Dr. Robert L. Reddick Retirement

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“We needed not only a world-class clinical pathologist, but someone who could also support and encourage our major research effort in the

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department,” said Dr. Sanford A. Miller, dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. “Our goal was to find a leader who could take an already superb department and help to navigate it through current national problems in medicine and research and bring it to a new height of activity.

“We were fortunate in being able to convince Dr. Robert Reddick to join us. Not only was he the Brinkhous Professor of Pathology at North Carolina, but he has a reputation for creativity in his profession.”

Dr. Reddick has been in San Antonio just a few days. He said the city is “a lot bigger than Durham-Raleigh-Chapel Hill, where it was nine minutes between home in Durham and work in Chapel Hill.” Both of his two daughters are back East, where Catherine is a senior at Duke University in the pre-med program and Ramona is studying urban restoration at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga.

Dr. Reddick’s hobbies are fishing, reading and exercising.
Left to right) Mark Truman MS-III, Dr. Robert Kline, Jason Griffith, MS-III, and Dr. Robert Reddick, chair, Department of Pathology, celebrate the accomplishments of Truman and Griffith, the two highest finishers in the 1999–2000 Sophomore Medical Pathology Course. Dr. Kline was on hand to present the Carl A. Kline Award, which is awarded annually to the student with the highest grade in the course. Jason Griffith won the $500 award and plaque. The Kline Award honors the memory of Dr. Kline’s brother, a San Antonio pathologist. Mark Truman received the American Society of Clinical Pathologists Award, which also is given to top second-year medical students. He received a textbook for the second highest final grade in the course.
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