

R. Ashley Smith Emerald

Bud Keithly overlooks the Orchard Point Marina on Tuesday. Keithly has seen the lake for 61 years, and he said this is the lowest he has seen the water in recent memory.

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likely result in lower water levels in reservoirs, something Stampe said may drive reservoir boaters, swimmers and fishermen to use the rivers instead.

Summer Bryan, one of the coordinators for the University sailing team, said the team will be able to continue sailing in the Fern Ridge Reservoir because it uses dinghys, which don't require high water levels, but the water is too low for those who use large keel boats.

"There's a whole fleet of keel boats, which are 20 feet long, that won't be able to sail in Fern Ridge because of the water level," Bryan said. "There's not even water up by the main docks."

Water levels in the McKenzie and Willamette rivers will also be down, especially above some of the tributaries, said Dean Helfrich, owner of Dean Helfrich and Sons Guide Service.

"After the first or middle of July, there won't be much for rafting above the Blue River Tributary," Helfrich said.

Water levels that are too low will hinder the ability of rafts to flow smoothly through the water and could also result in a higher hazard level for rocks and logs, Santiago

said. He said these hazards also increase a person's chances of drowning.

"Because the water is shallow and people can see the bottom, they may think they can stand up," Santiago said. "But the water is going faster than it seems, and people can get their feet stuck and get knocked over into the water."

Both Santiago and Helfrich said life jackets are the most important safety item to have whenever rafting, especially with low river level conditions.

"There are drownings every year where, had the person been wearing a life jacket, they would have survived," Santiago said.

Despite the increase in danger, Santiago said low water levels will probably not be a threat to business.

"The rapids will be shorter and more technical, which opens up great opportunities for learning," Santiago said. This means a greater degree of skill is required to ride the rapids.

Helfrich said he's already scheduled an 80- to 100-person rafting trip, and fishing will be just as good.

"We haven't had a drought like this since 1977, and people survived," Helfrich said. "Before 1950, there weren't even dams, and the fish survived."

Cliff

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College, said he recommends that his students read the introduction to the work itself.

"It never hurts to know the summary of a work, but it's never a substitution for the whole thing," Alley said.

Louise Bishop, a medieval literature professor in the Honors College, said she does not recommend that students use CliffsNotes as a substitute for "their own thinking." She said the notes can be a useful reminder of the plot, but they also prevent direct communication with an author.

When Bishop teaches literature such as Shakespeare's "Troilus and Cressida," she said she writes her own synopsis of the play so that her students do not rely on CliffsNotes.

University history professor David Luebke, who grew up in the same part of Lincoln, Neb., as Hillegass, said he remembers how Hillegass, a salesman at the Nebraska Book Co., was respected for producing an important resource for students.

"He was just a famous local personality I was aware of [while] growing up as a teenager," Luebke said.

The high sales of CliffsNotes at the beginning of every term and around exam times demonstrate that students do not always use Hillegass' product as he intended.

The University Bookstore carries more than 200 CliffsNotes titles, and book buyer Doug Cross said the bookstore sells an average of three to 10 CliffsNotes per day.

Cross said CliffsNotes can serve as "an easy way out" or a valuable, concise guide to subjects — if used alongside the text. Cross also pointed out that exam aids, advanced placement test preparation books and quick guides for various subjects followed behind the success of CliffsNotes.

Nancy Smith, a book buyer and the eldest daughter of the family that runs Smith Family Bookstore, said she has seen alternative guides spring up in competition with CliffsNotes, including those that have been written for a more academic audience.

But many students have stuck to the original.

Sophomore journalism major Leah Wyatt said CliffsNotes have helped her dig deeper and read between the lines of complicated works. And for that, Wyatt said she was grateful.

"Thank you, Cliff," she said.

Runge

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came unnecessarily difficult for everyone involved, including players and coaches.

There has been speculation in the community that Runge may have lost her job because of her tendency to speak out, but faculty members who were interviewed said they believe these are just unfounded rumors and had nothing to do with her resignation.

"My best guess is she didn't lose her job because she spoke up for women's athletics," Ellis said. "I

think she lost her job because at the end of the day, she didn't do her job."

Art professor Laura Alpert said common courtesy was breached when Moos made the news of the investigation public before discussing it with Runge.

"I'm very concerned of the fact that it was a personnel matter that was first brought out in a newspaper," she said.

However, there are those who believe the situation was handled in a professional manner.

"The process seems to be handled well, in that they didn't do anything precipitous," said economics pro-

fessor Christopher Ellis.

Richard Sundt, a professor of art history, said there is an absolute need to release the report because he believes public money was used to pay Runge's compensation and the law firm.

"They need to level with how much this costs us," he said. "I think everyone is owed some kind of explanation."

Earl said he supports the public release of information concerning the investigation.

"I don't understand how the report can't be released, since we are a public university," he said.

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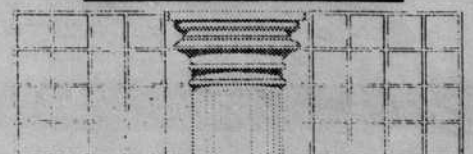
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