## LOOK:

How quickly can you find what is so unusuel about this paragraph? It looks so ordinary that you would think that nothing was wrong with it at all, and in fact, nothing is. But it is unusual. Why? If you study it and think about it, you may find out, but I am not going to assist you in any way. . . you must do it without coaching. No doubt, if you work at it for long, it will dawn on you. . . who knows? Go to work now and try your skill. Par should run about half an hour. First fan submitting right solution wins stf book (p.b.)."Dark Dominion" by David Duncan. Mail solution to P.O.Box 4251 Tulsa, Oklahoma

Which is about as innocuous a way as any to start off a review of the 75th FAPA mailing．My cocaments this time are going to be short and smappy，for several reasons．First of all，this businese of ilfteen to twenty pages of remarics is carrying a good thing to far，and I going to try and selfadiscipline myself and hald it down to three or four or five or．．．．．．What is more to the point， I seem to have let the deadine late slip up on me and if I don＇t get with it I will end up post－walling Sembo like I did last time．At least I have one advantage．I＇ve read my mailing through already，which saves me a month work．

For some reason or other，the last six or eight mouths I＇ve been on a dead run in connection with my job．（A very unsatisfactory state af affairs，as Lee Jacobs would be glad to tell you．）Together with assuming some new（and time－consuming） duties，I sees to have been taising an unprecedented number of trips over the country．I enjoy the travelling，but it plays Hell with my fanish activities． I don＇t know of anyone in PAPA that I don＇t owe letters to，and good intentions along the line of senting multiturinous tapes to fen all over the country remain just that．．．good intentions．Ah well，it can＇t last forever．In reaponse to my pleas，the company has ilnally consented to hire me another assistant，and I hope I can call a little more of my free time my oun．

An executive is a man with a worried look on his assistant＇s face．

ZIP－I foun copies 德－9－sio in bandle，at least I think I did．I have them on the table beadide 耳y typewriter，anyhow．But I see no mention of \＃8 in the PoA． $60 I^{8}$ m not anre．．．．oh，well：Ted，you certainly are a moat prolific producer．Let＇s see．．．3 zips，a mini，a Mull－F，a Double Whanay，and a post－ mailed Stellar．On yes，and a big toe in Go D．C．Let me whip out my mental calculator．．．．． $100 \frac{1}{4}$ pages，no leas．Wow！A oneman ape！

Just a quivering bundle of nerves．．．．．
MIIT－I noticed in one of the last Ballantine books I bought，that they are now publishing a checkmist of sciencemiction stories（Ballantine fft str，that is） plus a corppon to join the Ballantine science fiction club．Somebody apparently has deciaed that gcience－fiction 13 here to stay．


HORIZONS－Speaking oi：unburdening one＇s most sectret thoughts in Fapazines，I Ieel somewhat 緼性 like acme forgotten writer（forgotten by me，that is）who sald he must always be caresul to remain mediocre，for if he ever dared to be－ come famous，people would dig up all the crud he had written during his life and publish it in his collected works．Pretty horrifying thought，isn＇t it？
 Who says I＇ve been caisting ry pearls before suine？

LARS－Speaking of 3－D shorts，I suffered through a whole bandful the other night．Admittedly it was ny ow dam fanlt，but I was curious．．．．A local drive－in advertised a dawn－to dusk show，and I wanted to find out just what kind of a demn foal would go to an all－night Ehow！They showed eight features， all different，and in the wee hours af morning（about 4：30）they dragged out a bunch of short subjects（dances，skiks，and strip teases．．．．penny arcade Vintage）supposedly made more palatable by being in 3－D．Ehhhhh：

MAMTGANT－This is all very interestiag，however I strongly suspect the choicer bita of historicel data ace loeing withelf from our tender ears．Dan McPail tells we that when FAPA was a fow years ald，there were some political fire－works that make current disagrements look like a church social．I would like to see sone－ one＂tell all＂about the early warfare in FAPA that threatened to break up the club． Who＇11 stick their neck oxt．．．．McPhail or Speer？

The Comunists will get you if you don＂t watch out？

BOBOLIMGS o Gosh，why don＇t you let poor huner rest in peace？Is be any worse than the member who submits B bare minimum acilvity requirement each year，albeit far in acvance of the deadine？Elmer just lik：s to put faings off till che last minute， a failing I sonetines indulge in myself．Do youl At any rate，Elmex served FAPA well in early days，and just because he ranta to tilse it easy now is no reason to holier for his scalp．He＇s submitting all that is celled for；if thet＇s not enough then increase the activity requirement．No，I won＇t sign that proposal．）

