

Richard Titus (RT): Ron Tammen was a jokester. And Ron Tammen, the night before he disappeared, had put...uh...had short-sheeted my bed.

JW: Oh really?

RT: You know what short-sheeting is?

JW: Yes, my dad used to do it to us. [laughs]

RT: And he put a small box of Rice Krispies in my bed.

JW: [after a pause] Are you the person who put the fish in his bed?

RT: I am.

JW: Oh my gosh! [laughs]

RT: I was coming back one afternoon from class up on campus. This was Fisher Hall, as you doubtless know.

JW: Right.

RT: And there was a pond off to the side of Fisher Hall, by the botanical gardens. And as I walked by the pond, I saw a dead fish laying on the side of the water.

JW: Oh...

RT: And I thought to myself, "Well...this...I'll get even with that guy. For his stunts on me, I'm going to get even with him!" So I grabbed the dead fish and I took it back and put it in his bed...

JW: Oh my gosh.

RT: ...figuring I was getting even.

JW: Right.

RT: It was a practical joke just like what he pulled on me.

JW: Right!

RT: So that's the true story of the fish.