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The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society presented the Alumni Award of Merit to Dr. Daniel Bleicher, V'53, Dr. Fred Fernich, V'63 and Dr. Gordon W. Robinson, V'63, VMAS President, Dr. Suzanne Smith, V'82, presented the award certificates on Alumni Day, May 17.

"The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania Salutes Daniel D. Bleicher, V.M.D., Class of 1953—For your contribution to veterinary medicine through the publishing of scholarly articles that promote professional inquiry and the good name of your alma mater in publications of professional note.

For your recognition of the historical merits of your profession by participating in the creation of the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Historical Society.

For your longstanding commitment and dedication to the School of Veterinary Medicine in your roles as past President of the Veterinary Medical Alumni Society, Alumni Member of the Long Range Planning Committee and Chairperson of the Alumni Faculty Teaching Award Committee.

For your commitment to your community through your volunteer work with the Kiwanis Club.

For your devotion to the School as both an alumnus and parent of a Veterinary School graduate, you have set the highest standards for alumni to follow."

"The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania Salutes Fred Fernich, V.M.D., Class of 1963—For your efforts to uphold a higher level of veterinary medicine as an Inspector for the Veterinary Facility Accreditation Program administered by the New York State Veterinary Medical Society.

For your commitment to the community through your volunteer work with the Kiwanis Club.

For your longstanding commitment and dedication to the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in your roles as Class Agent Co-Chairman, Class Agent, Veterinary Medical Alumni Society Executive Board Member and Alumni Liaison Committee Member.

For your devotion to the School as both an alumnus and parent of a Veterinary School graduate, you have set the highest standards for alumni to follow."

"The Veterinary Medical Alumni Society of the University of Pennsylvania Salutes Gordon W. Robinson, V.M.D., Class of 1963—For your extensive dedication to your profession and the welfare of animals through your work with the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as both the Head of the Department of Surgery and Director of the Berg Memorial Animal Hospital.

For your efforts to uphold a higher level of veterinary medicine and education through the American Animal Hospital Association in your roles as Chairman of the Education Committee, and Area Director for New York and New Jersey, and as past President, Treasurer and a member of the Executive Board of the Veterinary Medical Association of New York City.

For your contribution to your country as a career officer in the New Jersey National Guard, retiring with the rank of Colonel after 37 years of service."

Dr. Reid Retires

by Dr. Midge Leitch, V'73

For those of us educated at Penn during the second half of this century, an era ended Friday night, May 15th, when Charles F. Reid, D.V.M., professor of radiology, officially retired. A member of the triumvirate which included Charles W. Raker, V.M.D. and Loren H. Evans, D.V.M., Charlie was the first veterinary radiologist who developed a special interest in horses and who made an effort to connect the x-rays with both the clinical condition of and competitive expectations for the horse. He was a vital member of the team which created the clinic at New Bolton Center, and made it the premier equine facility in the world, where innovation was the password. Charlie came to Penn in 1963 and oversaw the creation of the Radiology Suite, the development of what we now consider to be the 'standard views' of the large animal radiographic study, supported Dr. Mike Ross' efforts to develop scintigraphy at New Bolton Center, and fought the good fight against western (read UC Davis) nomenclature, which (continued on page 6)