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herself.

"It's hard because you have a lot of responsibilities, and you have to work full-time to make payments." Norton also now owns a dog. "It's hard to have a pet," she said.

Norton likes not having to check in with her parents. She said she took a recent trip to Clemson and all her friends had to call home to check in with their parents.

"I didn't have to because I'm on my own and taking responsibility for myself," she said.

However, there are downsides, Norton said.

"One thing that I don't like, though, is being sick. I'm sick more, and you don't have that family to take care of you," she explained. "You have to basically take care of yourself."

Buddin said his family misses him, especially his mom.

"But I think they came to grips

with it," he said. "They're all right, they have my sister there to put up with." But, he said, "I think my dog misses me more."

It sometimes "stinks, not being with family," Buddin said. "I don't get home cooked meals," he said, adding that he also cannot "play golf whenever I want" for free" or go to the beach in Charleston.

But Buddin said he likes "just getting to hang out with my friends from school because I don't have to worry about school as much."

Norton said there are a lot of things she does not get to do with her family anymore because of her job.

"I miss out on a lot, just like the everyday stuff," she said.

One event that Buddin will not miss this summer, he said, is the annual "big family get-together" at his house on Lake Marion for the Fourth of July.

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Third-year law student Jeffrey Allen gets water from one of several bottled water stations around the school.

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unwilling to force the university into major water works renovations.

"In general, I do feel safe drinking at the water fountains on campus because I've seen when there are problems that they do shut down the water fountains," Bedenbaugh said. "I understand that there is also a huge financial overtaking to change to non-lead pipes, but if USC can convert to a non-lead pipe system, I would feel safer."

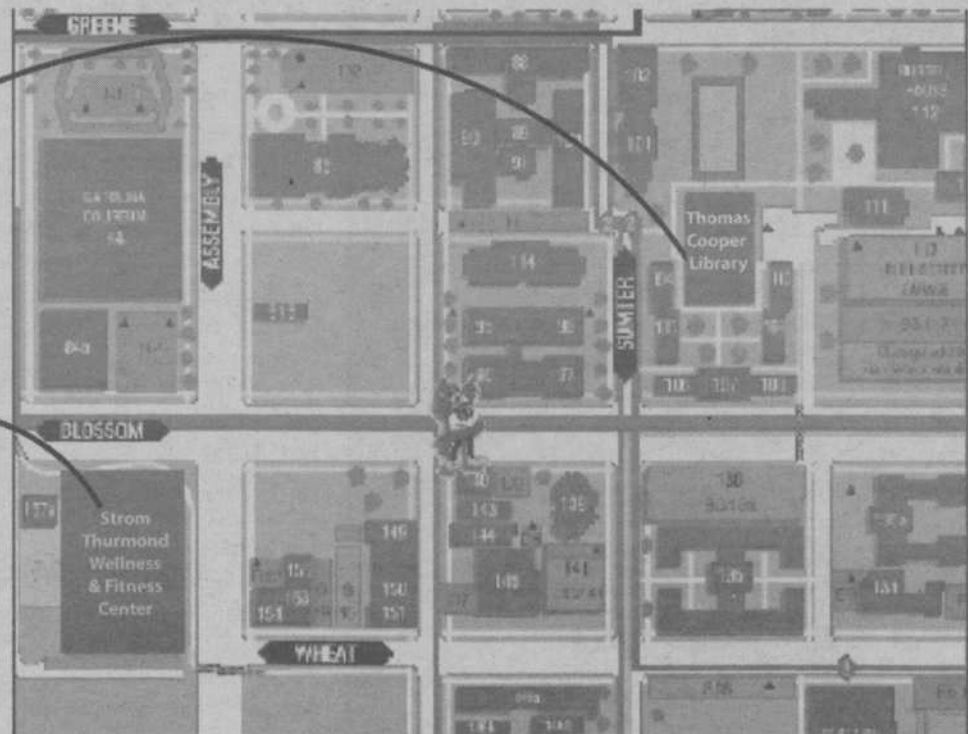
Instead of being alerted through tart-tasting water, Bedenbaugh recommends a more proactive approach.

"To maintain safe drinking water at USC, there should be a test ran in each building to confirm the safety of the water," Bedenbaugh said. "It should be ran every few months to maintain safety of students and faculty."

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