In this issue of *Newsreel* we announce the annual winners of the Swingle and Partridge awards. Congratulations to these five students. We wish them well in their studies and careers.

We also announce two new books. Two of our retired faculty members, Jack Snow (deceased) and Ron Phelps published a book on fish hatchery management. Another of our retired faculty members, Greg Whitis, converted Wayne Shell’s history of Auburn fisheries into a hardback version.

What is nearly absent from the *Newsreel* is news from our alumni! Please let us know what is going on. We would love to share it.

Joe Tomasso  
Professor & Director (and Newsreel editor!)
Greg Whitis has worked with **EW Shell** to produce a hardback version of **Dr. Shell’s** history of the Auburn Fisheries program.

The book is 862 pages in length and features 72 pages of color and black and white photographs. It also includes a complete list of graduates from 1948.

A review copy is in Swingle 203. The book can be ordered from:

Gregorynwhitis.com
Jack Snow (retired / deceased) and Ron Phelps (retired) recently published *Practical Hatchery Management of Warmwater Fishes*. The 402-page book is based on the authors’ experiences working worldwide with over thirty species.

The book is on display in the Swingle study lounge. Josh can check it out to anyone wishing to look it over.

https://fisheries.org/bookstore/all-titles/professional-and-trade/55082c/
DAVID PARTRIDGE MEMORIAL AWARD

Purpose: To help support MS students studying fisheries that exemplify David (MS ‘94)
Nathan Thompson is one of two Partridge Award winners this year.

Nathan is an MS student from Montrose, Colorado and currently studying the distribution and abundance of the Tallapoosa Bass in the Tallapoosa Drainage under the supervision of Steve Sammons and Terry Hanson.

He would like to work with native fishes as a state biologist or conservation biologist.
PARTRIDGE AWARD WINNER
CHRISTOPHER ROTAR

Christopher Rotar is one of two winners of the Partridge Award. He is from Missoula, Montana and holds a BS from Gonzaga University.

Christopher is an MS student in fisheries management under the direction of Dennis DeVries and Rusty Wright.

His career goal is to obtain a research position with a state or federal agency where he can focus on long-term conservation of fishes within native ranges.
HOMER SCOTT SWINGLE MEMORIAL AWARD

Presented to students who exhibit academic excellence, scholarship, leadership & personal integrity
Chris Smith is this year’s recipient of the Swingle Award for BS students.

He is originally in from Dallas, but has made Auburn his adopted home.

Chris recently completed his BS and has started in our MS program working with Rusty Wright and Dennis DeVries (see later slide).

His career goal is to become a biologist in a state or federal agency.
Matthew Gladfelter is this year’s recipient of the Swingle Award for MS students.

He received his BS from the University of Glassboro in his home state of New Jersey.

He is conducting his research in Allen Wilson’s lab on Cyanobacteria.

His career goal is to complete a PhD and go into academia.
Harsha Sameera Chathuranga Galkanda Arachchige is this year’s recipient of the Swingle Award for PhD students.

He earned his BS from the University of Ruhuna in his home country of Sri Lanka, and holds a MS from our program.

He is completing his degree in Allen Davis’ lab, studying the environmental ion requirements of shrimp.

His career goal is to be a research scientist in the field of aquaculture.
Chris Smith has joined Dennis DeVries’ and Rusty Wright’s labs as a co-advised MS student. He will be working in the broad area of how dams affect fish movement along the Alabama River, with the specific question(s) he will be asking yet to be determined.

Chris just recently received his BS in Fisheries from Auburn, following time spent working in the insurance industry. He received additional valuable experience working on several research projects during his undergraduate work here at Auburn.
NEW MS STUDENT DAVID PARDO

David Pardo has joined Luke Roy’s lab at the Alabama Fish Farming Center. His thesis project will focus on shrimp culture in inland low-salinity water. Part of the work will be conducted at Auburn in Allen Davis’ lab.

David holds a BS in Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Science from the University of Tolima in Colombia.

In South America, he worked with a number of commercial fish species.
The faculty, staff and students continue to publish original research at an impressive rate:

- 2020 — 77 journal articles
- 2019 — 71 journal articles
- 2018 — 78 journal articles
SWINGLE 216 HAS BEEN COMPLETELY RENOVATED

One of the old P&D labs has been completely renovated. It will be assigned to Tham Hoang, our new toxicologist.
Evan Durland recently accepted a position as a geneticist for Nofima, a semi-private research group in Norway. He and his wife, Ylva, also had a son in May, August Newton Durland.

Evan completed his MS in Allen Davis’ lab in 2007.