And this is the late Mr．Perdue．．．．．．．

DAF STAR－Sorry you have such violent bjections to our present 0．E．I thought he was doing a pretty good job，myselp．You say sune of his mimeo work wasa＇t legible．I think oll of us have had ieliar dificultieg，wen our infernal con－ traptions refused to cooperate．Even th isgias of Day Star was pale in apots．

 The Plesh was willing，but the spirit was weak

 MOOACALF－One of the most refreshlag sditions to PAPA in scme time．Stick around， kid：Your breezy zine it top fun reading．I sucss you＇ve heard by now the recard that is out featuring a take－oPP on the sidey hurpay interview．The local djs heve just started seaturing it．Scmevher：recanily I heard an expose explaining where＂Bridey＂a＂memories were pleked ur（an a chilh from an Irish neighbor）but demaed if I can penember where I read it．Suesis it doemn ${ }^{\circ} t$ matter．Like the Sinaver mystery，it makes interesting ree ing if you don＇t take it too aeriously．
 Just thirk，ozce upom a tine you might $上$ se bean a innosaur！
 QABAL－Worthy to be pickked for posterily．．．．．．inlong with Bloch．

THEE－Did you see the advertisement for filly yutty in the july issue af MAD？

HRATHER－Thanks for the very appropriat inotwois．I have them posted consplcuously above my deak．Ious shovid see all the couble－tikes I get．But thus fax，no one has had the nerve to cose right out and ask he gous them．They just shake their heads and hurry away．If this keeps up，I＂ 1 isabe to get a reputation．
को 由ो
Peter Phper picked a peck of plckled blc hs．．sinow me a bloch Peter Plper picked．中 BASAMOIS－Glad to hear the PAPA index 1 s neering completlon．As one who han been prodding both you and Dan McPhail to get togethor on this project，I axi anxiously awaiting the outcome．Re the FiRILL Bol‥ While you are fiddling around with the microfilu angle，how woml one go about［etting a wicrofilm of the entire serien， and about what would such a file cost？做le I doc＇t own a reader，there in one available at the office，and I wouldn＇t finu hajing such a film．Cen you help me？
 Won＇t you Prwase stay offa my brom cowt de shose？

CROTHSQUE－There＇nothing lert for me o lo；T＂ll take my innal bow．
Why should I stay on this gc：d aerth．．．．I＇ve seen a purple cow．


GERETHE - My little time bomb Iailed to explode; apparently nobody cerea if we do bave a negro in FAPA. I'm surprised, but pleased. As Georgina says, perhaps we alrasay have one or more negroes in PAPA. So wat? Does that, or rould that, influence the quality of their fanzines or our enjoyment, if we knew it? Prejudice is a subtle thing, and many times completely subconscious. By the woy, since when has ilteracy been a requirement for admittance to FAFA?

You remember I was telling you about those redar traps here in Thaa, A friend of mine had a sad experience with one the other day. He was driving along S. Harvard Ave, when he saw a police radar unit in operation. He checked his speedometer, saw he was going 30 miles per hour, and proceeded merrily on his way. But an afficer flayged him down.
"What are you stopping me for? I was only doing thirty."
"What did you say you vere dolng?" asked the offlcer.
"Thirty miles an hour."
"This is a iffteen milea an hour school zone."

 Fomula for auccess: Early to bed, early to rise, work like Hell, and advertise.
 PHAITASY PRPSS - Hice issue, Dan. Won't cowent on it here as I mexpect to be seeing you in about a week at the Cclacon TV. (August 18-19,1956)
 MULJ-F ~ You know, this fellow Ners was rather hamiess, after all, but as for this Wet:ael....I'm beginning to wonder. We may end up breeding a fall-fledged crack-pot in out midst. I previously haven't been in favor of rembers voting on new members, but now....I don't know. Iou don't suppose this guy is another Degler?

He suffers from alcoholic astignatisu.....gets blind drunk every night. 000130000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000000 DOU3LE WHALEI - Talk aboul; being prolific......Incidentally, I wouldn't be doing you fumice if I didn't mention the excellence of your mimeognohy. Legibility is a bilg boon when you are wruring through a fat FAPA mailing. Keep it up!
 It Hever Dawe on Me Becunse my Bedroom Prees the Heet. ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||| BIROSNITH - You know, I thought we stf fans were a distinct breed, a bit peculiar periaps, maybe even a mutation Prom the norm, but lo.....we are not alone, After reaning your description of record-collecting fandom (zines, clubs, auctions and ail) I don't feel quite so Euch like a "queer". What a relief! \#\#
I think I'll order one of these do-it-yourself brain-vashing kits.

DYails - I am covered with confusion....okay, so I know better: Actually, when I'm batbing off SAMBO, I usually compose directly on stencil, is if I were writing a letter, and let the typos fall where they may. It's a wonder my stuff ean't even more disjointed than it is, under the circuabtences. I'm afraid if I wrote a rough draft, and tried to edit it, I would be so apalled at what I had written I wrould end up sending blank pages in for my lanzine. (Who said improvement?)

