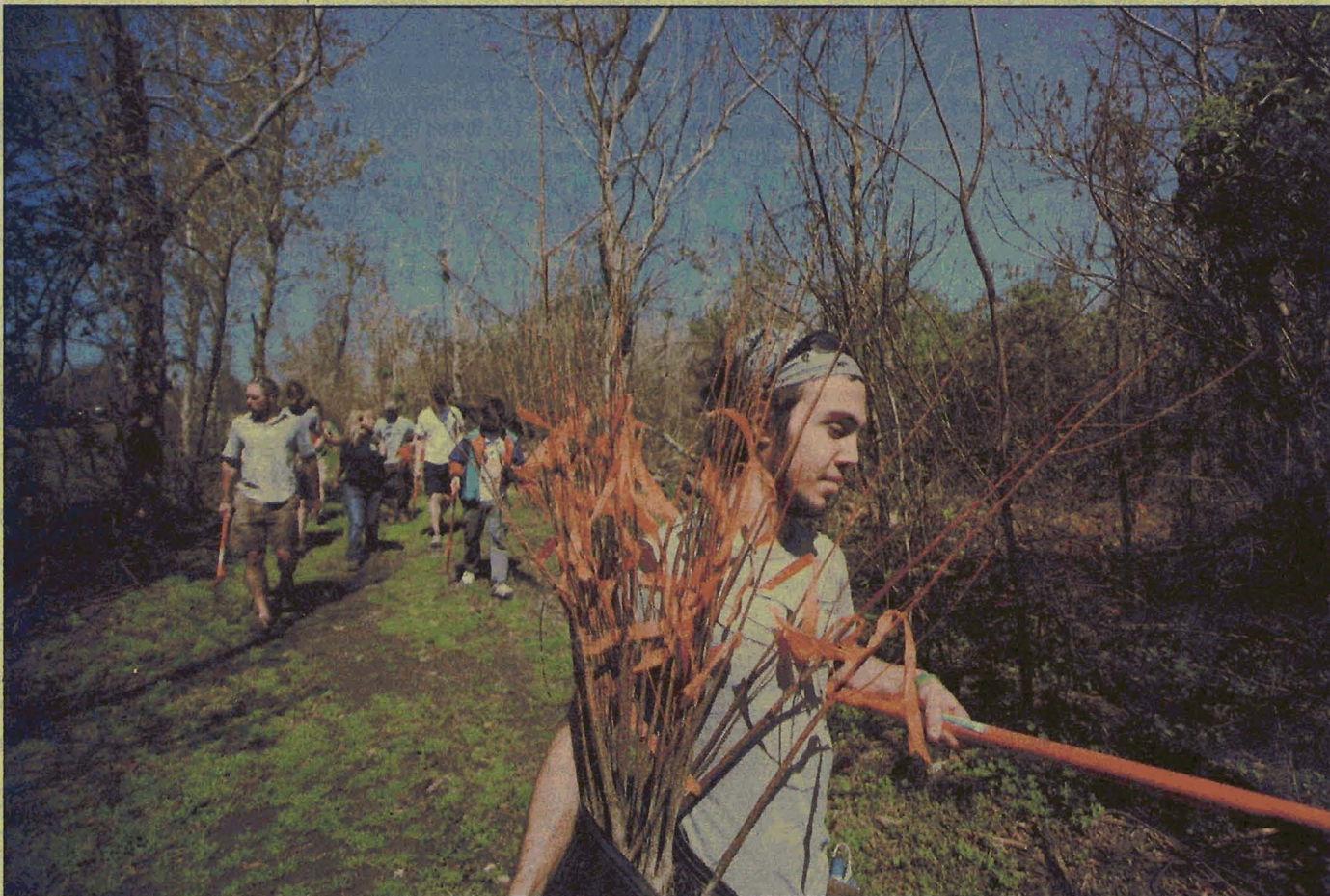


NEW SEEDS



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Members of the Environmental Conservation Organization from Louisiana State University plant cypress, live oak and water oak seedlings along the Woodland Trail in Belle Chasse on Saturday. The area lost about 70 percent of its canopy after Hurricane Katrina and non-native invasive species grew in their place. Recent funding has allowed the park to clear the invasive growth and plant native trees. About 3,200 seedlings will be planted by volunteers by the end of the month.



Katie Brasted ties ribbon made from wood fibers to the seedlings of cypress and oak trees that will be planted at the Woodlands Trail and Park in Belle Chasse.