BRYANT COLLEGE

ORDER OF EXERCISES
MEMORIAL SERVICE
NOVEMBER 25, 1963

1. Mr. Mithaway
2. Dr. Jacobs, President
3. John S. Adams, President of the Bryant Christian Association
4. Warren R. Corin, President of the Nillel Foundation
5. Anthony E. Fassell, President of the Newman Club
6. Mr. Appleby, Vice-President and Treasurer
7. Minute of silence, followed by taps
8. Lord's Prayer
COLLEGE OFFICERS, FACULTY MEMBERS,
RESIDENT HALL DIRECTORS, STUDENTS AND
ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BRYANT COLLEGE FAMILY:

We are gathered here today to pay tribute to our
martyred President in our own place and in our own way. The
sudden tragic death of our heroic leader, John Fitzgerald
Kennedy, brings us together with a feeling of unparalleled loss
and in a world that can never be quite the same again.

We mourn with the late President's family to whom this blow
has been inexpressibly cruel. While no grief of ours can touch
theirs in its personal intimacy, the nature of the American Presi­
dency is such that the office belongs to every one of us. Our grief
is intensified by our profound admiration of this man who was cut
off in the prime of his life. His special youthful appeal makes
this terrible loss especially tragic to the young people of our
country. College students, especially identified themselves with
John Kennedy. They loved his idealism. They loved his causes -
the fight for civil rights, the Peace Corps, the battle for freedom
inside our country and out. He was the youthful embodiment of
vigor and vitality.

Soon he will be taken to a hero's rest at Arlington
Cemetery. But the splendid words of his Inaugural Address still
ring in our ears. He spoke of "carrying the torch of his genera­
tion." And he chose a poet to be the spokesman of that occasion.
Who can ever forget the immortal lines of Robert Frost as he
recited, "The Gift Outright" - "We were withholding from our
land of living, and forthwith found salvation in surrender."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy surrendered himself entirely
to America. He gave his last full measure of devotion to the presi­
dency. A hero of World War II, he showed the same selfless dedi­
cation to his work. He loved the presidency. Just last month he
said at a press conference - "As far as the job of President goes,
it is rewarding. My definition of happiness has been defined by the
Greeks and I will define it again. 'It is the full use of powers along
the lines of excellence.' I find therefore, the Presidency provides
some happiness."
We take profound pride in the fact that he was a man with deep regard for education and the intellectual man. He surrounded himself with brilliant men. His speeches made soaring use of the English language.

May John Fitzgerald Kennedy's life serve to inspire each one of us to seek responsibility and each in his own way attempt to emulate the courage, the loyalty, and the devotion which he gave without measure and with his last breath.

May the unforgettable words of that Inaugural Address live forever in our hearts and provide a guiding light for future generations yet to come. "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country!"