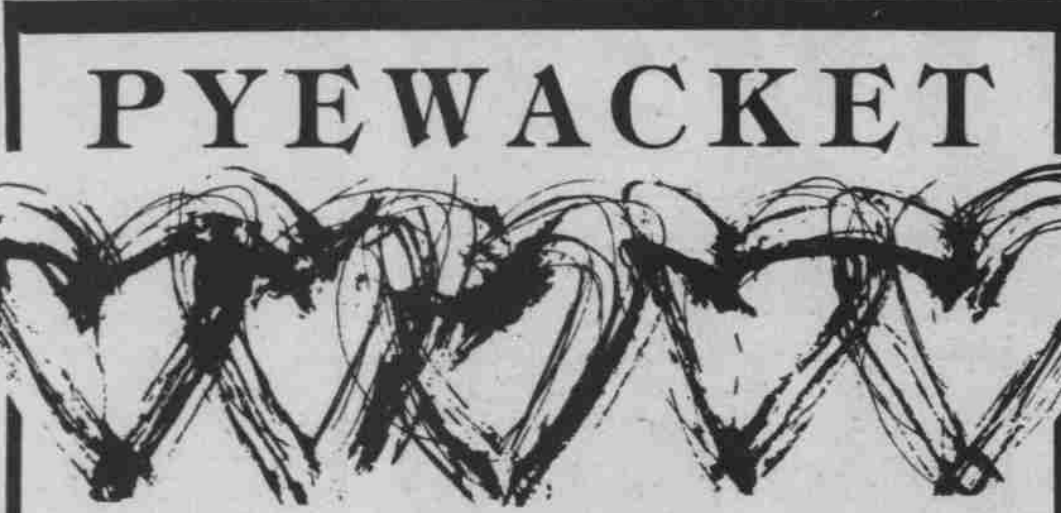


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This Week:

- 4 The sounds of pure XTC**
Over the years, the British band XTC has changed, refined and polished its sound. Doug Edmunds reviews the band's latest album, *Oranges and Lemons*, which balances a mix of different musical styles, social criticism and optimism with excellent writing, playing and musical arrangement.
- 5 Christmas in March? Well... almost**
The Christmas season comes to Chapel Hill nine months early this year, in the form of the "demented pop," Las Vegas-by-way-of-Boston band Christmas and Raleigh's Angels of Epistemology. Kate Hauser takes a look at the band, its styles and attitudes toward various ideas, including their feelings on the "psykick revolution" they think the country needs.
- 6 COVER STORY: Holy blockbuster!**
On the 50th anniversary of the Batman character, a new movie scheduled for release in June has seemingly captivated the mood of the entire nation, as Batfever has become as commonplace as the Batmobile, the Batcave and the other Batdevices most of us have seen on the popular '60s television show. But the Batman character has been more than a TV show. In 50 years, the character has been a comic and a movie as well. Andrew Lawler gives a history of the character and tells why the movie might culminate the increased popularity of the Batman character in the past ten years.
- 8 And the winner is...**
Regardless of whether or not 1988 was your favorite year for movies, it was an impressive year in the eyes of many. The Omnibus movie team of Richard Smith and James Dean have made their predictions for the Oscars, which will be handed out next week.

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