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for AIDS research or treatment.
• The alleged introduction of AIDS into North America by one man.
Shilts said the homosexual community failed to react to the first reports of AIDS. Many homosexuals responded with a psychological denial to the threat of the virus, not realizing the danger to come, he said.

Shilts said in the late '70s proprietors of gay bathhouses and gay clubs may have known how AIDS was transmitted but didn't inform customers for fear of losing regular and potential business.

Many activists at the time also dismissed rumors of the deadly disease, perhaps to prevent losing their hard-fought sexual rights and their improved status in society, Shilts said.

As well, when news about AIDS first hit the medical society, reaction was absent, especially among blood banks,

he continued. These agencies considered the possibility that AIDS could be transmitted through the transfusion of blood, but AIDS screenings weren't developed until years later.

Shilts said the blood banks were fully aware of the possibilities of the situation but were reluctant to spend the necessary funds for research. The confirmation of the AIDS-blood connection also promised to sharply decrease the number of blood donors, he added.

Shilts blamed the Reagan administration for being too con-

cerned with cutting the federal budget to pay attention to AIDS. At first, AIDS was thought to be only a "gay men's disease" and a disease of intravenous drug users. It wasn't until the epidemic had spread nationwide that the administration began allocating funds for AIDS research, he said.

Shilts quoted a May 13, 1983 memo authored by Assistant Secretary for Health Edward Brandt: "It has now reached the point where important AIDS

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MEETINGS

Kultura Pilipinas will meet tonight at 5 in Century Room E, EMU.

Men of Oregon Glee Club meets today at 3:30 in Room 111, Music.

Arms control forum meeting on Monday at 11:30, Century Room A, EMU.

German Club organizational meeting tonight at 5, Century Room D, EMU.

University overseas program meeting today at noon, Cedar Room A, EMU.

MISCELLANEOUS

Free karate clinic sponsored by University Karate Club, today at 3 and 7, Gerlinger Annex, Room B 50. Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the same location.

The Foreigner, a British farce

about a devious group dealing with a stranger whom they believe knows no English. Saturday at 1 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m., 2350 Hilyard St.

EMU Craft Center and Cultural Forum will hold annual Christmas Crafts Fair Dec. 9 and 10 in 167 EMU.

"Shabbos Taking a Breath" with Rabbi Sills, Koinonia Center, 12th Street and Kincaid Avenue tonight 6-9.

Hong Kong Student Association will hold a general election tonight at 7 in EMU Gumwood Room.

Scratch state lottery ticket Sunday night to benefit charitable works by Metropolitan Community Church. For more information contact 747-0029 or 686-9109.

Old Friends Vintage Clothing reception 10022 Willamette St. on Saturday at 1:30. Terry Mc-

Cormick, author of the Consumer's Guide to Vintage Clothes, will be there.

Student directories arrive today. Pick yours up at the EMU Main Desk, EMU Rec Center, ASUO, Housing Dept., UO Bookstore, Oregon Hall and EMU lobby (distribution rack).

Proposal to make Eugene assault-free will be given to the Public Safety Advisory Committee today at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall. Citizens concerned about recent assaults upon women are encouraged to attend.

Substance abuse and relationships workshop on Sunday at the University Inn main lounge, 8-9 p.m.

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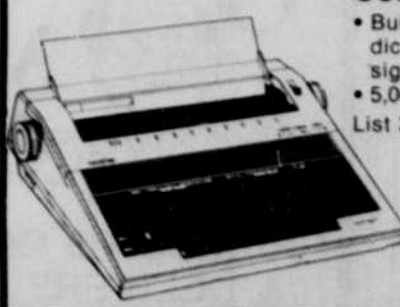
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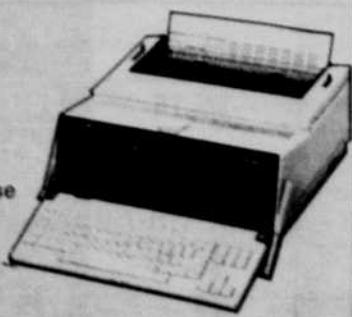
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