化水体 5

The Joke's on You

and newsworthy when Fairfax County Reinto its woodshed for an editorial flogging the roasters, Oliver North and company about gays. And earlier, your paper herded publicans, at a roast, made remarks that man [March 28], it was both despicable belittled blacks and exploited stereotypes "That GOP Roast," March 24]. According to Joann Byrd, your ombuds-

new J. Edgar Hoover collection.' " dress Helen is wearing tonight is from the liner from Sen. Bob Dole: 'The lovely how the Gridiron Club's Helen Thomas moral chastisements, reporter Roxanne Roberts [Style, March 29] wrote about received the night's most-repeated one-Yet, before the ink was dry on these

other human beings." What kind of "tottery that sleazy charge? defense" do you have to justify repeating about placing great value on "respecting evening, Koberts mangled your take stance By citing Dole's joke as a highlight of the tions. There is no valid, truthful information rom any source to prove Hoover was gay omosexual, is based on lies and supposi-Oole's comment, implying Hoover was a Is your paper applying a double standard?

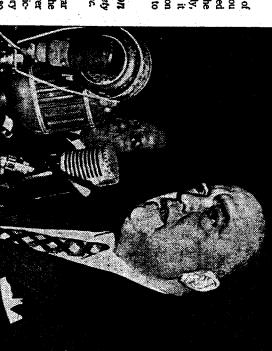
> Club and has forbidden its personnel to scurrilous attack on Hoover. Naturally, the roast but voiced no objections to the can save face. The Gridiron Club hosted such behavior, there is only one way you participate in the club's future activities. has severed relations with the Gridiron your paper will publicly announce that it In view of your paper's abhorrence of

—Ben Fulton

of Former Special Agents of the FBI Inc. The writer is chairman of the Society

or libelous in speech or writing." Having so as "scandalous." The Random House Dici.e., "one who spreads scandal." dictionary's definition of a "scandalmonger," Allen then repeats the scandalous charges. tionary defines "scandalous" as "defamtory recent Anthony Summers book on Hoover Thus Allen and your paper meet the same characterized the source of his information, Hoover [Style, March 23] characterizes the Henry Allen in an article on J. Edgar

Whatever Hoover's faults or errors in



al life. It is ridiculous to believe that echo him have no credible evidence for share of those, Summers and those who service for more than 50 years has his their allegations with regard to his personpolicy and judgments, and anyone in public

> position of power and prestige by allowing himself to be vulnerable to the large num-Hoover would have so jeopardized his nessed such illicit behavior. ber of people now alleged to have wit-

-James E. Nolan Jr.