OFF - CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

December 8, 2010

A female SMU student reported being robbed of her purse at gunpoint about 2 a.m. Tuesday, December 7, in the parking lot of the Amesbury Apartments at University Boulevard and Amesbury Drive east of North Central Expressway.

She described the suspect as a black male about 6 feet tall and wearing dark clothing. She said he was armed with a silver-colored handgun. She said that after the robbery, he got into a dark-colored compact car with someone else and fled the scene.

The robbery is being investigated by the Dallas Police Department. Anyone with information about this matter is asked to contact the SMU Police Department at 214-768-3388. Information also may be reported anonymously through the SMU Police Department's Silent Witness Program by calling 214-SMU-2TIP or online at www.smu.edu/2tip

Personal Safety Tips:

- At all times be alert and aware of your surroundings.
- Avoid walking alone, particularly after dark. Contact SMU PD or Giddy-Up for a security escort whenever needed.
- Avoid shortcuts. Walk along the mid-point between curbs and buildings and away from alleys and bushes.
- Dress for mobility, particularly after dark.
- Avoid deserted areas, poorly lit streets, alleys and pathways.
- Carry your personal belongings in a backpack or similar container that will enable your arms and hands to be free at all times.
- Avoid approaching your car with bundles that restrict use of your arms. If you've been shopping, ask the store for assistance.
- Always have your keys ready to unlock the door to your car or residence and enter without delay. Lock the doors after you get inside.
- Before entering your car, look in the back seat and on the floorboard.
- Never flash your cash or jewelry.