

# A Crime Wave

The trend continues as college newspapers are stolen from coast to coast

Two journalism graduates have agreed to enter a rehabilitation program after being charged with stealing 4,000 copies of the conservative student newspaper at Penn State, *The Lionhearted*.

Shannon Coulter, former co-director of a campus women's group, and her former roommate Alisa Giardinelli, were charged by Assistant District Attorney Ray Gricar with theft by unlawful taking or disposition, receiving stolen property and criminal conspiracy.

The stolen issues included a caricature of a female columnist from *The Daily Collegian* — the mainstream paper — in a bikini next to a sign reading "Feminist at Work."

If the court approves his recommendation, Gricar said, Coulter and Giardinelli will be on probation and pay restitution to the newspaper. They can ask to have their record expunged in about a year, he added.

Ben Novak, a Penn State trustee who acts as an adviser to the paper, said *The Lionhearted's* staff agreed to the rehabilitation program and has received \$1,500 in restitution so far.

Newspapers thefts continue, he added — 500 to 1,000 were stolen in mid-October — but he hopes the addition of a new publication funded by the National Organization for Women will help solve the problem.