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Uganda,

it's a new

lifestyle

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One of the significant aspects

Of the Aids scare in Uganda is

the dramatic change it has

imposed on people's life

styles. All classes of people

have been affected.

young and the old, the

and the poor, the educated

and semi-literates- irrespective of sex.

The manner in which men

spend their evenings, for example,

has drastically

changed. Gone are the good old-

days when men, both

married and unmarried,

waited for long hours in bars

and night clubs to pick up

bar-maids or prostitutes for a

good time.

Now men go to bars to

spend a couple of hours

drinking alone or. with their

wives. There is not a single

night club operating in the

weekdays and the one or two

that operate at weekends are

mainly patronised by

agers and a small number

adult men.

It is now no longer an asset

for a bar owner to employ

beautiful girls in order to attract

customers. In fact,

many bars have switched to

employing men to serve as

waiters.

On the part of women, they

have lost the easy life where

they could afford to work for

almost nothing as bar-maid

and depend on men who pay

them handsomely for services

rendered" after work.

Similarly, women can no

longer depend on the world's

oldest profession to earn a

living. The old prostitutes

have had to look for fresh

avenues of employment.

Consequently, young girls

and middle aged women have

flooded the markets to sell all

type of items - used clothes,

vegetables, food ~

which had been the joyed

only elderly and ugly women.

Also squeezed out of existence

is the business of lodges

which used to offer special

services to people seeking accommodation specifically for

sexual purpose. Many have

,been turned into rooms

for monthly hire.

The Aids scourge has also

had effect on young men and

women by creating a situation

where early marriage is

the best insurance policy

against contracting the deadly

disease through haphazard

sexual relations.