

Did You Know?

Did you know that long before we were the Baldwin Bulls, we were the Baldwin Bandits? Yes, that's right! In case you were wondering, the Baldwin Bandit era was during the 70's and 80's. Back then, the school colors were green and white, the logo was triangular in shape, and our mascot was a friendly dog named Bandit. So what came first, the dog or the name? Well, our very own, José Fagot-Diaz '78 found a photo of Bandit, remembered something about a dog being found, around 1974, give or take, and decided it was time to know the truth regarding the Bandits. He immediately referred me to Ron Tuchin '78.

Upon my inquiry, Ron answered the following about Bandit: "Yes...it is true. I was playing tennis after school with Steve Viksten and Howard Mastropiero. I heard a yelping sound coming from the field, so we went out and found a puppy whose leg was caught in a homemade trap of some sort, made of vines and such. We brought it to the nurse who checked her out and I think we checked with Mrs. Bilder who said we could keep her as a mascot and we ended up calling her Bandit."

Later, Ron added the following: "If I remember correctly, I suggested the name Bandit as she had a brown patch around her eye, like a pirate but pirate was not a good name, so we came up with Bandit. The teams came afterwards and we name them after the mascot we already had. (at least that's my recollection). The rest is history."

Well, unless somebody can say differently, we now know The Rest of the Story...

