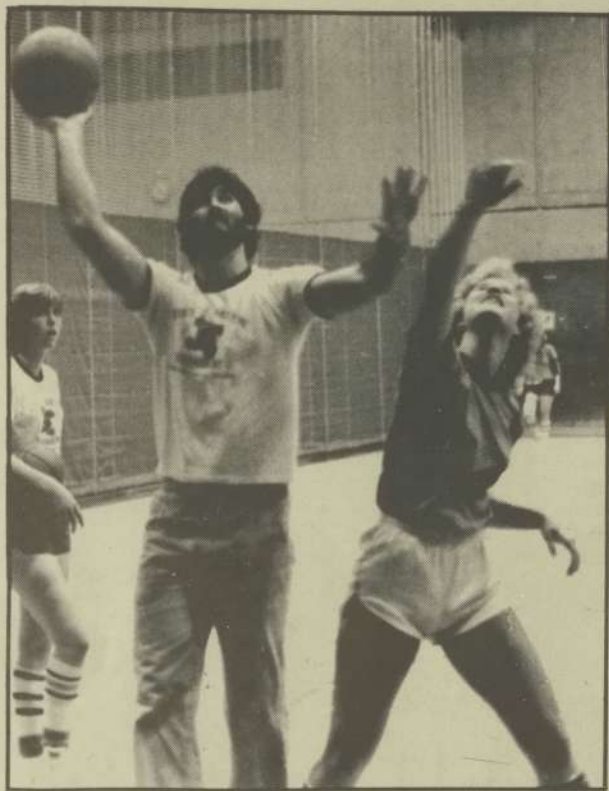


# Garver shoots for NCAA coaching status



**ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL coach Phil Garver works out with team during a recent practice. "I'm here to improve the skills for the girls so they can advance to four-year colleges."**

**By Wanda Percival  
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People everywhere move across country to attend colleges and take on jobs and Clackamas Community College Physical Education Aid and assistant women's basketball coach Phil Garver is no exception.

Garver grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana and attended Ben Davis High School, the second largest school in Indianapolis with a graduating class of over 1,000 students.

In his high school days Garver took part in tennis, baseball, football and basketball. "Basketball was my thing," Garver said. "I lived for basketball in my high school years. I attended camps and really wanted to go somewhere just playing basketball." He added though, "I had no intentions of playing pro-ball, but it paid for my college and got me where I'm at now. Garver is more into the coaching aspect of the sport.

In high school Garver received letters from Anderson College in Indianapolis and through Anderson and the Church of God he got to Warner Pacific graduating there in 1980 in Physical Education.

While attending Warner Pacific, Garver met his wife, June. Having been married three years the Garvers now have an 18-month old daughter and are expecting another. "It better be a boy," Garver said.

Two years ago Garver went through the Lewis and Clark College placement office and noticed the job opening at CCC so he put in his resume. "I had a really good resume," Garver said. "It got me in the door." Garver has been with CCC for two years now.

Garver said that while working here he plans on going to Portland State University for his masters, but he's satisfied here for now. "I'm really content staying at Clackamas," he said. "If things open up in the coaching aspect, I'm hoping for

a head coaching position."

Garver finds a difference in basketball in Oregon as compared to Indianapolis. "Being from Indianapolis I feel that Oregon is really behind in basketball," he said. "I feel that Oregon is starting to get into the basketball scene if they keep getting the support from the people."

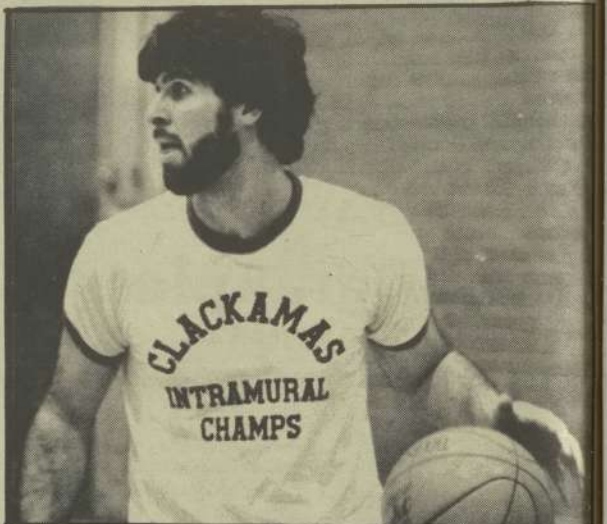
Having this view of Oregon basketball Garver's coaching and enthusiasm could be an inspiration for the sport in Oregon. "I'm here to improve the skills for the girls so they can advance to four-year colleges," said Garver. "I'm more of an individual coach instead of team oriented. I do individual work on all of them," he added. "We don't need big-time players. We're as tough as anyone if we just take the time to work with them and I have the time where I do work with the girls."

This summer Garver plans to work in basketball camps. "I've worked in camps since Jr. High," he said.

And then upon completion of his masters he has an ultimate goal for himself. "My future goal," Garver said, "is to coach NCAA. I have a positive attitude to get up and do it. A lot of coaches are content to stay where they're at, but that's not my goal."

Besides devoting his life to basketball and family, Garver is involved in church activities and is a member of the Fellowship Christian Athletes. "I give the Lord all the glory for everything that's been done," Garver said. "The Lord got me to the West coast and is in charge of my life."

So while Garver is content with his job at CCC for now his future plans are at much greater heights. At 25 years old he's still got a lot of time to achieve his goal.



**Phil Garver** Staff Photos by Duane Hiersche

## Cougars host Region 18 Tourney

The College will host the nationally qualifying Region 18 Wrestling Tournament for Northwest community colleges Feb. 19 and 20.

Ten community colleges will be jockeying for the chance to compete in the National Tournament set for Worthington, Minnesota this year. The top three finishers in each weight division will represent their college at the nationals.

Wrestling coach Norm Berney said traditionally strong North Idaho Community Col-

lege is expected to walk away with the number one spot, but the College is "definitely in contention for number two."

The battle for that position, he said, will be between Grays Harbor and Big Bend (Washington), Ricks (Idaho), and Mt. Hood and Clackamas Community Colleges.

Weigh-in takes place on Friday at 2 p.m. in Randall Hall Gym.

Matches begin Friday and Saturday at 8 a.m.

## Bench press contest set

The College community recreation department will hold its sixth annual bench press contest Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the college's Randall Gym.

Participants will be divided into high school and open weight classes with awards going to the champions of each division.

Registration and weigh-ins begin at 6:30 p.m. There is a \$2 fee.

For more information contact Paul Fiskum at 657-8400, ext. 211.



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