Jones Reactions To Latin Grace: ‘Neat’ or ‘Finky’?

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Sunday meals at Jones College now have a classical flavor—

grace in Latin. But the Jones girls can’t decide whether this is
good or bad.

MEMBERS of the pro-Latin-grace faction point out that the
practice is not new; Latin grace—
saying originated with Oxford,
Cambridge, etc. So did the college
system. If Jones is to perpetuate
the system, they argue, why not
embrace its rich traditions? Like
Latin grace.

Mary Fae Coulter, fourth year
Jones girl, prefers blessings in
English. “Tradition grows
naturally, it isn’t transplanted,” she
protests, and calls Latin grace
“a slavish copying of other
schools.”

ACTUALLY, there are three
Latin graces, all Protestant, written
for Jones College by Dr.
Donald C. Mackenzie, Professor of
Classics. Whenever grace is
read in Latin, it is followed by
an English translation.

The Jones College Cabinet en-
dorsed the addition of Latin
grace to Sunday meals at the
suggestion of the Jones Execu-
tive Committee. Some of the
Jones Faculty Associates first
mentioned the Latin touch.

Jones vice-president, Marcella
Gerchsheimer, who is all for Lat-
in grace, calls the new blessings
“more meaningful than the
Rhymed childish graces that
sometimes cropped up Sundays.”

UNFORTUNATELY, deadlines
did not permit a full-scale
Thresher Opinion Poll on the
question. But a rambling,
inconclusive trot poll brought
these reactions:

SOPHOMORE: “Latin grace
doesn’t bother me. I think it’s
kinda neat. Anyway, they trans-
late it . . . .

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FRESHMAN: “Well, I understand Latin, so naturally I endorse the new grace.”

JUNIOR: “Latin grace is finky.”

SENIOR: “My brother went to Princeton and everybody up there hated Latin grace; I’ll go along with that tradition.”

TOWN GIRL: “Oh, are they having Latin grace over at Jones?”