



*THE YEAR AT TEK for 1976 included dedication of SONY/Tek's new plant in Gotenba City, Japan (top left), a best-of-show award for Tek booth at WESCON (bottom left), Tek France's new building in Orsay (top right) and tug-of-war during IDG picnic at Silver Falls Park. Margy Bostrom (Electrochem) displays her hand-sewn 13-star American flag for the Bicentennial.*

## '76 review: High earnings, new buildings

For Tek, 1976 was a year of increased earnings, property changes, completion of new buildings for subsidiaries and a host of show and community awards.

It was also the year of swine flu shots, visits by political candidates, career fairs, Upward Mobility conferences, van pooling, military contracts and special programs.

The following is a brief summary of top Tek news events as reported by *Tekweek* during 1976:

### Orientation session set

Next Tek Beaverton orientation for new employees will be held on Friday, February 18, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Tech Center (50) auditorium. New employees and their managers are invited to attend.

**January**—Tek reaches 30th anniversary.

**February**—SONY/Tek dedicates new two-story plant in Gotenba City, Japan; Tek France moves to two-story building in Orsay's Courtabouef industrial zone.

**March**—Tek's first International Sales managers meeting held in Sheraton Motor Inn; E&T offers Saturday classes; Tek earnings up 5 per cent for third quarter; Tek purchases building in Rockville, Maryland to house the Eastern Marketing Operations headquarters.

**April**—603 monitor awarded UL listing; Senator Frank Church (D-Idaho) brings presidential primary campaign to Tek; third health option (Portland Metro Health Plan) offered to employees.

**May**—Tek nominated for Emmy award for outstanding achievement in TV engineering development during 1975-76; Tek booth at IEEE Electro judged first among best-designed exhibits over 60 feet long.

**June**—IDG unveils completely enclosed booth at National Computer Conference; Tek submits low bid on

Air Force contract.

**July**—IDG picnic at Silver Falls State Park attracts 800 persons; Tek earnings up 14 per cent for fiscal year 1975-76; first in-plant career fair held at Tek Beaverton.

**August**—Tek launches apprenticeship program for crafts and building trades; first Upward Mobility workshop held at Tek; Oregon State Commission for the Blind names Tek "Employer of the Year"; Tek ties in with Washington County Unified Sewerage Agency.

**September**—Van pooling program starts for employees in Vernonia and Newberg; IDG holds open house in Wilsonville; earnings up 46 per cent for first quarter; Tri-Services awards contract for scopes to Tek for a three-year period; Employees pledge \$520,826 to United Way campaign; Tek WESCON booth judged best of show.

**October**—Swine flu shots given to over 3000 employees; Larry Choruby (Budget director) named vice-president; Tek Wilsonville building wins honor award in AIA's Design Award program.

**November**—Tek enters micro-processor design aid business, signs contract with Millenium Information Systems of Santa Clara, California.

**December**—Nationwide telecommunications network approved for direct order entry from all domestic field offices; earnings up 42 per cent for second quarter; Tek holds first Christmas vacation week; Sunset property exchanged for 38-acre parcel at 185th and Walker Road; Vice-President Don Alvey announced tentative plans to resign and pursue personal business interests in Europe.

### '76 Predicasts missing

The annual cumulative edition of *Predicasts* for 1976, an important reference periodical used by many employees, has been missing from the Tek Library for several weeks. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this loose-leaf publication should return it to the Library, del. sta. 50-210.