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**Aporia** (*a-po-ri-a*): for Aristotle, it was a kind of philosophical puzzlement that called for explanation. In a broader sense, *aporia* also means something like "a state of confusion."

Some months ago, a few students wondered how to contribute to the philosophical forum on campus. Their talk turned to creating a journal. The idea of a philosophy journal was to encourage students to sharpen writing skills, promote more interaction among philosophy majors, and to provide a broader ground for discussion of philosophical issues. With encouragement from faculty and generous support from various sources on campus, *Aporia* has become a bonafide student journal.

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We hope that *Aporia* will become a traditional catalyst for quality papers on topics of philosophical interest and will provide students with models of clear and insightful thinking and writing.

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