPING FIVE MONTHS BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED...

THE ONLY STUDENT IN FORTY YEARS TO ASK FOR A BLOOD TYPE. AND, AS CORONER DR. BOONE WAS INVOLVED IN THE SEARCH. HE AMPLIFIES JOE CELLA'S CONCERN OVER THE ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION:
(ON ONE OCCASION AH LED TO SOME SHARP WORDS BETWEEN A AH ME AND TWO MIAMI UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL WHO DID NOT APPRECIATE AH MY AH BEING CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE. WHY? WELL, I REALLY DON'T KNOW AH THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN BORED WITH ME AND MAYBE THEY GOT FED UP BY REPORTERS AND TV MEN, I'M NOT SURE WHICH.)

THE TAMMEN FAMILY WAS DISTRAUGHT OVER THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THEIR SON. FRUSTRATED BY NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE LEADING ANYWHERE, MR. TAMMEN REPORTED RON TO THE DRAFT BOARD IN JUNE. BECAUSE RON HAD FAILED TO COMPLETE THE SCHOOL YEAR HIS DEFERMENT WAS ENDED.

IF HE COULD BE DRAFTED, AND NOT REPORT, THE CASE WOULD GO TO THE FBI; AND THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED.
VIDEO
SOFM/TAMMEN
VF: RONALD TAMMEN SR.

AUDIO
(UH I WAS HAPPY THAT WE GOT THE FBI TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE OF THE BROAD COVERAGE. BUT AH I CAN'T SAY THAT I'VE EVER BEEN HAPPY ABOUT ANYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE CASE, BECAUSE NOTHING'S EVER HAPPENED (CHUCKLE).)

NOTHING EVER DID HAPPEN FOR THE TAMMEN FAMILY. BUT RON'S DISAPPEARANCE WAS FOREMOST ON THEIR MINDS...THE PRESSURE TOOK ITS TOLL...PARTICULARLY ON MRS. TAMMEN:

SOFM/TAMMEN: 35

(SO MUCH SO WITH THE WIFE THAT AH BIG PROBLEMS OCCURRED WITH HER HEALTH, IT WAS JUST BEYOND HER, SHE JUST COULDN'T TAKE CARE, SHE COULDN'T TAKE IT AND HER HEALTH STARTED FAILING AND THAT THAT WAS THE CAUSE, I BELIEVE OF HER DEATH WAS HIS DISAPPEARANCE AND NO EVIDENCE OR SOLUTIONS AT ANY TIME)

FILM-KNOX

DR. KNOX WAS IN CHARGE OF THE INVESTIGATION, AS FAR AS THE UNIVERSITY WAS CONCERNED, AND HE ADMITS THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN A CASE LIKE THE TAMMEN DISAPPEARANCE...BEFORE OR SINCE:
ON OTHER CAMPUSES WHERE I'VE BEEN LOCATED THERE HAVE BEEN DISAPPEARANCES AND THERE HAVE BEEN TRAGEDIES, BUT NOTHING WHICH IS SORT OF POPPED OUT OF NO BACKGROUND OF EXPLANATION AND NO WAY SUDDENLY HAPPENING ON THERE YOU WERE WITH AH AH EGG ON YOUR FACE, DEEP FELT CONCERNS AND YET AH NO ANSWERS FOR ANY PART OF IT. AND YET SOMETHING TELLS YOU RON TAMMEN IS ALIVE? YES, I FEEL THIS, I FEEL IT KEENLY.)

ABOUT A WEEK AFTER RON TAMMEN'S DISAPPEARANCE AN ARTICLE IN THE HAMILTON JOURNAL NEWS CARRIED A PICTURE OF THE MISSING BOY.
SURELY IF RON TAMMEN HAD WALKED
VIDEO

FILM-CU
"SEVEN-MILE MARKER"

SOFM/BARBARA SPIVEY JEWELL :17
VF: BARBARA SPIVEY JEWELL

FILM-PAN DOWN THE ROAD FROM HOUSE DRAMATIZATION

SOFM/BARBARA SPIVEY JEWELL :06 DRAMATIZATION FILM

AUDIO

AWAY FROM FISHER HALL THAT SUNDAY EVENING SOMEONE WOULD HAVE SEEN HIM. A FAMILY IN SEVEN MILE, OHIO...ABOUT EIGHT OR TEN MILES FROM OXFORD SAY THEY DID:

(WELL WE SAW HIS PICTURE IN THE PAPER ABOUT A WEEK AFTERWARDS AND MY MOTHER SAID, WELL THAT'S THE BOY THAT WAS HERE AT OUR DOOR. AND SO WE WENT TO OXFORD TO THE POLICE STATION AND TALKED TO THEM. BUT AS I WAS AT THE DOOR WITH MY MOTHER ALSO AND AHM I'M POSITIVE IT WAS HIM.

