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Young lifestyles adapt to herpes epidemic

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"I don't just hop into bed with anybody," was one comment offered in a recent Washington Post-ABC News survey that found nearly one quarter of the respondents had altered their sexual behavior because of the now-epidemic herpes.

Of the unmarried people ages 18 to 37 who participated in the poll, 22 percent agreed with the statement, "I have changed my behavior to avoid the risk of contracting herpes."

Herpes Simplex Virus Type 2, not to be confused with Type 1 which is commonly known as "fever blisters" or "cold sores," is an incurable venereal disease that causes painfully burning, itching lesions around the genital area. These blister-like sores are often accompanied by swollen lymph glands, fever, aching muscles and a general sickly feeling.

Unlike syphilis and gonorrhea which are spread by bacteria and are curable, this sexually transmitted disease is a viral infection and like most viruses cannot presently be cured. Estimates of the number of Americans plagued by the disease range from five to 20 million, and it is claiming about one-quarter million new victims every year.

Cases of herpes are not reported to health officials like other venereal diseases because herpes is incurable, Sandy Marshall, Elon's nursing consultant from the public health department, said. Very accurate statistics therefore are impossible.

She said, "Diagnosed cases of herpes increased greatly during the Vietnam War; it has become much more widespread since then." She added, however, that the disease was known here before the war.

There is no cure, but the

disease does go into a period of remission after the initial outbreak of symptoms. After that, the disease may reactivate at any time. This reactivation, Marshall said, could be caused by a person changing environment, stress, illness such as taking cold or any of a multitude of other reasons. She agreed that something as minute as a bad day at the office could precipitate a renewal of the symptoms. Only at these times when the symptoms are present, can the disease be transmitted to the afflicted's sexual partner.

Marshall said that the disease could remain in a state of remission for an entire lifetime, but that is very unlikely.

She said that in 1981 researchers placed herpes germs on doorknobs and toilet seats to determine how long the germs would sur-



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Schweitzer: God lives, loves in modern world

by Shelby Bowman
Staff Writer

What do biblical scholars know today that they didn't even guess in yesteryear? Lyceum speaker George Schweitzer, philosopher of religion and professor of chemistry at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, attempted to answer this question last Wednesday night as he stood before an audience in Whitley Auditorium.

"When one carefully and cautiously looks at the New Testament, one finds that Jesus believed in a God, as John Wesley put it, of pure unbounded love. The gospel sounds like this. What is the good news? The good news is that there is nothing you can do to make God stop loving you. That is the new idea.

"Theologians therefore have put in our hands a marvelous possibility, because if that is the nature of the God of Hebrew-Christian tradition, that is a God of pure unbounded love who seeks us all out, who desires

to return all men, women, and children to him, and bring that love of his into all human relationships on this planet, if that is God's desire, then perhaps this heaven and hell ideal (of old) needs to be looked at again."

Continuing his speech, Schweitzer explained how the old and new beliefs concerning heaven and hell differ.

"If you look in the background of most theologies that you and I have to deal with today, you will find some very difficult things in the ideas of heaven and hell. Let me talk about the old belief.

"This is a medieval scheme that was largely developed way back in the Middle Ages and pictured us upon our death going into one of three places. Those people who believed in Jesus and carried this belief out to some extent in their lives went to a place called Heaven. Those people who didn't believe in Jesus, regardless

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Varsity Grill burglarized

Long Center's Varsity Grill was broken into on Oct. 13 sometime between the grill's 11 p.m. closing time and 7 a.m. the next morning, when the grill was re-opened.

The intruders stole approximately \$175, according to Scott Ownby, Elon's food service manager.

"They got in through the side door leading from the patio," Ownby said. He said there was no sign of forced entry.

Normally money has not been kept in

grill overnight, he said, since a break-in last semester. "We usually take it to the night deposit at the bank," he said.

"Someone breaks in twice a year, once a semester, like clockwork," Ownby said.

The break-in occurred after a "reasonably good night," Ownby said.

He said that \$75 of the stolen money was from sales Wednesday night. The other \$100 was for making change.

Ownby said that both he and the police are still conducting investigations.