

You are invited to attend the *Dr. Eli & Tillie D. Geffen Memorial Lecture* by the renowned poet and author, **Danny Siegel** *The Awesomeness of Being Human: Where Heaven & Earth Touch*

Sunday, September 17, 1995  
Tifereth Israel Synagogue - 3219 Sheridan Blvd.  
7:00 - 8:30 pm - Coffee & Discussion to follow

**FREE ADMISSION**

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**Barbara Hibner, an associate athletic director at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, says barriers to women are hurdles that she soars over.**

### Hibner

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Hibner, like many woman in male-dominated fields, did reach the upper rungs on the ladder, but that's where she stopped — and bumped her head on the proverbial "glass ceiling."

Hibner enjoys the relative obscurity of her job, she said, but she admits that even if she wanted to ascend that ladder even higher, she would be the only runner in an almost futile race.

In 1993, when Bill Byrne was named athletic director, only two female athletic directors worked in Division 1, she said, and one of them already has quit.

"It's lonely at the top," she said, "and even lonelier for a woman." Women are excluded in athletics, she said, "and that does not bode well for women's freedom in general."

"There is also the reality that I am not one of the 'good ol' boys,'" she said. "In addition, you have to face the cold, harsh reality of the lack of longevity of women at the D-1 level."

Other women associate athletic directors work in Division 1, she said, and some women are even athletic directors in Division 2 and 3, she said. Those women may wield the axe that will bring the glass ceiling shattering down, she

said. But while some young, female athletic administrators may be intimidated by the athletic brotherhood, she said, some may be fueled by it.

"Those of us in athletics are of a competitive spirit," she said, "and this may start a fire. It can inspire others."

But even if the glass ceiling did break for her, Hibner said, she wouldn't take Byrne's job for "anything in the world."

Aside from the media circus surrounding Lawrence Phillips during the past two weeks, Hibner said, an athletic director has to make too many "cold, calculating decisions."

Hibner said she would rather enjoy the vitality of the sport.

In the eighth grade, Hibner knew she wanted to be a physical education teacher. As a freshman at Penn State, she knew she wanted to be a coach and a teacher. Then she set a goal to be out of coaching by the time she was 30.

Although she was offered a job at the collegiate level, she said, she first accepted a job at a high school that would "break her in."

Hibner was teaching and coaching many of the same sports she used to play, including girls' field hockey, basketball and softball — and even girls' and boys' tennis.

But Hibner said she didn't fit into the immature high school

mentality of racing students out the doors at 3 p.m. and inspiring athletes by making them do 30 push-ups if they forgot their gym socks.

She was ready to move up to the collegiate level. Her love of sports kept her in athletics, she said, where she was always "surrounded by youth and vitality."

She came to UNL in 1978 as the assistant women's athletic director. She moved up to assistant athletic director in charge of women's sports under former director Bob Devaney.


When Bill Byrne came, she said, she was renamed associate athletic director and given a "smorgasbord of duties."

At 53, Hibner, who said she was viewed as "a rebel with a cause" for athletics at Penn State, has seen many changes in Nebraska's program.

She helped UNL women's athletics exceed the standards of other universities with more scholarships, better coverage, equal access to training tables, surgeons and facilities and other opportunities that have always been open to men.

Even with her accomplishments, she said, she knows she has limits.


"I've bounced off walls, hit ceilings and rebounded," she said. "It's all part of the fight."



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## Help wanted: IRS in search of tax volunteers

By Tasha E. Kelter  
Staff Reporter

The Internal Revenue Service is recruiting volunteers for this year's tax filing season through its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Prospective volunteers who don't already know how to fill out a tax return must go through a training program to learn. At the end of the training program, they must pass a test by completing a tax form.

Volunteers assist such people as low-income adults who can't afford professional tax help, and senior citizens.

They also help people with disabilities and people who have trouble with English.

Volunteers also answer tax questions and fill out basic tax returns at schools, libraries and senior citizen centers.

About 700 Nebraskans volunteer for the program each filing season. Volunteers helped more than 18,000 Nebraskans with their taxes last year, a representative of the Tax Education Office in Omaha said.

Anyone interested in becoming a tax volunteer can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 and ask for the Taxpayer Education Office.