

Aquinas to launch literary publication

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A dream that began for Anita Tortarella 12 years ago will become reality June 4.

On that date, the students of Aquinas Institute will launch *Arion*, its first literary publication — a collaborative production that grew from the efforts of Tortarella, an English teacher and adviser to Aquinas' student newspaper, and three students: senior Jason Gorton, and sophomores Jennifer Damian and Arianne Michalek.

"(The students) wanted a vehicle for their creative writing, and the English class assignments were not the place for all of their creative talents," Tortarella explained.

"We didn't have any publications where students could really express their emotions," Damian added.

Included in the first edition of *Arion* will be approximately 50 pieces of short fiction and lyric poetry, along with 30 illustrations — all done by students.

Producing the magazine without funding

and with few staff members was not easy. Work began in early January, but student submissions were slow in coming.

"In the beginning, it was like pulling teeth," Gorton said. "But then, as (the effort) got more advertised, we got a lot more stuff — especially artwork.

Eventually, students submitted so much material that the staff had to omit about 300 submissions. Some students made multiple submissions, with one offering as many as 40 pieces. Damian said she and the two other editors endeavored to include one piece from each student, choosing among the many possibilities based on likely reader appeal.

Since *Arion* was not included in Aquinas' 1989-90 budget, the 12 staff members covered the \$2,200 cost of producing the magazine by raising \$2,600 over five months with help from patrons, the Aquinas Parents Association, and fundraising events.

Damian said staff members had been somewhat concerned about the possibility

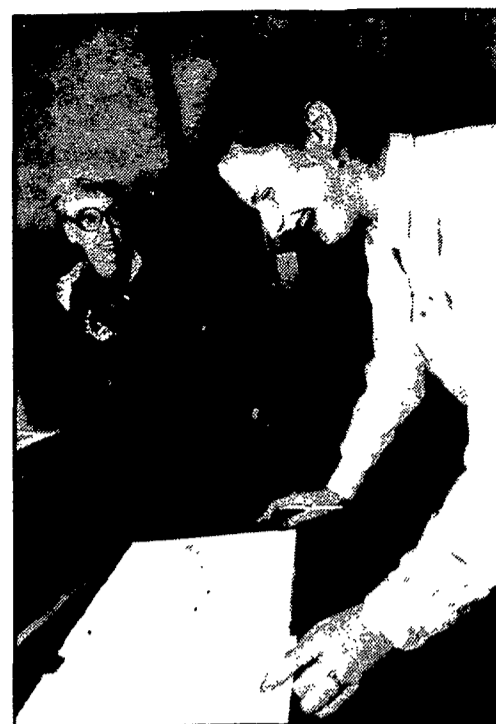
of censorship from the school administration. "Poetic license is very important," Gorton agreed. "We tried to avoid censorship. What the students wrote is in there."

Although Damian said the administration did ask for a few "suggestive" lines to be excised from the poetry and fiction, she said censorship did not turn out to be a big problem.

Three hundred copies of *Arion* will be available after June 4 for \$2 per copy. Gorton predicts that the limited press run will make the literary magazine an "exclusive thing."

Staffers also plan to enter their first issue in literary competitions.

Recognizing the need for creative outlets, meanwhile, Aquinas plans to introduce a creative writing course in fall, 1990. Students' work in the course should help to enrich the body of work upon which *Arion* will draw.



Babette G. Augustin/Staff photographer
Anita Tortarella (left) gives some last minute advice to Jennifer Damian.

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Is censoring student writing fair?

Julianne Olandese, Senior:

No, I think that students have the right to express their feelings and emotions. But if the language ... offends someone, then the faculty has the right to interfere. Everyone should have their own opinion.



AS TEENS SEE IT

Scott Pecore, Freshman:

I think they do, but only to a certain degree because students can support themselves with their organizations or whatever they have. The faculty should control it, but not completely.



Janet D'Agostino, Freshman:


No, I don't because I feel that the students should be free to express what they feel, and since they belong to the school, they have the freedom to choose what to say.



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