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Respected English Professor recently diagnosed with cancer

by ANNA C. BROOME

Staff Writer

English professor Dr. John L. Stokes checked into a hospital two weeks ago to have tests conducted in relation to back pain. Stokes was informed that he had a malignant tumor on his spine and immediate surgery was needed to ensure his survival.

"This is such a shock to all of us in the (English) department," said Dr. William Dorsey Atwill, associate professor of English. "His students are his number one priority, so the best we as his colleagues can do is ensure that their semester is not disrupted."

Stokes' students have rallied to his side during his time of need. His Psychology in Literature course took up a collection and sent him flowers and called him from the classroom to bid him a speedy recovery.

"We sent him a floral arrangement," said student Mardi Engel. "The card read, 'Hannibal Lecter hopes you are eating well and getting plenty of rest.' We thought he could use a good laugh."

Colleagues have said that Stokes lives for his family, students, friends and love of literature and sports. He is known for bringing donuts for his students who say he understands their hardships, devotes himself to their well being and rejoices in their triumphs.

"I don't think a student should take a test or turn in a paper if they are not well. It is not my job to hinder the learning process. I am here to promote education. I want my students to succeed," Stokes said.

Thomas Grant MacClennan, associate professor of English, said, "John and I have been friends a long time. We share a passion for detective fiction, world literature and UNCW basketball. There are so many facets to his personality. He can not be placed in one genre. That is what makes him unique."

Although Stokes has been diagnosed with cancer, his prognosis is positive. His doctors have said that he needs surgery and radiation therapy but no chemotherapy. Stokes said he is thankful that he has this chance for a full recovery and hopes to be back at home soon.

"I'm a little tired today, but I relaxed out in the sun and listened to soothing music," Stokes said in an interview last week. "Sometimes that's all you need."



Dr. John Stokes of the English Department is recovering from emergency surgery to remove a tumor from his spine.

Initially, Stokes thought he could return to work next week, but he suffered a slight relapse last Thursday. As of press time, he was unsure as to when he would return.

"We are lucky to have Dr. Stokes," said English department Chairman Richard Veit. "John's an excellent teacher. He's dedicated to his students, determined to aid his colleagues and educated in a variety of disciplines."

Stokes had planned to retire after this semester. His "phase" or "partial" retirement would still enable him to teach his most popular classes: Psychology in Literature and Murder and Mayhem in Modern Fiction.

"This was terrible timing for John," MacClennan said. "He was going to retire, play a lot of golf and spend more time with his wife, Malou. Now he has to concentrate on getting well."

Stokes said he sends his most sincere thanks to all those who have supported him and hopes to return to school soon.

"I want to get back to the classroom. I miss everyone," he said. "So many have sent me flowers and warm greetings. I am fortunate in so many ways."

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