

The Oldest Living Alumnus Tells All

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60SECONDS

When and where were you born?

October 13, 1896, in Toledo, Ohio.

What traditions did they have at Rutgers when you were here?

Freshmen wore little black caps with a green button on top, and they carried matches for the upperclassmen.

As the manager of the football team, what do you remember?

I actually got into one play in one game, a huge thrill. In another game, against West Virginia, a forward pass was thrown half the length of the field. Everybody just gasped. No one had ever seen that.

And your classmates?

Everybody knew everybody. Paul Robeson RC'19 was a very cordial and interesting fellow. I'd see Selman Waksman RC'15 walking across campus. He didn't socialize much.

Have you been back to Rutgers?

I've only missed six reunions since 1917.

What's the secret to a long life?

Strawberry ice cream.

