

Group fights to save flowers

Orchid area getting oil pad

United Press International
HEMPHILL — The U.S. Forest Service has approved an oil drilling pad in the Sabine National Forest that could destroy

one of the few colonies of wild orchids in the state, an environmental group claims.
Beth Johnson of the Texas Committee on Natural Re-

sources said Tuesday the Forest Service issued the drilling pad permit despite the fact the unusual orchids are in the area. The environmentalists asked

that the area be treated as a botanical preserve.

"We have no quarrel with the driller, but we feel this is willful neglect by the Forest Service," Johnson said. "We don't see why the drilling pad couldn't be moved over a hundred yards."

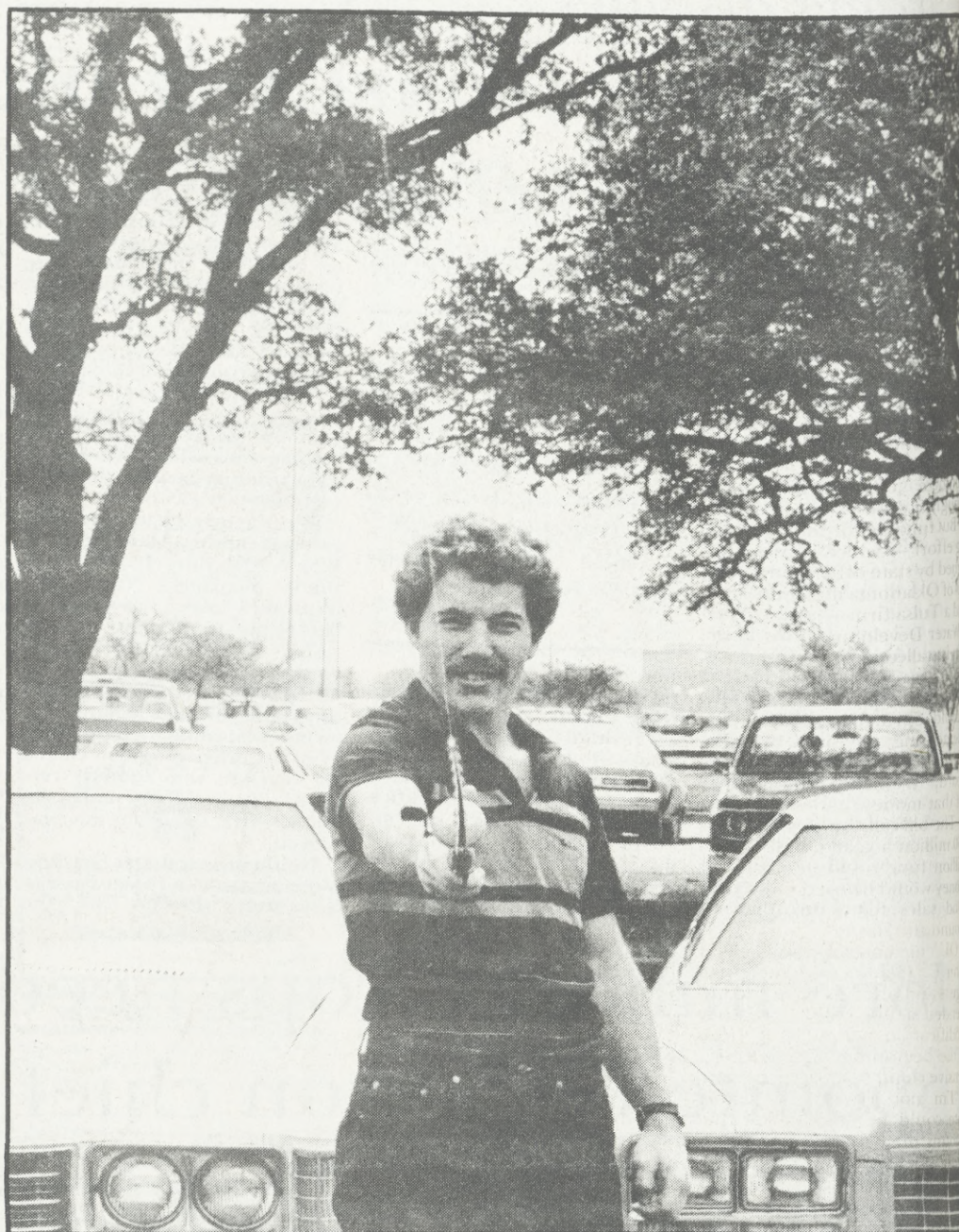
She said the yellow, lady's slipper orchids in the Indian Mounds near Hemphill in East Texas are the only known specimens on national forest lands in Texas. The large flowers have been spotted in five locations in the state.

However, Mike Lanna, Forest Service supervisor, said the orchid is common in Louisiana and is on no endangered or rare species list.

Lanna said he does not intend to move the drilling pad.

"If we moved it to another spot, they'd probably find some other plant there they wanted to saved," he said.

A spokesman for the driller, Thomas D. Coffman Inc., of Austin, said the pad has to be in that exact location because of "the highly technical aspects of the drilling we are doing."



The American angler

Freshman Steve Leach works on his fishing techniques during his P.E. angling class. Leach is a petroleum engineering major from Houston.

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TEMPLE — Scott & White Hospital will initiate a \$31 million overall expansion program that will double the size of its emergency area and add 40 beds to the intensive care unit.

ment Tuesday and said it soon will launch a funding program to seek donations for the project. Construction bids have not been let.

largest expansion in the hospital's history.

Scott & White, already the fourth largest clinic in the United States, made the announce-

Construction on the new four-story building is scheduled to start in the fourth quarter of 1982 and will take 36 to 42 months to complete. It is the

The architect for the project will be the Houston firm of Jason Frye & Associates.

The emergency area, to be located on the first floor of the addition, will be twice the size of the present facility and will include four trauma rooms, four examination rooms, four fracture rooms, two radiography rooms and a laboratory.

The surgery area on the second floor of the new building will abut the present hospital surgery area. The hospital will keep four of its present surgery rooms and build 16 new ones, thus creating space required for sophisticated modern equipment, a spokesperson said.

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