In attendance were John Kennedy, Paul Raccanello, Gary Gillard, Jim Barrington, Al and Esther Garrotto, and Ken and Felicia Silva.

1. Visitation and Cohabitation Policy: This policy, developed by resident students and members of the University administration is now completed and has been put into effect. It will be added to the next printing of the student handbook. Parents and others interested in reading the entire policy can find it on the DU Parents web site.

2. Campus Security: This 24/7 enhancement to campus life has continued to receive rave reviews since its debut at the beginning of the current school year.

3. Annual Fund Report: DU Parent Council met Brannon Fisher the new Director of the Annual Fund. He comes to the position after serving in the University’s Admissions Department. Brannon reminded us that students will be making calls for the Phone-a-Thon 2/28-3/2, 3/6-3/8 and 4/14-4/16. He also advised us that there will be a major effort to encourage the graduating class of 2006 to make a gift to the University. He announced that the seniors have chosen the proposed sports multipurpose field as the target for their gift.

4. Residence Halls Report: Every dorm room on campus is now outfitted with new window screens. The Parents Council is happy to know that this project is now completed.

5. Science and Technology Building: Construction is progressing, mostly in the form of earth moving at this point.

6. DU Parents Annual Fund Report: To date, DU Parents have raised $3,420 toward our goal of $25,000. All funds raised will benefit the new Science and Technology Center. If we reach our goal, we may be able to fund a new laboratory. We urge all parents to do what they can to support this effort.

7. Student Report: Our student rep was unable to attend the meeting.

8. Dining Room Issues: Next month, the new director of Bon Appetite will be with to answer parents’ question about the campus food service.

9. DU Parents Newsletter: Our Parents Council newsletter will be sent to all parents in March, around the time of spring break. Articles are due to editor Al Garrotto by Friday, Feb. 17.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th at 4:30 p.m. in Guzman Hall.