

HOWARD U GETS MEMORIAL TO BENJAMIN BANNEKER

Washington—A memorial to Benjamin Banneker, famous mathematician and astronomer, recently was presented to Howard university by the Latopodus club, consisting of pledges to the Omega Psi Phi fraternity. The memorial consisted of a sun dial of granite and bronze, the design having been executed by Ralph Vaughn, Omega member and former architect student at the University of Illinois. The pledges donated the entire sum needed to secure the memorial.

Impressive exercises were held in Andrew Rankin Memorial chapel, at which time Leroy Clay spoke on the life of Banneker. In his address he pointed out the fact that the scientist was a freedman who lived during the 18th century in the state of Maryland, near Baltimore; that he was appointed by President George Washington to aid Major L'Enfant, famed French architect, to plan the layout of the District of Columbia. L'Enfant died before the work was completed, which required Banneker to carry on in his stead.

It was also noted that Banneker made the first clock used in America which was constructed of all American materials, and published an almanac which set forth his brilliant abilities as astronomer and mathematician. Dr. Scott accepted the memorial as one of the most princely gifts which the university has ever received, from Stewart Gee, president of the club. "May we and posterity benefit by the creative heritage of our forefathers," Mr. Gee stated in his presentation speech: