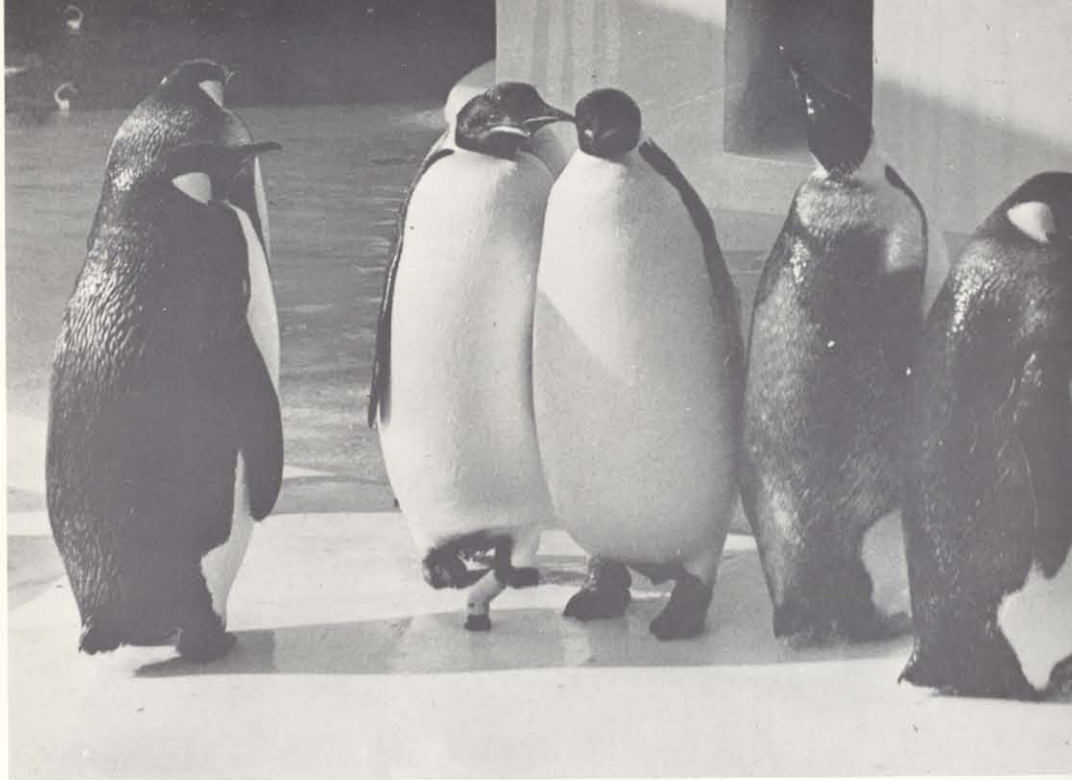




*In nineteen thirty-two,
Oswald sailed the ocean blue.
His curiosity stirred him to roam,
Also the boredom of his Antarctic home.*



*His travels were many to sight a few,
Including the Galapagos Isles and Peru.*

PENGUIN HISTORY

The penguin is a peculiar, almost manlike bird that walks upright and cannot fly. It can be found in New Zealand, the Antarctica, and strangely enough, on the tropical Galapagos Islands. Why does Clark College have Oswald the Penguin as its mascot? Why is Clark's annual called the Galapagon?

There's an interesting legend about Oswald. Once upon a time Oswald lived on the frozen icebergs of the South Pole. Being an inquisitive penguin, he wanted life, adventure, romance, and, above all, an education. After searching his entire continent without success, he decided to explore the "Seven Seas" in hopes of finding happiness and an education. He asked everyone he met how to obtain an education, but no one seemed to know. He became so discouraged that he thought of going home to the frozen wastelands again, when he came to the beautiful tropical Galapagos Islands off the shores of South America. Here he found a happy life with other penguins and he was quite content, but he still wanted an education. One day in 1932 a vacationing Clark student came to the Islands and Oswald told him of his great desire, to learn. The student brought Oswald back to Vancouver to get that education. Before long the small student body decided that they should have an emblem which would be different and since Oswald had become such a favorite of the students, he became their official mascot. He's still at Clark in 1965 and, having obtained an education, now works full time promoting school spirit and pride. The events of Clark are kept in an annual called the GALAPAGON, which is named after the beautiful Galapagos Islands, in memory of where we got Oswald, the Penguin.



*From there he finally hit his mark,
Where he settled among us here at Clark.*