

lived with Black families in Bryn Mawr. She majored in Chemistry and Philosophy and went on to earn an M.A. in Organic Chemistry at Howard University.

[Ed. Note: Later to become Sister Alfred M. Russell – UIC School of Pharmacy - a nun]

**1931** – In the January Alumnae Bulletin Helen Bell of the Class of 1931 wrote a column called the “Undergraduate Point of View.” She reported that **“the College has put to the students the question of whether or not this is the time for the Negro students to become residents of the halls. At the College Council, all who spoke seemed to approve the change. However, the Council is not representative of the actual feeling of the college on this subject and it is a matter which needs more general discussion among students before any action may be taken.”**

Two “open letters” were printed in the April Alumnae Bulletin, one from a 1922 alumna saying that she understands that **“the question of taking colored students into the dormitories has arisen”** and expressing her vigorous opposition. She writes that her stance is not based on **“blind prejudice against the colored race”** and that she feels that **“we have shirked, so far, in dealing squarely with the negro problem in America. It is something that must be faced eventually—the sooner the better—and by the most competent and intelligent person possible. On the other hand, I do not feel that Bryn Mawr would be serving the best interests of the negro by admitting her to the college as a resident student, nor do I think it fair to the white students already there.”**

President Park responded:

“. . . Personally, I agree with all the premises of your letter and arrive at the opposite conclusion as to Bryn Mawr’s responsibility, but officially I shall not bring up the matter of the residence of negro students this year. There is much difference of opinion, I think, in all groups connected with the college. I think perhaps no group alone should have the final decision in the matter, although it was the Directors who passed the resolution as it now stands; but I shall be unwilling to propose that a negro student should come into residence while there is strong undergraduate feeling against it, even although the feeling, as I believe it is, is actually on the part of a minority. I have special deference for undergraduate opinion because, while the