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MEDIA ALERT

DATE: July 9, 2008

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**WHO: Research Ethics and Professionalism Class
at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

WHAT: Wetland Explorer Expedition

WHEN: Friday, July 11, at 8:45 a.m. (Boat ride will be from 9-11:30 a.m.)

WHERE: Meet at Cove Harbor Marina in Rockport

Boat Expedition Teaches Students Local Ecology of Texas Bays

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Students in the Research Ethics and Professionalism class at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will take a close-up look at Roseate spoonbills, herons and other winged coastal inhabitants during the R/V Wetland Explorer expedition Friday, July 11, beginning at 9 a.m. and departing from Cove Harbor in Rockport.

Jay Tarkington, aquatic education program director at the University, will lead the boat ride where students will participate in a variety of activities as they learn about the local ecology of Texas bays. Tarkington will also discuss the local history of Aransas and Redfish bays, making stops at the various locations.

The Wetland Explorer, a 36-foot shallow water vessel that transports up to 30 people throughout South Texas' shallow bays and estuaries, is owned and operated by the University's Aquatic Education Program at the Center for Coastal Studies.

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