

North Brunswick High School (Continued)



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North's Bryan Housand Heading To Chapel Hill

BY DOUG RUTTER

Ask Bryan Housand about his plans after graduating high school and a sparkle comes to his eyes.

With the look of a proud papa, the North Brunswick senior says he's going to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I've always wanted to go to Carolina as long as I can remember," he says. "I've always been a Tarheel fan."

The 17-year-old son of Billy and Barbara Housand of Leland hasn't

sat around watching North Carolina ball games on television during his four years at North Brunswick.

He's been very active in sports himself, playing three years of football, four years of baseball and one year of junior varsity basketball. Housand got started in sports when he was in elementary school.

"My dad was a coach at Leland Dixie Youth Baseball and he started letting me play whenever I was seven," he said. "I started playing Pop Warner Football in Wilmington when I was seven."

Housand said he likes baseball

the best because of the teamwork and traveling involved. This will be his third summer umpiring Dixie Youth baseball games.

Housand played first base for the Scorpion baseball team and has played center, punter and defensive end on the football team.

But athletics isn't his whole life. He's also found the time along the way to hit the books. Housand is the class valedictorian at North, graduating with a cool 4.0 grade point average.

"My mom pushes me because

she's a school teacher," Housand says. "I used to get C's in handwriting and English. But ever since middle school and high school I've been getting A's and a few B's."

A nationally-recognized scholar athlete, Housand plans to study sports medicine at UNC. He hopes to become an athletic trainer "and maybe a coach one day down the line."

Housand's not sure if sports will be a part of his experience at Chapel Hill. "I'm going to try to play baseball as a walk-on," he said.

Besides his involvement in sports, Housand served as band president at North Brunswick and has been active in Future Business Leaders of America, Students Against Drunk Driving and the Spanish Club.

He says the competitiveness of high school sports is what he'll miss most about North Brunswick.

Housand said his high school football and baseball coaches, Gary Baldwin and Keith Moore, have been a big help during his years at North.

"Coach Moore always let me stay after practice for extra hitting or fielding whenever I needed it," he said.

Baldwin, who is also the athletic director at North Brunswick, says Housand is a great kid.

"He's just a good, well-mannered young man," Baldwin noted.

"He tries hard. He's one of those kids that when he sets his mind toward something, he's going to get it done," the coach added. "He's not the most gifted athlete, but he works hard and that makes up for it."

As for his alma mater, Housand says North Brunswick isn't as bad as everyone makes it out to be.



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BRYAN HOUSAND, first baseman for the Scorpions, has balanced athletics and academics during his four years at North Brunswick.

"You know how we get the bad rap in the county?" he asks. "It's not that bad here. It's just not as bad as everybody thinks it is."



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North High Taps Seven

North Brunswick High School in Leland has tapped the seven juniors with the highest academic averages of their class to serve as marshals for commencement on June 3. Seated (from left) are Althea B. Waddell, Kyung Lee, chief marshal, and Wendy Hypes, and standing (from left) are James D. Gidley, Kleist T. Bowman and Anthony Haselden. Terri L. Bryant is not pictured.