THE YOUNG MAN ASKED FOR DIRECTIONS TO MIDDLETOWN; HE THEN THANKED THE SPIVEY'S AND LEFT. NO FURTHER TRACE OF THE LATE NIGHT VISITOR WAS EVER FOUND...BUT TWENTY THREE YEARS LATER...BARBARA SPIVEY JEWELL HAS NO DOUBTS:

(I WOULD STILL SAY THAT IT WAS HIM. I'M POSITIVE AND I CAN STILL SEE HIS DARK EYES AND HIS DARK HAIR)

MUSIC UP
ON AUGUST FIFTH, 1953 H. H. STEPHENSON WHO WAS, AND STILL IS, IN CHARGE OF HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS AND CAMPUS PERMITS AT MIAMI, WAS RETURNING FROM A SHORT VACATION IN NEW YORK. STEPHENSON AND HIS WIFE STOPPED FOR THE NIGHT IN WELLSVILLE, NEW YORK. AT DINNER THAT NIGHT IN A HOTEL DINING ROOM STEPHENSON NOTICED THREE OR FOUR MEN SITTING A FEW TABLES AWAY. AT ONCE HE RECOGNIZED ONE OF THE MEN AS LOOKING EXACTLY LIKE RON TAMMEN:

(WHEN MY EYES WOULD LOOK TOWARD HIM I WOULD FIND HE WAS LOOKING AT ME. AND I HAD THAT FEELING THAT AH THAT HE WAS SORT OF LOOKING RIGHT THROUGH ME. AH FOR SOME REASON AH THAT I’LL THAT I’LL NEVER KNOW I SAID NOTHING ABOUT AH THE FACT THAT I THOUGHT MAYBE THIS YOUNG MAN WAS RON TAMMEN. I DIDN’T SPEAK OF IT TO MY WIFE DURING THE MEAL. I DON’T KNOW WHY I DIDN’T)
VIDEO

FILM-LOBBY, HOTEL
WIDE SHOTS

FILM-SHOTS IN STREET

FILM-EMPTY TABLE ZOOM

AUDIO

BUT STEPHENSON DID MENTION THE INCIDENT TO HIS WIFE AFTER THEY LEFT THE HOTEL, AND AT HER URGING, THEY WENT BACK INSIDE; BUT THE MEN, ONE OF WHOM STEPHENSON THOUGHT TO BE RON TAMMEN, WERE GONE. AUGUST FIFTH, 1953 WAS THE LAST TIME THAT ANYONE SAW... OR EVEN THINKS THEY SAW, RON TAMMEN.

FILM-HART-BRIDGE ON CAMPUS

EXCEPT FOR THE STORY FROM SEVEN MILE AND THE ONE TOLD BY MR. STEPHENSON THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT RONALD HENRY TAMMEN, JUNIOR, EXISTED AFTER APRIL 19TH, 1953..... EVEN THOSE STORIES ARE NOT EVIDENCE.
MISSING PERSON THEORY
VIDEO

FILM-NEWSPAPER HEADS

AUDIO

IF RON TAMMEN DID NOT WALK AWAY FROM THE CAMPUS...AND WHILE MOST OF THOSE WHO KNEW HIM SAY HE WAS NOT THE TYPE...THAN WHAT? WHAT ABOUT FOUL PLAY? TAMMEN'S ROOM WAS AT THE END OF THE HALL ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FISHER; THERE WAS NO FOOT TRAFFIC BY THE ROOM AND THERE WAS A FIRE ESCAPE WHICH COULD PROVIDE A QUICK, AND SILENT, EXIT. BUT THE THEORY OF FOUL PLAY SEEMS LESS PLAUSIBLE THAN TAMMEN BEING A RUN-AWAY, AND THERE IS NO PROOF.
VIDEO

FILM-HART-
CLOSER FROM
FISHER HALL

AUDIO

IT IS AS THOUGH RONALD
HENRY TAMMEN, JUNIOR,
VANISHED FROM THE FACE
OF THE EARTH. APRIL
19TH, 1953. ONE COULD NOT
FIND A Better SETTING FOR
A GHOST STORY THAN FISHER
HALL....AND RON TAMMEN
WHO HAS BECOME THE PHANTOM OF
OXFORD:

(SOFM/TAMMEN SR.:24
VF: RONALD TAMMEN, SR.

(I'HAVE NEVER LOST
HOPE THAT SOMETIME, SOMEHOW
SOMETHING WOULD COME UP
SO WE'D HAVE EVIDENCE OF
EITHER HIS DEATH OR HIS
DISAPPEARANCE OF THE
REASON THE REASONS FOR IT
OR...I'VE NEVER GIVEN UP)

SOFM CELLA:32
VF: JOE CELLA

(I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I
WOULD RECOGNIZE HIM TODAY AH
IF I SAW HIM, BUT AH
RICHARD GAVE ME A PHOTOGRAPH
OF RON AND AH HE GAVE IT
TO ME 23 YEARS AGO, BELIEVE
IT OR NOT I'VE BEEN CARRYING
IT IN MY WALLET...HOPING
SOME DAY IN MY TRAVELS
AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT,
YOU KNOW, I'LL WHO KNOWS....
THAT MIGHT BE HIM COMING
DOWN THE STREET.....)

FREEZE FRAME

CREDITS--------
10 LINES

Oxford, Ohio--The television mystery-documentary "The Phantom of Oxford," about the 1953 disappearance of Miami University sophomore Ronald Tammen, won an award for two staff members of Station WDTN (Dayton Channel 2) in the 1977 annual Ohio Associated Press Broadcasters competition, plus nomination for one of the Regional Emmy Awards to be announced May 21. Cited individually were Ed Hart, news director, and Tom Williamson, who since the documentary was produced has been promoted from production manager to executive producer. Hart and Williamson were co-producers of the winner.

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