TAKEN FROM MARSH

The eggs are obtained from
Louisiana's marsh areas by Dr.
Chabreck with the assistance of
personnel of the Louisiana
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
When the hatching is complete
the young alligators are placed
in holding tanks before being
released into the wild.

Dr. Chabreck has also been
conducting experiments in alligator
breeding by hatching eggs in labora-
tory conditions. He has found that
alligator eggs will hatch at a tem-
perature of 82 degrees Fahrenheit,
and he has also determined that
the alligators can be fed nursery
food after hatching.

Chabreck explained that the
study seeks to reduce the natural
mortality of alligators by keeping
them in captivity until they are
old enough to survive in the wild.

The study is being conducted
in cooperation with the Louisiana
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

The research project is under
the direction of Dr. Robert H.
Chabreck, an associate professor in
the School of Forestry and Fauna
Wildlife Resources.

The project has captured the
interest of Dr. Chabreck's
students, who have worked
on the project as part of their
graduate studies.

The study is expected to take
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maximum hatching.

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