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# Success with 'Heat'

## UNC graduate stumbled upon musical position for movie



Michael Kelsh (r) gives Anthony Edwards (l) pointers on how to look like he's playing the guitar

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Special to the STH

By anyone's reckoning, Tarboro, N.C., and Hollywood, Ca., are worlds apart. But in Tarboro last summer local musician and 1979 UNC graduate Michael Kelsh got his first taste of the silver screen.

Tarboro was the film site of "Summer Heat," the tale of a murder-mystery love triangle in a small southern town. The film, which stars Anthony Edwards — who played "Goose" in "Top Gun" — and Lori Singer, is based on Louise Shivers' novel "Come To Get My Baby Out of Jail."

Kelsh, a native of the eastern North Carolina town, went to the set trying to get a job as an extra. Because of his musical expertise, though, he landed the position of musical consultant for the film.

"I heard they were looking for someone with hands similar to (actor) Bruce Abbot's who could play," Kelsh said. "Then it got around that I knew a lot about music, and they made me consultant."

When "Summer Heat" is released later this summer, look for Michael Kelsh's hands standing in for Abbot's hands. Abbot

plays a guitar-picking drifter in the film.

As musical consultant, Kelsh helped select songs for different scenes in the movie and instructed actors on how to act like they were playing instruments.

"I had to teach Anthony Edwards some chords on the mandolin," Kelsh said. "I also had to teach Bruce Abbot, who couldn't play guitar at all, how to look like he was strumming to the beat of the music."

In addition to Kelsh's contribution, another UNC graduate may appear in the film. Fetzer Mills, UNC '86, worked as an extra and had one speaking role during the filming. Mills' role may stay in the film — or it may wind up on the cutting-room floor after the final editing.

Since the filming of "Summer Heat" Kelsh has returned to the Chapel Hill music scene, where he has devoted his energies for the past 10 years. He writes original music and has played in several different bands in the area. Currently, Kelsh is lap steel guitarist for Southern Culture On The Skids and can be seen performing throughout the triangle.

# Cloggers to teach at local bar

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Clogging at He's Not Here? Believe it or not, the Apple Chill Cloggers will offer free clogging lessons every Monday evening beginning June 15, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at He's Not Here, 112 1/2 W. Franklin St.

Although all levels of dancers are welcome, only cloggers 21 years and older will be allowed to participate. Apple Chill Clogger Vann Day said the age will be the only drawback in holding the lessons in a bar environment.

The cloggers chose He's Not Here, Day said, because it is a local

place and "... a lot of people will get thirsty and can get a beer and watch."

Lessons will be taught at all levels — beginner, intermediate and advanced. No experience is necessary, Day said, but participants are asked to wear hard-soled shoes.

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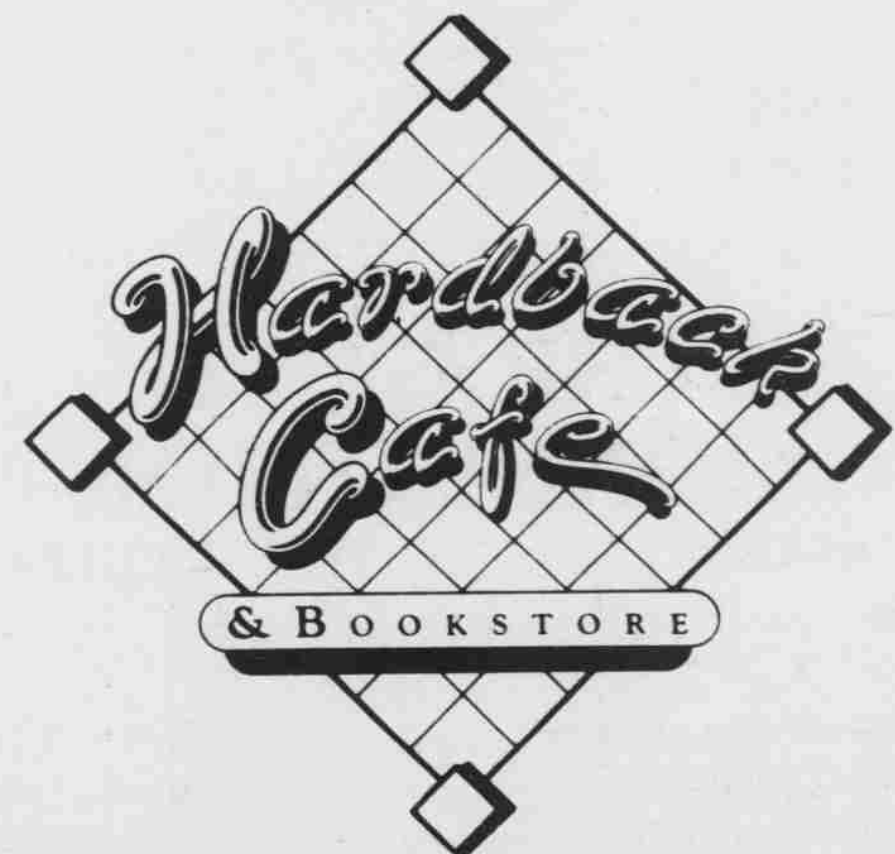
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