LAFAYETTE, La. — Jon Gibson, University of Southwestern Louisiana assistant professor of geography, issued a call to USL students interested in working in an archaeological excavation of Indian sites near Bayou Sauvage on Lake Pontchartrain to contact him.

Students may do the work needed on weekends, Prof. Gibson said. Transportation to and from the sites will be provided and food and lodging costs will be reimbursed.

A private grant for the archaeological work will provide the needed funds for the work, Gibson said. Two Indian sites at Big Oak Island and Little Oak Island must be dug.

Gibson said the project has grown out of a proposed Housing and Urban Development project to be built in those areas for a 80,000-people-low cost housing complex.

Since the sites have been declared historical landmarks, an environmental impact statement must be made and to do this it is necessary to know what archaeological resources are available in the area.

“The whole project is part of a plan to develop the Indian sites areas as a natural history archaeological interpretive complex, which will be the focal point of the housing development,” Gibson explained.

Students interested in working on this project with Gibson may contact him through his office in the department of social studies.

The Indian site excavation is a joint project of LSU, New Orleans; LSU, Baton Rouge; and USL with Dr. Sherwood Gagliano, associate professor at LSU-BR, as project coordinator.