It took me quite a while to figure out wat Speer-mint:

ESDACYOS - You better go take another look at that can. It happens that the right spelling is opaghetti. Oh well, you were close. Speaking of good foreign movies, I wruld like to reccomeni "Diabalique" and "Fage of Fear". Both are excellent suspense movies, superbly underplayed, and all the more shocking in their impact. While there is nothing fantastic or science-ifiction about them, I vould highly recmand you see them if they heppen to hit your town.

WITE CRY - Welcome as a confirmed member of PAPA, Don. Frankly, I was beginning to fear you'd never make it. Now if we can junt get lary off of his ble fat..... and fangubing again, our littie THISA (The Uhadulterated Lost Slobs of America) Panclub will all be Fippus. Nice issue. Hope your recent move won't keep you from cantinulng. Are you going to be able to get back for the oklacon? The date, In case you hadn't heard, was set up to August 10-19, 1956 at Martinez Manor.
 FANMASY SAMPLER - Whoops...Murdock is still a waiting lister, isnt he? Oh well, I still enjoyed this zine very much, even if it isn't on afficial post-mailing. Cheer up, maybe you can be a full-fledged member in a few more mailings. Wes interested in your choice of favorite science-fiction books. It would be interesting if all the Fape members could be persuaded to list their top-ten all-time favorites, and tabuiate the results. Wonder which book would get the most votes?

STMFANDASY - So the Phewillec has risen again? This doesn't happen to be the classyi little model that Flattop, Jr. has been driving aroum latetly? I seem to cetect certain similarities in style. Where is the built-in stove located? Stop Me If You've Heard This one Dept.: A young bride walked into a drug store and apuroached the clerix timidly. "Thet baby tonic you advertised," she began, "ncies it really make babies bigger and stranger?" "We sell lots of it," replied the clerk, "and we"ve never had a complaint." "Well, I guess I'll take a bottle," said the young woman. Skie left but ratumed a few minutes later and whispered to the clerk: "I forgot to esk you about this baby tonic. Who takes it, me or my husband?"
 POO - What's all this Peeping Tom business about spying on Venus in broad daylight from the roof of your house? And hiding behind the chimney to boot. Doesn't your wife object to such damn fool goings-on? Your dissertation on Realtivity leaves me speechless. At the risk of betraying yy ignorance, I have just one question to ask? Don"t astronomers calculate whether other stars are moving toward or away from the Solar System by the shift in spectral lines (also calculate their speed)? This would indicate that light does not travel at a constant speed with respect to an observer. Please correct me if I've 通ssed an important point somewhere.
 THIS GOON FOR HIRE - Who says Pan-fiction isn't fit to read? I got a big kick out of this. Herd to cament on but fun to read. Let's hope the goon returns soon.
 FTENDETMA - You seem to have been having the same cifficulties that I have, namely of having your fanzine reviews run away with you. I am being deliberately brief this time, and if I am lucky will get 911 of my coments on Pour pages. However I must admit I sometimes erjoy reading long comments. I guess it all depends on who is doing the commentsing. Your suggestions regarding the organization of FAPAP are interesting, but I wonder.....while your plan and others bave been circuitarized throughbut FAPA for discussion and consideration, I wonder if anyome has polled the waiting-Ilsters to see what they went, and if so, with what response? It seems to me that any plan we might set up would be bulky and complicated and would meet with objections from some of our members. Why not just encourage the waiting-listers to solve their ow problem. An informal organization is all they need anyway, for a temporary (?) stay on the waiting list. I"m more in favor of the recent proposal to trim the waiting list by having each waiting lister acknowledge the FA each quarter (a Ia SAPS) and request that he be retained on the waiting list. Potential deadwood would never make it, with such a system. Where"s your proposed amendment?
 SUNDANCE - Is this what Charles Wells affectionately calls a hashzine? Certainly plenty of variety here. Lots of interesting stuff here. By the way...congrats on the baby. Life shouldi be anything but dull for you. Weit till your kids get up old enough to went to start publishing fanzines on their own. We've got one fanzine editor in our family nor (besides me, that is), our oldest boy (age 12) to be exact. And not a bed job elther. Would fit right into a FAPA mailing.


