

The same alumna who had written the open letter in 1931 opposing the admission of black students to residence wrote President McBride to ask whether the rumor were true that this has occurred. Miss McBride responded:

**"The rumor you hear that we have colored students either as non-resident or as residents, is true. One or two were in residence in the Graduate School during the thirties, and there are one or two now. We also have now one negro student in the Undergraduate School. She apparently gets on very well indeed, despite the fact that there are at present no more.**

**Negro students have never presented any problem as far as I know. I suppose the racial problem is more easily met if there are many races – Chinese and Indian as well as negro and others."**

#### 1950's

**1954 -** The Undergraduate Association as well as President McBride put pressure on the El Greco Restaurant in Bryn Mawr which was serving blacks at the counter and in mixed groups in the booths, but not alone in booths. The matter had been brought to the owner's attention two years earlier with no effect. He said that he would lose both his customers and his help if he changed the policy. When a Black student was again refused service, the presidents of Self Government and the Undergraduate Associations spoke to the owner and Miss McBride asked the College Lawyer to give his opinion on whether the Pennsylvania law prohibiting discrimination in places of public gathering was applicable. The Undergraduate Council records report that, **"the matter was discussed by the student body, and it was generally felt that the college, in accepting Negro and White students on an equal basis, had a responsibility for other welfare in the community, and that every effort should be made to end the discrimination."** When Miss McBride sent to college officials to report that the college lawyer felt that the restaurant was breaking the law, the owner decided that the climate of opinion had changed enough to make it **Possible or them to change their policy.**

By this time the College was also working closely with the National School Service and Fund for Negro Students, a non-profit college advisory and referral agency for Black students.