

working his way to the top

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He's a student at Church College of Hawaii, attending classes during the day. He works full time at Pan American Airways at night.

He serves as a student teacher at Radford High School. He coaches a girls' volleyball team. He maintains a high academic grade. And he supports a family of seven children.

In addition, he is rated one of America's great volleyball players and this week he'll lead the Church College team into the NAIA National Volleyball Tournament in Dallas, Tex.

PEDRO VELASCO is the name. He is 33 years old and was a star of the 1964 and 1968 U.S. Olympic volleyball teams.

Velasco and seven other players will represent CCH in the NAIA tourney April 23-24 and coach John Lowell is highly optimistic at bringing home the bacon.

"In a recent tournament in Hilo we split with a strong Outrigger team in two matches," Lowell stated. "We won't be meeting players of Outrigger's caliber at Dallas, so I believe we really have a good chance of winning."

"I HOPE WE not only win the tournament but dominate the all-star team as well," Lowell continued. "The NAIA all-stars will go to Cleveland for the National AAU Championships May 1-2, then the team will go to the Pan American trials May 7-8 at Binghamton, New



Coach John Lowell of Church College Hawaii and star pupil, Pedro Velasco.

York. I will be coach of the all-star team; that's already been decided," he added.

Lowell believes Velasco, who is nursing a sprained ankle right now, Dennis Lar-

gey, Eddie Kalima and possibly one or two others could make the all-star team.

The others picked for the trip are Rick Olmstead, Greg Jensen, Aldous Paa-

lani, Jay Akoi and Hide Aida.

"VELASCO IS just tremendous," Lowell exclaimed. "It's truly amazing he can hold all these jobs and still remain one of the greatest players in the country, in addition to coaching a group of unknown girls who already are making a reputation as future champions," he added.

Velasco will be graduated this semester, then will attend Brigham Young University to work for his degree in physical education.

"I'LL BE going with Ped-

ro to BYU the same time," Lowell said. "I'll be working for my doctorate in physical education," added the CCH rugby-volleyball coach.

"Pedro wants to coach and work with youngsters when he earns his masters. He will make a good teacher," Lowell added.

Velasco was inducted into the Helms Hall of Fame last May. He was a member of the U.S. volleyball teams in the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games and in the 1963 and 1967 Pan American Games. He'll probably make the Pan-Am team again this year and the Olympic squad for the third time next year.

Love OKs deal with Chaparrals

DALLAS (UPI)—University of Oregon star athlete Stan Love, who was the No. 1 draft choice of both the Texas Chaparrals of the American Basketball Association and the Baltimore Bullets of the National Basketball Association, has come to terms with Texas. (Love was a star in the recent Aloha Classic.)

Chaps vice president Bob Briner announced his club and Love reached agreement Friday night on a three-year, no-cut contract. The amount of the contract was not disclosed, but local sources estimated it to be about \$500,000.

THAT WOULD make

Love, 6-9, who averaged 25 points a game at Oregon, three times as expensive as any previous Chaps player.

The formal contract signing was postponed until the middle of next week.

The Love deal marked the first time in the four-year history of the ABA team that the club came out on top in a dollar war with an NBA club.

Texas lost two of its top draft choices earlier this year to NBA rivals—Sydney Wicks who went to Portland and Steve Patterson, who signed with Cleveland.

Briner said he was "elated and relieved" with the Love agreement.