ST SLLAR - The indefatigaable Mr. White again. Fortunately, unlike other fen with duvlicating diarrhea, your stuff is consistantly good, and therefore enjoyable. I'l like to volunteé́r to try a chapter of "The Death of Sclence Fiction" whenevis you can schedule me in. I notice on your title page that you do custom mineograph work for helpless fen, and also that you sell mimeo supplies at . $25 \%$ of.:....let's see that would amout to about one cent on each four dallexs worth......? *
FAlITASY AMATEUR - I guess that ought to about finish the reviews. Well, this is election time, and FAPA will soon have a brand new set of officers, for better \#\#䋨 or for worse (my typing seems to be for worse...made the same mistake twice). I ib not intend to rm this time (did I hear cheers) but limit myself to fannish activity in the form of sniping fram the sidelines. FA is is now in the healthiest state of activity in its history, with a minimum of deadwood and record size bundies. While I cannot take full credit for all this, I like to think I had a small part in prodding things along. A lot of new amendments up for vote, and more new ones proposied. It will be up to the new peexy to determine whether or not we hold a special eluction. There appears to be considerable oppositinn to incieasing the number of zines to send in, so maybe that"s not the answer to our current treasury problem. AIs. of you had better vote for the dues increase bowever, or the new administration will really have their honds full for a while. I think one of the biggest troubles with our sale of surplustock is that we are advertising it anly among the members, a13. of whom already have received the mags in their mailings. We need to let the nox-Fapans know what we have avallable for sale. Why don't some of you members who publish subzines do FAPA a favot and publicize our surplustock to outsiders?

I'di sort of a sports fan ryself (spectator, that 1 s) and enjoy following current foutball, baseball, basketball, trackp etc. however I ran across an item the other day that had me completely baffled. It was an Associated Press release from Nottirgham, Figland and read as Pallows: "Bagland had Australia in a tough spot after the third day's play in the first test cricket match today. Going for runs quickiy on the wet pitch, they declared at 217 for 8 at the tea interval. Then they had Australia struggleng on a dry wicket and took two wickets for 19 before rain ended pley for the day. Much of today's success belonged to Peter May, captaining England ageinst Australia for the first time. He and left hander Peter Richardson made more of the funs when play got going after rain had delayed the start most of the morning. Richardson was cheered back to the pavillon when he was out for 81. May made 73." ..............Would one of our British cousins care to translate this?.............

Speaking of sports, I was reading about a footbail player named Claude King, Prom Vicksburg, Mids. King was scheduied to go to the University of Mississippi, but instead enralled at the University of Houston. The two schools are now having a bif squabble over whether or not foul means were used to lure him away. Klag's explanation is simple and to the point. At Mississippi they offered him a sumer job paying only $\$ 1.20$ an hour $-\infty-\$ 58$ a week. But at Houston, 淮 he's taking a job of caring for three alrplanes that belong to H. R. Cullen, chalman of the board of Houston Univ. King washes and waxes the planes and keeps them full of gasoline. For this he gets $\$ 2.60$ an hour, or $\$ 104 \mathrm{a}$ week. Looks like $I^{8} m$ in the wrong business.


I think that I shall never see, A recent movie on TV.
Most every night I stay up late, In hopes it w1ll be up to date,
But all of them are elderly, Made about 1933.
Each cowboy yells and shoots his gun, And puts those bad men on the run, The cars and fashions clearly sey, "These shows are of another day."
Old movies are watched by fools like me, Attracted just because they ${ }^{\text {i }}$ fe free.

I sneezed a sneeze, Into the alr, It Pell to earth, I bnow not where, But hard and cold, Were the looks of those, In whose vicinity I snoze.

Thet "y all for thal tire.... ITY axilnake the ablacon if you pocsiloly can. -Sa\%

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Tive to a current shombage of traine d Indisa guides, it has beon found hecesery to isule the followiog inutructione for peaching the 1956 Oklacon. (You are caming, aren't you?) If you are driving (and it ie easler that way) go Baet ir rom Chouteau on Oklahome highway \# 33 until you reach Sam's Corner (mo roletion). Thle is about 7 mile or so, but you cen't mies it. There are ilgtway alBno every fev faet werning you of its approsch. Murn left at som't on an od dirt road (if you think tinis is bad, just wait). Thim rand heads Por low water dam ( 3 miles) at which spot, overnight cabin are availaole, however to reaci the oklacon, jou only drive 0.4 gillas pat Sem's and then tum ieft again, throuth a dry creak bottom, and then ofl and anay croas country. (I'm only tidalig, it is an all-weether Plint rock rood) The road then takes a number of twists and turns, including eeveral forke, hovever to you will remember to alwaym keep to the right, you should have to trouble. The meln fork to look for leade to Maple Riage and away from Hamond Heighte. Once you are in the Maple Riage eddition, after a few ups and down, you will pass three road on the right hend side. Thate the midaled vab. Nuio sumil wiviars vact through the woudis, aud efter a decidee tura to the zet,
 Festivities comence at the break of dawn on Saturday, hugusic 18 th with en early moraing bisu-watchere thes. From then on . ...vatch your hat ent coat: SEE "OU :CT THR OKLACON * SEE YOU AT THE OKCACON

