Traditions have always played a big role at Georgia Tech. From the time a freshman learns about the duties of a rat to the final singing of "The Ramblin' Reck" at graduation, all students encounter the traditions associated with this school. In the fall perhaps with Homecoming and the football season, we feel the presence of these traditions the most. With the Reck leading the team onto the field and the rats acting obnoxious, the spirit of the old continues on. Homecoming events that were started so long ago still thrill us every year. The whistle is an hourly reminder of the Tech of another era. For students and alumni alike, the traditions serve as tangible symbols of this institution's proud history.
Improvement Results
From Major Rebuilding

On the athletic fields Georgia Tech has proven itself to be a winner time and time again. However, in the past few years the luster of Tech's athletic tradition has become tarnished as the varsity teams struggled with losing seasons. Spurred on by the motto, "The Georgia Tech Legend Lives," a major rebuilding effort went about the task of rejuvenating the teams. Their work could be seen in the new athletic complex and the hiring of several new coaches. These additions did much to put Georgia Tech on the victory road once again.

Although the football team suffered a bitter, disappointing season, the basketball team proved themselves to be quite competitive in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The student intramural competition has always been strong and fierce, and this year was no exception. Improved fields and other facilities helped the Tech students to uphold their tradition of good sportsmanship in athletic endeavors.
Tech Still Remains Academically Tough
Georgia Tech is well known throughout the nation and the world as a top-notch engineering school. This tradition of academic excellence has led others to look upon Tech and her students as more than just average. The classes are long, the profs are all shafts, and the labs never seem to end. By the time diplomas are granted, every type of test or quiz has been taken, and hours have been invested in studying.

Tech has not lost ground with regards to its tradition of giving a quality education. In fact, some students grumble that with increases in the curriculum, they have to learn more than the student of twenty years ago in the same amount of time. Long gone are the woodworking shops and vocational classes. Sliderules have been replaced by personal computers. The same spirit still persists as the tradition of strong academics has merely been updated and not really changed at all.
The Student Body Spirit Adapts for Any Situation

Perhaps the spirit of the student body is one of the most time-honored traditions at Georgia Tech. Undaunted by any rigors the school can throw at them, the students strove to do their best no matter what the situation. Even though the football team was floundering on the gridiron, the fans in the student section still screamed as loudly as ever. The freshmen quickly got caught up in the excitement by participating in the traditional Homecoming events such as the freshman cake race and the grueling Mini 500 Tricycle Race.

The Tech student quickly adapted himself to any environment or situation. Whether sliding down an icy hill or wallowing in the mud of the tug-o-war pit, he upheld the age old tradition of striving for excellence to the best of his ability.
Tech Memories Remain With Us
The spirit of Georgia Tech affects both students and alumni in that there is a strong camaraderie developed through years of common struggle. At graduation we rejoice in the fact that a goal has been attained, a future assured.

This spirit does not wilt but rather springs forth again and again. Georgia Tech is not just a name on a diploma, rather it is a symbol of accomplishments. There is a sense of pride that is seen in the student spirit and the annual pilgrimage of the alumni to the North Avenue Trade School in the fall. The ever-faithful return to watch the Homecoming events and reflect upon the past. We never really leave Tech, there is the special memory, the remembrance that we take along as we seek future goals. The traditions, which have aged and evolved with the passage of time, serve to strengthen those memories.