Although it remains uncertain if San Diego State University will serve as a shelter for hurricane evacuees, we have been actively assisting students who were displaced from universities in the Gulf Coast region. Some of these students had earlier been accepted at SDSU but decided to attend universities in New Orleans; many of these students are from southern California and returned here to their families when forced to flee. Since last week we have received over 150 inquiries from undergraduates and have thus far admitted 10 freshman and 28 transfer students. In addition, we are working with individual departments to consider admitting some 20 graduate students, and also have 9 applications pending from international exchange students.

These often traumatized students and their families have been effusive in their praise and thanks for our timely response. This good work has been accomplished by the extraordinary staff in Enrollment Services, particularly those in the Prospective Student Center and Admissions, with cooperation from staff in the Office of Housing Administration, many of whom worked throughout the Labor Day weekend to respond to the needs of these students. I also thank the many faculty who so willingly accommodated these late-arriving students in their classes. Under such sad circumstances, it is indeed gratifying to see committed people work together so effectively to help students in need, and I am yet again extremely proud of our university.