



EDITOR'S NOTE

(Photo by Garry Winters)

People tend to call this magazine Gay' - la - pagan, Gal' - a - pagan or Gaylap' - a - gone. But none of these is the intended noise. The correct pronunciation (the a's have short sounds) is Galop' - agun.

To understand the appropriateness of the name, one needs to be aware as to why our athletic teams are called penguins. As the story goes, several Clark students in the early 1930's left the Thirteenth and Main Street campus one day and walked south on Main. They hadn't gone far down the street when they spied a blue, paper-mache penguin in a drugstore window. The bird was part of an advertising display for Kool cigarettes. Immediately developing a strong attachment to the penguin, the students convinced the druggist that they ought to be allowed to take the penguin (gratis) back to school. They placed little ol' Oswald (that's the name they gave him) on the mantle of the library fireplace and thereupon amused themselves by hanging cigarettes out of his mouth.

"Oswald was a fixture when I arrived in 1937," said Dean of Instruction Lewis Cannell. "Here he was, ready made . . . and they liked him . . . and so they brought him home . . ." And so into existence came Oswald.

In 1937, a few years after Oswald's discovery, the first yearbook was published. Its name logically had to have some

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connection with the school's nickname. A group of students researched to find where penguins come from. As it turned out, ordinary penguins come from the Antarctic. Blue penguins, however, come only from the tiny Galapagon Islands off the coast of Peru.

Clark's quarterly magazine and its athletic teams are uniquely named. It could well be that this is the only school whose teams bear the title, Penguins. And surely we must have the world's only Galapagon.

Those students who galapagonized us put it this way in that 1937 yearbook:

"We christen thee 'Galapagon.' Thou derives thy name from the Galapagos Islands, home of the Penguin. To posterity we grant the right to name thee better, if they find it in their hearts to do so. And so thou shalt continue to be such until thou art something else.

"We dedicate thee to the future.

"We dedicate thee to progress . . . development . . . improvement . . . to Clark Junior College, ten, thirty, fifty years from now."

— Linda Howard