

Eugene Youth Joins Colonists

Stanford Bettis, a 19-year-old Eugene youth, will leave home Sunday on the first leg of a journey that will likely prove to be the biggest adventure of his life.

Young Bettis has been accepted as a stockholder in the corporation that is attempting to establish a colony on the Galapagos Islands off the coast of South America.

"Sure, it's a big adventure, particularly for someone my age," Bettis says. "But at the same time I am looking for a future way of life."

Bettis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Bettis, 1156 Patterson St. He graduated from South Eugene High School last year and has been attending the University of Oregon since fall. Among other things, he is an Eagle Scout.

He said he became interested in the venture when he read about it in the newspaper. He went to Seattle, talked with Captain Don Harrsch's "seconds" and other colonists and became convinced.

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